

Mental Health Local Advisory Council for Blaine County

May 18, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 10:04 Present were Tina Mord, Deb Anderson, Kendra Seilstad, Charles Kulbeck, and Haley Velk.

Treasurer Report's: \$1188.00 should know more on this year's funding soon.

Public Comment/General Discussion:

Busy time of year lots of people gone.

Shortage of providers and services is an ongoing issue. There is a need for a peer to peer training and resources and a local program. Someone who is available for crisis situations.

Discussed how getting into the schools to capture the early learning of the captive audience might be a great way to get information about mental health out there. The elementary school in Chinooks counselor retired so they will need one. We are advocates of the school needing a full time guidance counselor.

Old Business

AMDD Update: Jane was sick so no report.

CSAA Update: Tina was unable to attend the last meeting.

Agency/Provider Update:

Have not yet heard where Sweet Medical Center is with their grant for mental health services

Center for Mental Health had had a large turnover so all the reps that have been working with us have went elsewhere.

Kendra reported some curriculum maybe coming out for suicide prevention; it will be a computer based situational type. Most are time consuming but they could be a resource in the future.

Tina sent out an email about a crisis text resource, read it and get the information out.

Mental Health First Aid:

Tina hasn't heard from Toby so will contact Jane about setting up the training during adult ED in Turner and maybe this summer around the time teachers need some in-service.

Directory/Web Page/Facebook Page/Brochure:

It is a living document it will be on the CSAA website and NAMI website. Had the idea of getting it condensed into a pocket size so it can be a on the go resource. Coming up with a printing schedule of how many to print and how often is hard as so many things change so right now it is mostly being shared digitally.

New Business

The discussion was had if there will be another suicide awareness walk held in September. If there will be the LAC would like to help and support/promote it. Would like to get information to the schools in the county on suicide prevention the same week as the walk.

Also discussed the possibility of doing some sort of a media/awareness campaign with a poster competition. Maybe a great back to school project.

Next Meeting will be June 15, 2016 at 10:00

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15