



MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL Meeting Minutes – October 16, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE:

Voting Members Present: Deborah McAtee, Nancy Filbin, Donna Kelsch, Tom Peluso, Carol Townsend, Vickie Groeneweg, Commissioner Skinner, Chelsey Pengra, Chelsey Voegelé, Andrea Lower, Breanna Hume, Shelley Johnson, and Katelyn McAree

Non-Voting Members present: Rebecca Adams, Molly Basta, Rick Gale, Danica Jamison, Michael Foust, Vivianne Riseley, Angela Feliciano, Chad Berg, Dan Aune, Christopher Coburn, and Jenn Walter

Voting Members Absent: Susan Gregory, Shirley Kaufman, Renee McLendon, Betty Stroock, Lori Townsend, Anna Saverud, and Jenna Londynsky

Staff: Steph Kamerman

The Meeting was called to order at 12:05 by Chair McAtee.

Chair McAtee announced that Sheila Hogan will be joining the LAC Meeting in November. Mr. Peluso added that comments are better received with a strategic plan behind them.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Gale announced that GGHAC has a website with their meeting times at GGHACMontana.Wordpress.com.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

Ms. Pengra made a motion to approve the September 11, 2017 minutes. Ms. Hume seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

SHORT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Hume announced that Veteran's Treatment Court will be at 6:00 PM tonight at Bozeman City Hall. Ms. Jamison announced that United Way's Annual Meeting and Luncheon will be held at the Grantree in Bozeman on November 12th from 12-1:30.

REPORTS

Children & Family: No members present.

Criminal Justice: Hindrances were discussed for demographics that are currently absent from the system as well as barriers that are set. Chemical Dependency treatment is desperately needed.

Co-Occurring: Discussion was held about how to inform educators of resources available. Ms. Reynolds added that NAMI has training available in Butte that they are trying to get in Bozeman as well.

Education & Awareness: Ms. Reynolds is continuing to work on a newsletter.

Legislative Committee: Chair McAtee distributed minutes to legislators and heard back from several of them.

Mini Grants: There has been one recent inquiry for a mini grant.

OLD BUSINESS

RESOURCE GUIDES

Ms. Filbin requested that everyone review the resource guide thoroughly for a new revision. Under the “Questions to Ask” portion of the resource guide, she believes that there is valuable space that would be better used with other information. Ms. Townsend responded that the questions are a big deal and should remain. Mr. Coburn of Bozeman Health added that they have a database of individuals and resources that is constantly updated. This could be a great resource for the LAC. Ms. Filbin questioned who the audience is. Ms. Townsend said that having the large print, glossy paper and colors calls attention to the resource guide and should remain that way.

MENTAL HEALTH SYMPOSIUM

Ms. Jamison would like to see the workgroups from the Mental Health Symposium work with the groups of the LAC to effectively get things accomplished. Ms. Hume would like to see individuals from our subcommittees represent at with the Symposium. Children Advocacy is essential. Mr. Peluso added that the closest Psych Treatment Facility is out of state. Their total budget is 90% of what the total adult services budget is. He would like to see this discussed with Ms. Hogan at the next meeting. Ms. Jamison reminded everyone of the major work areas and agreed to email them to the LAC before the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

GMHC GRANT PROPOSAL

Chair McAtee sent a letter to the Montana Health Care Foundation regarding the Rapid-Response Grant Request from the Gallatin County Mental Health Center. Mr. Foust explained that providers are responding to many calls that could be avoided with a more proactive system. Currently, 44% of calls go to the emergency room and cost approximately \$1,200 per visit. The goal is to have more “Front Door to Living Room” responses. Ideally, a grant funded position will be created for an individual to respond to calls with law enforcement in hopes of crisis diversion. This individual would help determine what resources should be used per case. There is hope that a coalition will be created for licensed mental health providers to determine the appropriate measures.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE NOVEMBER 13TH.