



MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL Meeting Minutes – September 10th 2018

Voting Members Present: Nancy Filbin, Susan Gregory, Shirley Kaufman, Dr. Donna Kelsch, Tom Peluso, Vickie Groeneweg, Joe Skinner, Chelsey Voegele, Andrea Lower, Hannah Wilson

Non-Voting Members present: Rebecca Adams, Danica Jamison, Edward Sypinski, Betsy Asserson, Jessica Ruiz, Rowen Schuler, Denise Albrecht, Jenna Rhoads, Ryan Mattson, Molly Basta, Erica Schell, Jennifer Walker

Voting Members Absent: Renee McLendon, Lori Reynolds, Michael Foust, Shelly Johnson, Matt Kelley, I Ho Pomeroy, Chelsey Pengra, Breanna Hume, Cyndi Schoep

Staff: Stephene Kamerman

Chelsey Voegele called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM.

Welcome and Introductions:

Approval of Minutes for August 13th: Ms. Filbin moved to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Lower seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- a. Ms. Jamison announced the Greater Gallatin United Way Annual Meeting and Cocktail Hour on Wednesday, September 19th from 4:00-6:30 PM @ the Emerson

Short Announcement and Updates:

- a. Mr. Peluso announced that NAMI Bozeman is offering an 8-session Mental Health Recovery Class beginning September 29th, that will run for 8 weeks.
- b. The Chair of Children and Family Interim Subcommittee is offering a dinner for people living with disabilities on the 19th of September from 6-8 PM at Eagle Mount. Please RSVP.
- c. Ms. Lower stated that Highgate Senior Living is offering a town hall regarding dementia and Alzheimer's on September 13th at 5:30 PM in the Community Room at Dahl Chapel.
- d. Ms. Kaufman stated that involvement in contacting the legislators is necessary and needs to start moving.

Old Business:

- a. White Cards. Ms. Pengra was not able to attend today, but updated Ms. Voegele. The card project has stalled out with participation. Ms. Lower stated that she has taken over on this committee and will work on this project. This is a laminated card that the person could have on hand for more information to providers or upon intake to share information. Discussion continued regarding the lack of input within members of the subcommittee. A quorum is not necessary for the subcommittees to complete tasks.

- b. EECI Crisis Cards: Mr. Mattson reported on the current status of the card, stating that the current step is getting the cards printed and which printer could accommodate the unique design presented. Many members presented options for printing vendors.
- c. Mental Health First Aid Classes. Mr. Coburn stated that staff is currently in the process of being trained to offer the classes as needed. Ms. Asserson added that MSU also has staff available for training. Mr. Coburn discussed the agreement between Bozeman Health and WMMHC to provide these classes to rural communities.

New Business:

- a. Lunch for Legislators. Ms. Voegele requested feedback regarding the legislative luncheon. Mr. Peluso requested that the legislative subcommittee stay after the meeting to meet. He went on to suggest that we are not interrogating legislators, but informing them on the issues at hand. Ms. Adams further explained the process. Discussion continued regarding the involvement of the LAC, particularly by determining the critical needs of the mental health community. Ms. Filbin encouraged the group to be involved, stating that the group has a great influence on the session. The possibility of having the luncheon on October 15th was discussed. Commissioner Skinner suggested that the date be pushed until after the November election, as the group's actions are better reflected when the legislators are aware that they will be in office. At the previous luncheon, a folder was distributed to the potential legislators. Mr. Peluso suggested tentatively scheduling the luncheon the week after the election. The Legislative committee would be in charge of planning the luncheon, specifically the logistics. Commissioner Skinner suggested that the group focus on the local impacts and effects of the previous legislative session. Discussion continued regarding the impact of having local representatives from law enforcement and emergency personnel present at the meeting to present their concerns and current implications. It was decided that a presentation will be offered to legislators the week after the elections. Mr. Peluso will contact Representative Jim Hamilton for his input on the best time to do so. Commissioner Skinner suggested the additional members attend the committee meeting for planning of the legislative meeting.

Reports

- a. Criminal Justice. No updates.
- b. Co-Occuring Disorders. Mr. Sypinski is working on some numbers.
- c. Children and Family. No updates
- d. Education and Awareness. No Updates
- e. Legislative will occur after this meeting.

The next meeting will be Monday, October 15th at noon.