



## MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL Meeting Minutes – July 10, 2017

### IN ATTENDANCE:

**Voting Members Present:** Deborah McAtee, , Andrea Lower, Shirley Kaufman, Matt Kelley, Chelsey Pengra, Tom Peluso, Chelsey Voegelé, Nancy Filbin, Susan Gregory, Katelyn McAree, Carol Townsend

**Non-Voting Members present:** Pierre Martineau, Edward Sypinski, Rebecca Adams, Rick Gale, Teresa Gault, Breanna Hume, Angela Lehr, Sarah Webb, Danica Jamison, Dan Hume, Michael Foust

**Voting Members Absent:** Anna Saverud, Joe Skinner, Betty Stroock, Renee McLendon, Shelly Johnson, Susan Gregory, Vickie Groeneweg, Lori Reynolds, Donna Kelsch

**Staff:** Stephene Kamerman

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**Welcome and Introductions:** Chair McAtee thanked Susan Wordal for her years of service and continued commitment to the LAC. She continued to urge voting members who are up for reappointment to let the Commission Office know in a timely manner.

Chair McAtee welcomed Mr. Foust as the new director of the Mental Health Center. Mr. Foust stated that his background includes work with non-profits, focusing on children and families. His hope for the Mental Health Center is to bring stability. He encourages community involvement and would like to see key employees put into key positions.

Ms. Gault was also introduced as a recovering citizen, currently employed with the Montana Peer Network. She described her mental health history and how her life has changed drastically over the last 13 years.

**Public Comment:** None

### Approval of Minutes for June 12, 2017

Ms. Filbin made a motion to approve the June 12<sup>th</sup> minutes, pending a correction that NAMI will sponsor the \$100 worth of copies for alcohol and drug services. Ms. Kaufman seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**Committee Reports:** Ms. Filbin reported that there is no new activity with the mini grants.

Homelessness is also without activity as Ms. Horn has resigned from the LAC due to a family move. Ms. Londynsky will be taking her position with HRDC. Ms. Kaufman stated that a grant has been received through MSU and the hospital will be donating land for the tiny house village. Everyone is encouraged to attend the next GGHAC Meetings on Thursdays from 11:30-1:00 PM at the Salvation Army.

### OLD BUSINESS

The Central Service Area Authority made their grants for 2017 and Gallatin County received one of the larger grants. With the current funds contributed from the CSAA, our account balance is at \$5,811.40.

Ms. Kaufman made a motion to nominate Ms. Reynolds as an alternate to Matt Kelley to represent CSAA. Matt Kelley seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Chair McAtee asked for comments in regards to the annual review of the LAC bylaws. What is the LAC's objective and end product? There needs to be a sort of report card on how we use the funds available. The priority table has been tabled until it can be brought up to speed and used effectively as a tool. It was suggested that we find some way to keep committees and priorities on track to complete objectives.

Chair McAtee asked the board if they would like to keep the "against" votes on the record. Ms. Kamerman responded that they are generally recorded in each motion since the majority of the time the board is unanimous. The bylaws were accepted as they stand.

Mr. Aune from Mental Health America is here to report on the recent request from the Hospital on what a comprehensive children's mental health service provision could look like. In recent area research, Beaverhead County considers that Gallatin County to be its main service area for mental health services. There needs to be an emphasis on encouraging families on prevention and education, and on collaborative effort among providers. A handout could be created with services provided to be used as a resource to parents and providers. Another option would be to create a mobile crisis response to reduce the trauma on children in crisis. This is a three-year plan to include follow up on the system.

Tom Peluso discussed the crisis being created by state funding shortfalls.

Meeting adjourned.

**Next Meeting: August 14, 2017**