

Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Drug and Alcohol Program

Single County Authority (SCA)

Executive Commission Meeting

June 29, 2022

The Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Drug and Alcohol Executive Commission Meeting took place on Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

Participants: Ryan Hogan, Michael Gagliardi, Jill Sprau, Marie Baratta – SCA
John Alunni, OHS Director – Wyoming County
Commissioner Henry – Wyoming County
Ian Urbanski, Eric Bieski, Nicholas Wilson, John McCarthy – Executive Commission

Welcome and Review of Minutes: Mr. Hogan hosted the meeting, and relayed that Dr. Blewitt had a medical emergency, and is in the hospital. Our Executive Commission wished him a strong and fast recovery. We will all keep Dr. Blewitt, and his family in our prayers. A motion to accept the May minutes was made by Mr. McCarthy, 2nd by Mr. Bieski. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Executive Commission Membership: Mr. Hogan relayed that he, and Dr. Blewitt wrote a letter to our Executive Commission Members regarding Member Roles, Responsibilities, and Attendance at monthly meetings. Membership was discussed to fulfill several vacancies regarding a member of Clergy, Medicine, and Student Representative.

Mr. Hogan introduced Commissioner Henry to the Executive Commission. Commissioner Henry stated that he is happy to be back on our Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Executive Commission Board representing Wyoming County. Commissioner Henry relayed that Mr. Alunni, Wyoming Counties OHS Director is doing a fine job, and the Wyoming County Commissioners are all very pleased with his work. Mr. Alunni is looking forward to the future, and has already held a HOPE Coalition Meeting with Mr. Hogan. Commissioner Henry introduced Commissioner King, and he noted that Commissioner King may want to join the Executive Commission in the role of Clergy/Faith Based.

Administrator Report:

Review of upcoming contracts:

- *Casey Recovery, LLC
- *New Roots CRS Services are doing well.
- *Clearvision Health & Wellness are no longer offering detox, and have a DDAP Provisional License.
- *CCBH Quality Assurance Review team visit took place on 4-29-22
- *Mr. Hogan met with CCBH, NBHCC Leadership, and Clearvision Leadership and Ownership on 6-9-22 to discuss needs and plans moving forward with Clearvision.
- *Just Believe Recovery Center is closing but plans to re-open, TBD.
- *James A. Casey Recovery Rehab - Hill Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA will be added to our SCA compliment.
- *Endless Mountain in Wyoming County - Ms. Scheller, and Ms. Farrell are very dedicated to providing good programs and outcomes.

Monitoring Visit:

- *Via Virtual call with Mr. Dilello on 5-3-22.
- *Onsite visit with Mr. Dilello took place on 5-17-22.
- *No issues or plans of correction resulted from the DDAP Monitoring Visit of our agency. DDAP encouraged a minimum of annual contracts versus our current 6-month contracts.

Mr. Hogan reviewed the WBRE Opioid Campaign "Opioids: Helping Communities in Crisis."

*PA Live segments aired Monday, 5-16-22 at 3pm and 6-21-22 at 3pm.

*Continued Commercials and on-line ads are airing.

Recovery House Application Workshop:

*Mr. Hogan noted that he, and Mr. Gagliardi attended the Recovery House Application Workshop on 5-12-22.

*No Recovery Houses in Luzerne or Wyoming County have applied for licensure with DDAP as of today.

Other Initiatives: Narcan Purchase and Prescription Drug Safe Lock Boxes purchased.

Prevention Week/Prevention Updates:

*Commonwealth Prevention Alliance – Press Conference on 5-10-22 at LIU.

*Prevention Planning submitted and approved by DDAP for FY2022/2023.

*Phase G. Overview Conference on 5-18-22 in Lehigh County – Prevention Evaluation Report Training (Phase G).

*Recovery Awareness Day hosted by the HOPE Coalition in Wyoming County on Saturday, 5-14-22 from 10am-1pm.

*Meeting with WVADS Leadership on 6-29-22 to discuss expectations for prevention services for FY2022/2023.

Case Management Report: Ms. Sprau reviewed April 2022 with 56 assessments scheduled, and 47 assessments completed. There were 33 emergency/helpline placements and 32 WHO follow ups. Ms. Sprau submitted the April WHO Survey.

Just Believes closure is effecting placement as they would take clients other providers would not, or no locations with beds are available close enough, so clients refuse detox all-together.

Ms. Sprau completes Chart Reviews, and SOR II GPRA follow up due notifications that are sent to the Providers. She is updating all forms, Case Manager Training Manual, and creating Clerk Typist II Training manual. Ms. Sprau attended DDAP, Drug Court Steering Committee, Children Service Center Community WHO meeting and introduced the Case Managers. A motion was made to accept the Report by Mr. Wilson, 2nd motion by Commissioner Henry.

Prevention Planning and Phase G: Mr. Gagliardi completed the Prevention Planning, that has been approved by DDAP to offer assistance in our School districts. Mr. Gagliardi discussed Phase G. noting that DDAP Staff Grace Kindt, and Vanessa Wilder are very helpful to clarify any questions. Mr. Gagliardi noted that Ms. Anderson is very helpful in the Wyoming County Schools, and offers great Session and Evidence Based questions/answers. A motion was made to accept the Report by Mr. Bieski, 2nd motion by Mr. Urbanski.

Executive Commission Member Discussion: Mr. Urbanski confirmed that Crystal Meth and 2 lbs. of Fentanyl was recently searched out in a Police Officer's Home. He reviewed that stimulants are being made with cheap Mexican Meth, as well as prescription Adderall.

Next Meeting: The next Executive Commission Meeting will take place on August 24 from 3-4:00pm. The Executive Commission meeting adjourned at 4:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Marie Baratta, Administrative Assistant

Reviewed and approved by: Ryan Hogan, Administrator