

Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Drug and Alcohol Program

Single County Authority (SCA)

Executive Commission Meeting

April 27, 2022

The Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Drug and Alcohol Executive Commission Meeting took place on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

Participants: Ryan Hogan, Michael Gagliardi, Jill Sprau, Pamela Coveleski, Marie Baratta – SCA
John Alunni – OHS
Dr. Blewitt – Executive Commission Chair
Jessy Miller – Provider Representative
John McCarthy, Nicholas Wilson, Ian Urbanski – Executive Commission
Rachael Wydra – NEPA Dept. of Health

Welcome and Review of Minutes: Mr. Hogan welcomed everyone, and asked the Committee to review the minutes of March 23, 2022. *A motion was made to accept the minutes by John McCarthy, seconded by Nicholas Wilson. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.*

Administrators Report: Mr. Hogan reviewed the Law Enforcement Treatment Initiative in Partnership with Luzerne County District Attorney's Office, and the PA Office of the Attorney General represented by Ms. Janene Holter. Mr. Hogan confirmed that a Meeting is scheduled on Monday, May 9, 2022 with the Luzerne County Police Chiefs Association to discuss and review the LETI Policy. Both the Luzerne County District Attorney's Office and PA Office of Attorney general will be in attendance.

Mr. Hogan gave updates on the SCA SOR-Funded Housing Grant Program that began on April 1, 2021 in partnership with the Commission on Economic Opportunity. He thanked Mr. Gagliardi for his due diligence on this very important project, as well as offering excellent assistance to our Providers. This program has already connected 230 individuals recovering from Opioid Use Disorder and/or Stimulant Use Disorder to housing services, rental assistance, utility assistance, and other social service needs like transportation assistance. The Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Drug & Alcohol Program will continue this grant opportunity through September 28, 2022.

Mr. Hogan reviewed updates on the Community-Based Warm Hand-Off including contracting for services with Children's Service Center-Robinson Counseling Center, upcoming planning sessions, hiring staff, etc. Luzerne/Wyoming SCA reached out to pharmacies for participation in Bridge-MAT Services. Yocum Pharmacy, and Hazle Pharmacy in Hazleton both expressed interest in collaborating.

Mr. Gagliardi will be completing Prevention Planning, which must be submitted to DDAP for approval by June 1, 2022. The Prevention Needs Assessment through DDAP has a Phase G Planning Session in Allentown, PA on Wednesday, May 18, 2022.

Case Management Report: Ms. Sprau reviewed that CM Unit Staff are rotating Case Managers in office, and remote working, with bi-weekly staff meetings to keep in touch with everyone. The CM Unit had 82 assessments scheduled, and 69 were completed. There were also 39 emergency/helpline placements, and 29 WHO follow-ups. Ms. Sprau noted that GPRA follow-ups and Chart reviews are being completed also. There were a total of 352 Inpatient days funded in March. *A motion was made to accept the Report by Dr. Blewitt, seconded by Mr. Wilson. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.*

XYZ Rate Setting: Mr. Hogan discussed the Annual XYZ Package Rate Setting for Inpatient Providers. All XYZ Packages were submitted on time by March 2, 2022. SCAs across the state determined approval or revisions of the XYZ Rate Setting packages. New rates for FY 2022/2023 must be posted to PACDAA Website by June 1, 2022. Providers must be notified of new rates by April 15, 2022. No Providers appealed the XYZ Rates granted by Luzerne/Wyoming SCA. *A motion was made to accept the Report by Dr. Blewitt, seconded by Mr. McCarthy. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.*

Gambling Prevention: Mr. Hogan has requested \$100,000 in Gambling Prevention funds. He hopes to receive those funds to help the SCA/Providers plan, and execute Prevention Programs in our Communities and Schools.

Fiscal Report: Ms. Coveleski reviewed Cash Disbursement reports for July through February 2022 for each month that included advertising, travel, postage, etc. Mr. Hogan noted that 6 month contracts were sent out for January thru June 2022. Ms. Coveleski reviewed WVADS Partial is spent down at only 9%. She noted that Housing Grant dollars are available after our Fiscal Year ends. Ms. Coveleski also confirmed that RIP and Drug Court Grants are able to be carried over to September 2022. *A motion was made to accept the report by Dr. Blewitt, seconded by Mr. McCarthy. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.*

Provider Representative Report:

Endless Mountain – Mr. Miller reported that Endless Mountain, Ms. Scheller contacted him to confirm that they are breaking ground for a new building adding 20 more inpatient beds.

Miners Medical – Mr. Hogan and Mr. Miller gave an update of Miners Medical moving to a new facility on Union Street/ Pennsylvania Ave. in Wilkes-Barre in the very near future. Miners Medical are looking for a Counselor, and telehealth will be available.

New Roots – Mr. Hogan reviewed that he and Mr. Miller and the CSC Team are very happy with CRS Staff.

Casey Recovery LLC - Mr. Hogan discussed updates on Contracts noting that Casey Recovery LLC (Levels 3.7 WM & 3.5) are licensed at this time but have no clients.

ClearVision Health & Wellness – DDAP Provisional License – no longer offering detox.

CCBH Quality Assurance Review Team – Visit completed on April 29, 2022 at ClearVision, and they are on a Provisional License and only offer Residential Rehab at this time.

Just Believe Recovery Center – Closing, but planning to Re-Open . TBD. They are looking for a new site in Wayne County.

A motion was made to accept the report by Dr. Blewitt, seconded by Mr. McCarthy. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

National Prevention Month: Ms. Anderson of Children’s Service Center, Ms. Wolownik of WVADS, and Ms. Panzarella of Pathway-To-Recovery are in the Schools offering Gambling Prevention Awareness activities.

Prevention Report: Mr. Hogan thanked Mr. Gagliardi for completing monthly Prevention Compliance Reports. *A motion was made to accept the report Dr. Blewitt, seconded by Mr. McCarthy. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.*

Upcoming Trainings: VIRTUAL ETHICS IN PREVENTION May 9 & 10, 2022 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm each day
VIRTUAL ETHICS June 20 & 21 from 9am to 12pm each day

Executive Commission Nominating Committee: Mr. Hogan reviewed our Executive Commission vacancies for a Student representative, Police staff, and a Clergy representative for the Wyoming County compliment. Mr. Hogan will reach out to Commissioner Henry to ask if he knows of interested individuals to volunteer as Wyoming County representatives.

By-Laws: The 2018 and 2020 By-Laws have been approved by the By-Law Committee and the ABC Committee. The By-Laws have been reviewed on a bi-yearly basis in the 1st quarter of Calendar Year 2022 on March 22, 2022.

Next Meeting: The next Executive Commission Meeting will take place on May 25, 2022 from 3:00 – 4:00pm. both In-Person and Virtual Microsoft Teams. *With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made at 4:00 p.m. by Dr. Blewitt, seconded by Mr. McCarthy. All in favor. Motion Carried.*

Respectfully submitted by: Marie Baratta, Administrative Assistant

Reviewed and approved by: Ryan Hogan, Administrator