

Cascade County Mental Health Local Advisory Council (CCMHLAC)

Minutes

Monday, October 2nd, 2017
Largent Center - McFadden Room
915 1st Ave. South
3-5 pm

Members Present Shawn Matsko, Linda Daggett, Shelly Heilweil, Angela Meyers, Ginny Carnes, Dawn Handa, Faith Jordon, Tom Osborn, Lacey Spencer

Welcome and Introductions Meeting was called to order at 3:02 by Shelly Heilweil, Chair. Introductions and welcomes were made.

Review and Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting The September Minutes were approved as written and emailed.

Treasurer's Report Linda reported that there are no changes to the account, we have \$4,734.58 in the checking account.

Continuing Business:

Reports from our Committees & Representatives:

- **Update on Crisis Services:** Dawn reported that the Crisis Steering Committee met 2 weeks ago and is planning the Crisis Intervention Training set for November 13th- 18th. There has been some progress on the Crisis Response Team. The Director from the Center for Mental Health presented a possible procedure for formation/functioning of a CIT (Crisis Intervention Team). Also at the table this time was the Police Dept and key hospital staff. They are drafting a memorandum of understanding to move the project along more formally.
- **Suicide Prevention Committee:** In Greg's absence, Linda reported that members participated in the Suicide Prevention Walk on September 17th, they organized the music for the Stand Down this last weekend and had a table there. The sub committees are Marketing and Publication, Education and Training, and Fundraising.
- **Web & Media Committee:** Shelly reported that she and Linda went back to Allegra to follow up with the website updates. They outlined how to restructure the site in order to get a workable calendar, modify the comment sections, and streamline the site. Shelly has a follow-up visit with Allegra to finalize the changes to update the site.
- **Update from our CSAA (Central Service Area Authority):** James was not able to attend, Ginny offered to attend, and that was encouraged.
- **Additions of Community Stakeholders to our membership & to our mailing list; update contact info:** No report

Suggestions for speakers to present to this group: There were no specific suggestions. Shelly reported that she and Jane will get together to plan the next meeting and work on a possible speaker.

New Business:

Report on The Interim Committee & the latest info on the Budget decisions. Tom Osborn reported:

- There are 10% across the board cuts to all State departments and these cuts are different than in the past because they are cutting entire programs rather than just a percentage of each.
- Provider rates are being cut as well.
- The Governor's office and the Legislature seem to be caught between the State mandate to balance the budget and the decreased revenue the State has encountered. There seems to be some political maneuvering as well.
- There is a need for increased state revenue in order to keep the services at the rate they are needed.
- About 950 people rallied on September 11th in Helena when the Dept of Health and Human Services (DPHHS) Interim Committee met. Another rally took place when the Revenue and Transportation Committee met. An additional rally is being planned by the Montana Human Rights Network for Wednesday October 3rd when the Finance Interim Committee meets.
- Those interested in weighing in on the and emailing the Governor or Legislative Members could follow these talking points:
 1. Encourage the Governor's office and Legislative Committees work together to form a solution that will maintain services.
 2. Encourage the need for further revenue sources.

Veteran's Stand Down Report: Linda reported that we partnered with the Suicide Prevention Team to man a table at the Veteran's Stand Down this past weekend, the 28th and 29th September.

Other new business: No other new business.

Brief Community Reports/Announcements from our Stakeholders present:

Youth Probation: Faith reported that this has been a very busy Fall with youth violations. They are seeing youth as young as 9 years old now.

Probation and Parole: Dawn reported the many changes she is seeing with the budget cuts.

- The adult infirmary in Lewistown is slated to be close.
- Losing 6 employees
- Pre-sentencing investigation is cut.
- Reducing services to chemical dependency- the Boot Camp facility that was being converted to an intensive dependency treatment unit will probably not be funded.
- Reducing jail-hold budget
- Decreased training funds and supplies.

MT Peer Network and NAMI: Ginny reported:

- She attended the Peer Network Conference where Jim Anderson spoke on Crisis Response Team.
- The State Licensing Board is continuing to work on Certification for Peer mentoring and could be finalized by January. Some possible criteria for certification could be background checks, narrow clinical supervision criteria, specific class training. Peers are continuing to give input.
- NAMI (National Association of Mental Illness) will meet Monday of next week. Ginny participated in the NAMI walk.

United Way: Lacey reported:

- There is a drug take-back on Oct. 28th and she passed out fliers.

- 20,000 Detera bags are being distributed by Gateway Recovery Center. These are bags to put drugs in and will neutralize/disintegrate any variety of drugs put in them.
- United Way is writing a grant for needle disposal boxes that are to be placed in public places where needles are frequently found.
- In the talking stages is a proposal to provide a clean needle exchange.
- Participating in *Continuing Care* which is a State level organization with a chapter in Great Falls to identify the true homeless (living on the street) and steer them toward services, primarily housing. They collaborate with Voices of Hope.

Adjourn The meeting was adjourned by Shelly Heilweil, Co-Chair at 4:18 PM.

Date of next meeting: November 6th, 2017

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PSA Website link: wecanhelpmt.org

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