



MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE:

Voting Members Present: Commissioner Joe Skinner, Lori Reynolds, Nancy Filbin, Susan Gregory, Tom Peluso, Renee McLendon, Shelly Johnson, Chelsey Pengra, Katelyn McAree, Donna Kelsch, Carol Townsend, Shirley Kaufman VanDyke, Tonya Horn, Vickie Gorenweg, and Deborah McAtee

Non-Voting Members present: Chad Berg, Katy Fritz, Andrea Lower, Pierre Martineau, Rebecca Adams, Rob McCormack, Rick Gale, Edward Sypinski, and Tiffani Pimley

Voting Members Absent: Anna Saverud, Betty Stroock, Chelsey Voegele, Matt Kelley, and Susan Wordal

Staff: Sarah Gracey

Introductions: Ms. McAtee welcomed everyone and called for public comment.

Public Comment: Jeannie Brown spoke about the repeal of ObamaCare and her concerns about the changes.

Approval of Minutes for April 3, 2017: Ms. Kaufman made a motion to approve the April 3rd meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Reynolds seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports: Ms. Reynolds and Ms. Filbin reviewed the mini-grant for the *Stomp Out the Stigma* March for t-shirts for march participants. The march will take place May 13th, and all MHLAC members are encouraged to join. Ms. Filbin suggested having a table set up with resource guides available for the public. Mr. Peluso reminded the group that May is Mental Health Awareness Month and NAMI would be handing out pins at the march. Mr. Peluso made a motion that we distribute the resource guide at the march. Ms. Pengra seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Peluso gave a brief description of the CSAA Conference on Saturday, May 13, 2017. CSAA has coordinated with AMDD to cover gaps in mental health services in Montana. The president of NAMI will speak at this conference.

Mr. Gale wrote and passed out an informal letter regarding Nation Prevention Week, May 14-20, 2017. He asked if the LAC should be listed as endorsing the letter. A quorum of voting members agreed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Groeneweg discussed what Bozeman Health does regarding mental health. Ms. Groeneweg is now coordinating all mental health initiatives. John Hill is the new President and CEO of Bozeman

Health, and supports mental health efforts. Support includes community partnerships, such as the 5 acres of donated hospital land for the Hope House, on-call nurses and Hope House salaries, CRT underwriting, and emergency room CRT staff salary through Gallatin Mental Health Center. Partnerships between Bozeman Health and the MSU Mental Health Program support youth mental health and suicide prevention.

A clinician will be available to provide direction, prevention and promotion for family doctor practices associated with the hospital. Dr. Ann Rich will also provide psychiatric consultation with hospital doctors. De-escalation training has been completed for 110 front line staff, and ER staff is looking for someone to provide more training on how to better treat patients in crisis and their families. Mr. Gale asked how many hospital personnel have gone through CIT training, and Ms. Pengra reported only a few. Mr. Peluso reported that NAMI had education programs of provider training that could be used.

A mental health symposium will be sponsored by Bozeman Health in the early fall of 2017. Mr. Gale said CHP is highly involved with the Community Resource Center (Jan Davis).

Ms. McAtee informed the council that the Central Services Area Authority survey needs to be completed and submitted by June 15, 2017. She will compile input from members and a brainstorming meeting will be held in order to present a proposal for the next MHLAC meeting.

Katelyn McAree reported that CHP has hired Hannah Wilson at the West Yellowstone clinic through the summer.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: June 12, 2017