

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LANCASTER COUNTY DRUG AND ALCOHOL COMMISSION ADVISORY BOARD

The Lancaster County Drug and Alcohol Commission, also known by the state name of Single County Authority (SCA), is the County government agency responsible for the development of substance abuse services in Lancaster County and the distribution of funding to support those services. In general terms, the SCA:

Applies for and receives State, Federal, and County money.

We use this money to:

- A. Purchase drug and alcohol prevention, intervention, and education programs in local schools and neighborhoods;
- B. Provide client treatment for those Lancaster citizens who do not have insurance or the ability to pay for their drug and alcohol treatment.

The Drug and Alcohol Commission has a staff of approximately twelve (12) employees. This includes an Executive Director, Accountant, Case Managers, Secretaries, and Prevention Specialists. The total budget is four (4) million dollars.

An Advisory Board of citizen volunteers, selected by the Lancaster County Commissioners, assists the Executive Director in prioritizing the services and “steering the ship”. Recommendations from this Board are presented to the County Commissioners, who consider the citizens’ recommendation and then decide on a course of action.

Members of the SCA Advisory Board cannot be relatives of staff, contracted treatment providers, or anyone associated with or related to programs which are contracted with the Drug and Alcohol Commission. Members are independent, volunteer citizens.

The SCA Advisory Board meets seven (7) times each year, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at 150 North Queen Street, Lancaster PA. A mailing with agenda materials is sent to each board member several days before the meeting. There is no fund raising, meetings during the workday, weekend events, etc.

If you would like further information about becoming a member of the Lancaster County Drug and Alcohol Commission Advisory Board, please call the Executive Director or his assistant at 299-8023. If you would like to apply, please complete the attached profile. Thank you for considering this important volunteer advisory board.