



CENTRAL SERVICE AREA AUTHORITY

From: Central Service Area Authority (CSAA)

To: LAC's in Central Montana

Date: May 30, 2014

Your Local Advisory Council (LAC) was given \$1147.00 in June 2013 by the CSAA Board of Directors. This was contingent on a report detailing how the CSAA funds are going to be used to benefit your community. We are pleased to be able to assist and support your efforts again this year.

- **Please complete this form and return to president@centralsaamontana.org**
- **To be considered for any future funds we need your answers by June 16, 2014.**

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Please answer the following questions:

1. How did your LAC use the funds from the CSAA? We had 2 different PSA's produced – one before the holidays about holiday blues and giving people contact information to help and another to promote our "Faces" project. These each cost \$175.00. We produced a flyer for the Faces project and our annual reproduction of our Resource Guide (~\$100.00). In addition we also committed funding in the amount of \$750 to the Mental Health & Happiness Resource Guide and the Happy Montana website at www.HappyMontana.com. The contribution is a backstop if they are not successful in obtaining a grant. We wanted to insure publication of this important resource guide.

2. What was accomplished or done as a result of these funds? It's okay to brag. We want to hear from you. The main goal of all of these activities is awareness and reduction of stigmatism. While those are both difficult to measure, we have received a lot of good feedback from the PSAs as well as many stories (14) have been shared on the Faces

Facebook page. The Resource Guide continues to be an ongoing, invaluable resource to providers, consumers and others in our community. We expect the Mental Health & Happiness Resource Guide will be as well.

3. If your LAC were to get funds this year what would you hope to accomplish or do with those funds? We hope to continue to support the newly created programs from this year (Faces Project, stigma reducing PSA's and other similar efforts) as well as the ongoing Resource Guide and new involvement with the MH & Happiness Resource Guide. We also hope to find ways to address our other priorities (see below), though we don't have specific uses for the funds in mind at this time.

4. How many meetings did you have in your fiscal year? 10

5. How many active members are in your LAC? 20

6. What are your top three priorities? 1) Youth services. We are diligently working to bring more local services to our area, including a Hope House type facility for youth which we hope will reduce the number of our youth in crisis from being relocated to other parts of the state and even outside of the state. These efforts include committees considering: legislative changes, programming, finance, location/site, and outreach. 2) Stigma reduction. 3) Awareness

7. What are your top three challenges? 1) Funding; 2) Legislation/Rules and/or political climate; 3) Coordination and cooperation of all those involved.