



MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes – January 8th 2018

Voting Members Present: Deborah McAtee, Susan Gregory, Shirley Kaufman, Dr. Donna Kelsch, Tom Peluso, Carol Townsend, Matt Kelley, Commissioner Joe Skinner, Chelsey Pengra, Chelsey Voegele, Andrea Lower, Breanna Hume, and Katelyn McAree

Non-Voting Members present: Sarah Webb, Edward Sypkinski, Betsy Asserson, Jessica Seekins, Michael Foust, Dave Wysoski, Christopher Coburn, and Jim Harrison

Voting Members Absent: Betty Stroock, Renee McLendon, Lori Reynolds, Vickie Groeneweg, Shelley Johnson, Anna Saverud, and Jenna Londynsky

Staff: Stephene Kamerman

Approval of Minutes for December 11th: Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 11th meeting. Ms. Townsend seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements:

- a. Ms. Hume announced that Winds of Change will be closing their Bozeman office due to statewide budget cuts.
- b. GGHAC will be Thursday, January 11th from 11:30-1:00 PM at the Salvation Army.
- c. CIT Academy will be February 12th – 16th.
- d. A Maternity Mental Health Webcast will be February 9th.

Public Comment: None

Committee Reports:

- a. Children & Family: Nothing to report.
- b. Criminal Justice: Research continues on the white card project.
- c. Co-Occurring Disorders: Work continues on formatting of a power point for providers on symptoms, identification and treatments.
- d. Education & Awareness: Nothing to report.
- e. Legislative: Mr. Peluso stated that we should expect another special session in the next couple months
- f. Mini Grants: No one available to report.

- g. The Elevating Behavioral Health Steering Committee is still in the process of gathering information on the behavioral health system. A work group is reviewing other community models for a behavioral health plan. Mr. Kelley noted that the work groups are assessing needs, whereas the steering committee is sorting the needs. This is focusing on what the community wants and needs engagement to move forward.
- h. Homelessness: A point-in-time event and outreach will occur a week prior to Community Connect. The current occupancy of the warming center is 30-50 each night. Some of the individuals have jobs but need a place to stay.
- i. CSAA: Ms. Kaufman stated that the committee recently approved new by-laws. Moving forward, meetings will be the fourth Friday of the month. Future plans include a strategic plan and voting on new positions.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Chair McAtee announced that Sheila Hogan will be here for a meeting with the LAC on February 22nd at 12:00. Mr. Peluso noted that a crisis plan needs to be built by the community. Stakeholders, consumers, caregivers, and government need to come together to create rules and guidelines to develop policy. The cuts that are being implemented are affecting everyone. Mr. Peluso added that Mr. Kelley could provide information for Ms. Hogan to read. Mr. Harrison suggested that the LAC work with Ms. Hogan. Mr. Foust stated that we need to have a strategic message for Ms. Hogan with valid points to be made instead of disjointed information.
- b. A new and improved logo for the LAC is available for use.
- c. Chair McAtee stated that the website discussion will be moved to the March meeting.
- d. Committee reports are requested by the end of the month by Chair McAtee. If the committees do not meet, please communicate that.

Ms. Kaufman thanked Mr. Hamilton for attending.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: February 12, 2018