



Broadwater County Mental Health Local Advisory Committee

Michael Stevenson, Chair ~ 515 Broadway ~ Townsend, MT 59644

Meeting minutes for February 24, 2016

Mike Stevenson, Chair called the meeting to order at 2pm

Attendance: Mike Stevenson, Terry Eichenbacher, Debra Hayton, Michelle Cuddy, Sidney Blair, Mary Ellen Schnur, Sarah Seiler, Wynn Meehan, Kenny Bell, Dean Powers, Brandon Harris, Laura Obert

Minutes approved with corrections to Debra Hayton, Cuddy, meeting date of February 24.

Sidney Blair gave an in depth update of the Center for Mental Health staffing and funding issues. They have been involved with Strategic Planning to address issues. All funding is for services, Urban locations are not able to fund rural any longer, they are investigating closing offices that are not performing financially. They are pursuing grants and partnerships. There was a lengthy Q&A and much brainstorming.

AWARE status in schools was discussed, it is expensive to start up and finding staff is difficult.

Intermountain restoring hope for children and youth options, needs and limitations were discussed. Much was discussed about setting a date for Jason DeShaw in Townsend.

Mike shared what he'd learned at the Mental Health America of Montana Conference, Randy Vetter spoke re-Warm Springs, Mike suggested a tour. We need a 5 year plan to present to the legislature.

May Mental Health events were discussed to increase Mental Health awareness.

Sarah moved to spend money to promote Mental Health month, Debra seconded - Motion Passed.

The LAC will provide pizza for a Mental Health Community Lunch at Woods Family Grill.

A banner will be pursued to hang at events.

BHC Clinic Open House will be March 10 from 4-7pm

Meeting adjourned at 3:40pm