

Mental Health Local Advisory Council for Blaine County

01/20/2015

Meeting was called to order at 10:04 Present were Tina Mord, LeAnn Brewer, Frank Billmayer, Linda Bragg, Ben Jennings, Terry Brockie, Deb Anderson, Jana McPherson-Hauer, Dolores Plumage, and Haley Gustitis

Treasurer Report's: \$1188.00 – a county prevention team (not a County Program) is working on transferring their funds to our group.

Public Comment/General Discussion: None

OLD BUSINESS

AMDD Update: Jane reported nothing new. Just working on Medicaid expansion.

CSAA Update:

Tina attended the meeting via MetNet. The presenters went over a grant they have for suicide/bullying. They had some good statistics. The grant is through OPI. They are working with the school in Hays. Tina has the presentation on email. The deadline for the questionnaire is Jan. 31st, anything you can provide before then for the Friday meeting would be good. They want resource list, directories, minutes and agenda sent to them. They are looking at a standardized reporting form for LACs.

Agency/Provider Update:

Youth Dynamics Linda Bragg reported they are serving Fort Belknap to Chester to Rocky Boy. ASIST Suicide Prevention Class is a good one, taught by Jackie Fitzgerald of Voices of Hope. Linda informed the group that the Hays area is served by the Malta YDI.

LeAnn reported that the Sweet Medical Center had a small committee at the clinic working on mental health. There are some resources thought Tele-med. Mental Health America is a resource also the Montana contact person is Dan. The new provider is interested in Mental Health.

Ben with the Center for Mental Health reported that he and Jay are putting on a co-occurring group. It is every Thursday from 1:30 to 2:45 in Havre. He will be in Chinook every Wednesday. They are always looking for the areas of need with in the county to assist in providing those resources and or services. Two areas of need were identified. Harlem is in need of school based services if they can possible help out there it would be good. The Turner school is also looking at some Adult Ed classes and that may be a place to help also.

Tina reported that Dr. Epperson with IHS is located at Hays most of the time. She was looking for additional resources and options for services. Tina gave her both YDI and Center for Mental Health contact names and numbers.

Mental Health First Aid:

Terry is going to talk to Toby about putting on an adult ed class in Turner. Also see what his interest is in being a trainer for other classes held in the county. Ben is going to ask the trainers in Havre if they are interested in doing some training in Blaine County. Jan can provide the books for free. She could do the training but would like to see us use locals.

Public Health, Jana reported the health assessment is ongoing. Will continue to keep us posted.

Directory/Web Page/Facebook Page/Brochure:

It is a living document it will be on the CSAA website and NAMI website. Kimmel Creations will donate the printing and paper we will have to come up with the cost of the cover printing and paper. Will have to come up with a schedule for reprinting it.

Membership:

Will continue to work with who is attending and get more to attend. Will get all changes made and updates done.

Dolores had questions on the membership and makeup of the LAC and the commissioners' role in the group as a member, or a financial role with county budget. Wondered if appointments to the board or letters of support were needed to be made for those who are county employees sitting on the board. What are their obligations and liabilities. Discussion that the funding is not county nor in the county budget. Discussion on the non-profit aspects of the funding possibilities if we go that route.

NEW BUSINESS**2016 Priorities:**

Looking at focus moving forward and what we want to get accomplished.

Dolores discussed the cultural component for mental health. Talked about how and if that is presented as an option to those seeking assistance. How to go about listing those options and resources in our directory. Cultural Training or presentation for this group.

Next Meeting will be February 17th 2016 at 10:00

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00