

# Cascade County Mental Health Local Advisory Council (CCMHLAC)

## Minutes

Monday, July 10, 2017

Largent Center - McFadden Room

915 1st Ave. South

3-5 pm

**Members Present:** Shelly Heilweil, Shawn Matsko, John Schaeffer, Linda Daggett, Angela Meyers, Faith Jordan, Greg Tilton, Sydne Blair, Tom

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM by Shelly Heilweil, Co-Chair. She announced that Dawn Goulet has resigned as Co-Chair.

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** The Minutes of the June 5, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Linda reported that we did receive a check from CSAA for \$2,347.84 and it has been deposited in the bank. Shelly was thanked for her work on writing the report. After some refreshments for today's celebration for Jane were purchased, there is a current balance of \$4,747.33 in the account. The bank statements are being sent to the office where Jane Wilson worked at AMDD, and now Jane is retired so we will need to make arrangements to have the statements sent to another address. Linda will contact the bank to request they be delivered electronically to both her and Shelly's email address.

### **Continuing Business:**

**Suicide Prevention Committee:** Greg reported that they are doing a work matrix and a representative group will be attending the upcoming State Conference on Suicide Prevention. They continue to sponsor the KRTV presentations that air regularly.

**Update on Crisis Services:** Shelly reported that the group continues to meet, making good progress on the formation of a Crisis Response Team. Julie Prigmore continues to act as MH coordinator for the CIT.

**Web & Media Committee:** Shelly reported that she has not met with the webmaster for follow up. Vonnie volunteered to assist Shelly with that.

### **New Business:**

#### **Shelly reported on recent happenings:**

- She attended a Rotary meeting as a mental health advocate and heard a presentation on the Ecoz Pregnancy Center.
- She applied for and received the funds from CSAA.
- Robin Johnson, our LAC's Past Chair, passed away on the 7<sup>th</sup> July. The group expressed our gratitude to her and condolences to the family. A memorial will be planned.

#### **Letter to Editor regarding support for HELP Act (Medicaid Expansion):**

- The State HELP Act Expanded Medicaid, but will sunset in 2019.
- Reminder: Our group has OK'd a letter to the Editor in support of the maintenance of the State Medicaid Expansion.
- Shelly would like help in drafting a letter outlining our support for the HELP Act continuance and the drawbacks of the current proposed US Senate healthcare proposal.
- Tom explained that the block grant funding idea/proposal (this is being considered on the federal level to fund the states) would be a net decrease in mental health care for many people and be "devastating" to the access of care.

**Brief Community Reports/Announcements from our Stakeholders present:**

PEER Credentialing: Vonnie reported that the Board of Licensure is continuing to work on implementing the credentialing for Peer Counseling.

Police Department: John handed out an information sheet on a proposed training on treating stress in the public safety/ uniformed services professions. This training, by Dr. Frank Gallo from Brattleboro Retreat's Uniformed Services Program, would be for therapists, counselors, and uniform services personnel. The proposed date is October 5<sup>t</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> this year. They would like the \$4,000 cost to be covered by donations from community groups so there would be little or no admission fee for participants.

He also reported the Supreme Court has given them a welcomed stay on implementing Marcy's Law.

NCILS: Tom Osborn from North Central Independent Living reported that the revised Medicare rates were posted today and they are generally cut quite a bit depending on the service.

Center for Mental Health: Sydne reported that the Crisis Steering Committee intends to gather stories from Stakeholders & Community members to substantiate the need for better mental health emergency services overall, and at the Emergency Room in particular. The Hospital is planning on remodeling to include a better waiting area for the ER.

Youth Probation and Parole: Faith reported they are seeing an increase youth offenses in the summer.

CSAA: Shelly reported that the Summit will be this weekend and she is planning on attending. James, who is our representative is in the hospital due to a serious illness/accident.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 by Shelly Heilweil, Chair.

A celebration for Jane Wilson's retirement was held after the meeting.

**Date of next meeting: August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Link for CCMHLAC web page: <http://ccmhlac.org/>

PSA Website link: [wecanhelpmt.org](http://wecanhelpmt.org)

Link for CCMHLAC on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Cascade-County-Mental-Health-Local-Advisory-Council/891119197574568>