

CONTACT INFORMATION

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1. How did your LAC use the funds from CSAA?

To date, the Hill County LAC has not used the CSAA funds. The committee will utilize funds for marketing/public relations endeavors including, but not limited to: website development, brochure development and printing, and advertising.

2. What was accomplished or done as a result of these funds?

One of the Hill County LAC's primary challenges is consistent community wide participation in our meetings. It is our hope that by developing a presence on the internet as well as increasing awareness of the mission and goals of the LAC we will be able to increase participation in our meetings. We are hopeful that with additional participation and awareness, we will be better able to address our priorities (listed in #6 below) as well as identify and attend to community needs in regard to mental health. Ultimately, marketing and public relation endeavors will help us better serve our mission: to increase education and access and reduce barriers and stigma associated with mental health.

3. If your LAC were to get funds this year, what would you hope to accomplish or do with those funds?

The Hill County LAC would like to continue working on the priorities identified in our strategic planning meeting last fall (see #6 below) as well as continue identifying and addressing challenges (listed in #7 below).

4. How many meetings did you have in your fiscal year?

We had 8 meetings in 2012 and have had 3 in 2012

5. How many active members are in your LAC?

Participation in meetings varies, however, there are about 10 members who regularly attend meetings and/or attend to committee business through email.

6. What are your top 3 priorities?

- 1. Collaborate with populations affected by mental illness*
- 2. Reduce mental health stigma*
- 3. Improve access to mental health care*
- 4. Advocate for mental health consumers*
- 5. Identify gaps in mental health services*

7. What are your top 3 challenges?

- 1. Attain consistent community wide participation in LAC meetings*
- 2. Develop a peer support network with a sufficient number of trained peers to sustain the service*
- 3. Identify and effectively address community education needs in regard to mental health*