



MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

October 16, 2017

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Gallatin County Courthouse Community Room, 311 W. Main

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public Comment 12:05
3. Approval of Minutes: September 11, 2017
4. Short Announcements (new topics, 1-2 minutes)
5. Reports 12:10
 - a. Children and Family (Betty Stroock)
 - b. Criminal Justice (Andrea Lower)
 - c. Co-Occurring Disorders (Breanna Hume)
 - d. Education and Awareness (Lori Reynolds)
 - e. Legislative (Tom Peluso)
 - f. Minigrants (Nancy Filbin, Lori Reynolds)
 - g. Resource Guide (Nancy Filbin)
 - h. Homelessness Update (Jenna Londynski)
6. Old Business 12:30
 - a. Short updates on previous agenda items
 - b. Mental Health Symposium (Vicki Groeneweg) 12:35
7. New Business
 - a. GMHC Grant Proposal (Michael Foust) 12:45

Grant summary: A decade of providing mental health crisis intervention has given GMHC a unique perspective on the acute and chronic behavioral health needs of Gallatin and Park Counties. Responding to over 1,800 crisis calls yearly is an indicator of successful implementation; this demand and community discourse became the catalyst for shifting to community integration. Project SAFE was initiated to systematically integrate specialized community-based diversion practices on a broad scale in Gallatin and Park counties. Building upon existing multi-agency collaboration, Project SAFE is a mental health diversion program between key community stakeholders, jointly designed to advance positive outcomes for individuals experiencing acute or chronic behavioral health crisis. Supported by law enforcement, Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT), Bozeman Health, Gallatin and Park

County Detention Centers, and the Gallatin County Mental Health LAC, Project SAFE formally organizes the partners into a potent 'do no harm' model delivering comprehensive, earliest-point interventions. Delivering a "front door to living room" team approach, this pilot will demonstrate that a diversion program delivering real-time evaluations, case coordination, crisis-specific communication and case tracking will substantially reduce the economic and human cost of crisis response and care.

LAC letter of support below.

Next Meeting: November 13, 2017

Director Hogan of DPHHS will be joining us. Come prepared with questions.

Announcements

LAC checking account balance for October 1: \$ 5547.80

Calendar

Send dates and events to the Chair for inclusion in future agendas.

Resources

Behavioral Health Services for people who are homeless:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK138725/>

By-laws

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of the MHLAC is to assist, in a manner it determines to be most productive, in strengthening public mental health services in the Gallatin County and to provide input and recommendations to MHOAC, DPHHS and the Service Area Authority (SAA) serving the community.

Section 2. Objectives. Specific objectives include some or all of the following related to public mental health services:

- a) Examine gaps in child and adult services.
- b) Identify potential additions to services within the community.
- c) Analyze and discuss local problems with local service providers, advocacy groups, public officials and the general public.
- d) Facilitate accurate and timely communications between the local community and MHOAC, DPHHS and the regional SAA.
- e) Assess the effectiveness of local mental health services and suggest ways of making services more effective.
- f) Serve as a catalyst and facilitator in solving local mental health service problems.
- g) Organize and coordinate needed services in the community.
- h) Educate the local community on mental health issues.



**Gallatin County
Mental Health Local Advisory Council**

Re: Rapid-Response Grant Request from Gallatin Mental Health Center

Dear Montana Health Care Foundation;

Over the last few years, the Gallatin County Mental Health Local Advisory Council has talked repeatedly about the desirability of getting crisis care out into the community, for the benefit of people in crisis and for their families. We know that having mental health support on the scene in a crisis can make a huge difference for everyone, from the person in crisis to the first responders trying to help; when the support is familiar to the person in crisis, it is even more effective. We have talked repeatedly about finding ways to provide follow-up care, treatment plans, and support systems to keep people in their homes and communities, and to support their families.

Project SAFE addresses all these concerns and fits in well with the LAC's philosophy of helping organizations work together to better serve our community. The program will meet people where they are and provide them with the support and tools they need to improve their lives, while avoiding the upheaval and stigma of jail. It will help them follow their medication plans, improving their mental health and ability to cope with life. By going into people's living rooms, it will provide families with the information they need to be more effective and involved in the care of their loved ones. It allows people with mental health problems to retain their dignity and as much autonomy as practical. It will improve the quality of life in Gallatin County, in many ways.

The LAC supports this grant request and will contribute to it in any way we can.

Sincerely,

Deborah McAtee
Chair, Gallatin County Mental Health LAC