

Cascade County Mental Health Local Advisory Council (CCMHLAC)

Minutes

Monday, March 6th, 2017

Largent Center - McFadden Room

915 1st Ave. South

3-5 pm

Members Present James Gustafson, John Shaffer, Shawn Matsko, Angela M. Meyers, Alan Toole, Julie Prigmore, Linda Daggett, Faith Jordan, Dawn Handa, Nicole Zimmerman, Richard Ferry, Stephanie Selby, Dawn Goulet, Bret Edwards, Shelly Heilweil, Jane Wilson, Jamie Marshall, Cherie McKeever, Greg Tilton,

Call to Order Welcome and Introductions Shelly Heilweil, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM. Introductions were made.

Review and Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting The February 6th Meeting Minutes were approved with one correction.

Treasurer's Report Linda reported there is \$2,563.08 in the checking account, no changes from last month.

Short Presentations:

- **SYT Grant**- Julie Prigmore from the CMH explained the SYT Grant. It is a cooperation between the Center for Mental Health, Gateway, and the Community Health Care Center targeting those with co-occurring disorders in the 16-24 age range- mental health disorder, substance abuse, and health care. The goal is a "Health Home" with a Care Coordinator that integrates the services for the patient/client. The goal is to stop the "silos" effect for people.
- **Dandelion Project** – Dr. Cherie McKeever and Jamie Marshall presented. It is a grassroots project started with the tragedy of the death of one of the students' child and other instances of child abuse. It is student-driven and in its 6th year, and is now a Foundation that is community based, focused on prevention of child abuse. Each year they have a 'No More Violence Week' usually a training with other fun activities. Last year they had 850 people in attendance, had a color run and raised \$11,000. This year it is April 3-9. The purpose is to educate health care providers, network with the community. Website is dandelionfoundation.org Facebook Page is [nomoreviolence.greatfalls](https://www.facebook.com/nomoreviolencegreatfalls).
- **Medicaid Workers w/ Disabilities work program** Jane Wilson (DPHHS) explained that this program is designed to allow workers with a diagnosed disability aged 16-64 below 250% of poverty to have Medicaid with a cost share fee. This allows them to work and still qualify for health care coverage.

Continuing Business:

Update on Crisis Services Shelly reported that the Crisis Intervention Team held its first CIT training and 28 attended. The plan is to hold one training annually. The CIT needs to solidify its goals & actions for the future, focusing on the gaps in crisis services that still exist, most importantly: a working Crisis Response Team (CRT), Peer Support, and a place to hold those in mental crisis safely if the emergency room or the jail is unable to take them. The State Suicide Prevention Specialist, Carl Rostin, has reached out to the Cascade County Coroner requesting some additional information in suicide cases. This would provide needed statistics for suicide prevention progress. He is missing that information from Cascade County.

Suicide Prevention Committee: Greg Tilton reported that KRTV is planning weekly 3-minute spots on suicide prevention within a curriculum and using various mental health experts. The Community Health

Center will be facilitating screenings beginning in April with referrals being made to the Triage Group. Town Hall meetings in various outlying cities are planned to bring more education there.

Web & Media Committee: Shelly Heilweil introduced Alan Toole, one of our possible web-masters. He felt he could guide the changes that need to be made and monitor the updates.

Mailing List Updates Our guests today will be added to the email list.

New Business:

Interactive Task: Co-create a Cascade County Mental Health Systems Map The Map was formulated by the group. The purpose of this is to post to the website. It should provide a clearer picture of what MH related organizations & agencies exist in Great Falls, what are the funding sources, and what are gaps. This can help awareness and coordination with other groups providing mental health services. A possible way of getting all the different entities together would be to focus on what might be their biggest problems/frustrations. A survey or some other electronic means might be the best way to contact each stakeholder to encourage their participation. The Neighborhood Councils were also mentioned as possibilities. The completed map will be posted to the website.

2017 Montana Legislative Update Shelly reported that there are 5 suicide prevention bills still alive in the legislature currently.

Brief Community Reports/Announcements from our Stakeholders present:

GFFD John Schaffer- Respect Rally is March 8th at UGF noon – 1:00. This honors those with disabilities.
MHAGF Greg reported that the Pulitzer Prize Winning Author, Eric Newhouse will speak at the Spring Event on May 18th. He will speak on addictions and recovery.

Adjourn Meeting was adjourned by Shelly at 4:47 PM.

Date of next meeting: April 3rd, 2017

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

PSA Website link: wecanhelpmt.org

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