



MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE:

Voting Members Present:

Members absent: Chelsey Pengra

Advocacy Members present: Rebecca Adams, Rick Gale, Chad Berg, Matt Caires, and Edward Szczypinski

Voting Members present: Deborah McAtee, Anna Saverud, Jan Bjork, Carol Townsend, Lori Reynolds, Tom Peluso, Shirley Kaufman, Tonya Horn, Renee McLendon, Donna Kelsch, Dan Aune, Nancy Filbin, and Vickie Groeneweg

Non-Voting Members present: Betty Strook, Rob McCormack, Katelyn McAree, Susan Gregory, Molly Basta, Rebecca Adams, Cassie Cusick, Anna Edwards, Matt Kelly, and Chelsey Voegle.

Staff: Sarah Gracey

Introductions: Ms. McAtee introduced Katelyn McAree, who will be joining the LAC as the CHP representative. KC McLaughlin has resigned her child provider position; Chelsey Voegele has applied for that position.

Announcements: Rebecca Adams announced that the Able Act is now available to help people with disabilities; she will forward information as soon as she has it. She also raised a question about Commissioner Skinner's support of Medicaid expansion.

Rick Gale announced that Gallatin County's 11th CIT Academy is occurring this week and encouraged LAC members to get involved in the future.

Dan Aune reminded everyone of the legislative emails that Mental Health America sends out each week and asked for emails from anyone who is interested in receiving them.

Approval of Minutes January 19, 2017: Betty Stroock made a motion to approve the January 19th meeting minutes as presented, with her name spelled correctly. Renee McLendon seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports: The Mini-grants Committee needs another member now that KC McLaughlin has resigned.

Tonya Harding is looking for members for the Homeless and Mental Health Committee. Contact her if you are interested.

OLD BUSINESS

Mental Health America Focus Groups: Dan Aune discussed the focus groups that MHA will be holding in March and April, to gather information on the needs and holes in youth services in the area. He needs volunteers to help with the focus groups; contact him if you would like to volunteer.

NEW BUSINESS

PRC Assessment: Matt Kelley presented information relating to mental health and suicide from the 2014 Community Health Assessment done for the City-County Health Department. They will be gathering data again in early summer 2017. Nancy Filbin noted that this would be useful data when we prepare for the next legislative lunch. Matt Caires asked if MSU students were included; Matt Kelley thought some might have been included in the 2014 sample but not the 2011 sample; they are under-represented. The most surprising thing was the drop from 2011 to 2014 in the number of people who were uninsured.

Matt cautioned that the data gets less robust as it is divided into smaller categories and that it is not applicable to children. The data is public and available to anyone who wants to use it; contact him.

MT PNA Data: Edward Sypinski presented data from the Prevention Needs Assessment (PNA). The 2016 Montana PNA Survey was the first to gather suicide ideation data. The 2016 data shows that 17.9% of 8th graders, 25.7% of 10th graders, and 17.4% of 12th grade students indicated seriously contemplating suicide in the past year. Further 15.3% of all students indicated making a suicide plan in the past year, and 7.5% of all students indicated attempting suicide in the past year.

Edward also noted that a Youth Services Roundtable will be starting this summer.

Next Meeting: March 13, 2017