



MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL Meeting Minutes - October 17th, 2016

IN ATTENDANCE:

Voting Members Present: Nancy Filbin, Susan Gregory, Shirley Kaufman, Dr. Donna Kelsch, Deborah McAtee, Renee McLendon, Betty Stroock, Tom Peluso, Lori Reynolds, Carol Townsend, Jan Bjork, K.C. McLaughlin, Shelley Johnson, Commissioner Skinner, and Anna Saverud

Members absent: Susan Wordal, Sgt. Jim Anderson, Vickie Groeneweg, Matt Kelley, and Tonya Horn

Advocacy Members present: Barbara Schaff, Ellie Martin, Sarah Webb, Ben Kane & Jeff Wright

Staff: Steph Kamerman

Approval of Minutes September 12, 2016: Dr. Kelsch made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Kaufman seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Resource Guide: Newspaper distribution went as previously discussed. Chair McAtee requested clarification on who would deliver to schools in the area. Ms. McLendon stated that she would handle the Bozeman Schools. Ms. McLaughlin would cover Manhattan and Churchill. Ms. Martin would cover Belgrade and Three Forks. All of these schools are pending confirmations.

NAMI Smarts Training: A 90-minute training will be provided to those who wish to attend on December 12th from 1:00 to 2:30 pm in the community room following the next MHLAC meeting. The training will also cover how to present issues to legislators in an effective way. Dr. Kelsh, Ms. Webb, and Ms. Kaufman are interested in attending. Other interested parties are to rsvp to Mr. Peluso.

Legislative Luncheon: The luncheon will be on October 24th from 12:00-1:00 in the Community Room. Chair McAtee will be ordering platters from the Pita Pit. She will also be purchasing drinks and chips from Costco. The Pita Pit will be paid for with Commissioner Skinner's credit card then billed to the LAC. Ms. McLendon will be handling the packets. Mr. Peluso requested that copies of the packets be sent to the Governor, Gianforte and other legislators that will not be attending the luncheon. The Commission office will copy the packet information to include black and white copies for the LAC members. Resource Guides will also be inserted in the packets. County Seals will be printed on adhesive labels for the front of the folders. Table tents for RSVP'd legislators will be printed as well.

Discussion continued on the orchestration of the luncheon. It was agreed that Commissioner Skinner will do introductions for the luncheon. Joanne will follow the introduction with a presentation with pennies in the coffee can to represent suicide rates. Ms. Martin will then take over with an overview of mental health issues and prevalence in the county. Narratives will be provided by Ms. Stroock, Ms. McLendon, Ms. Reynolds, and Dr. Kelsch. Available services, to include the Hope House, will be brought to light as well as future requested services. The Resource Guide will be properly introduced. Mr. Wright will close the luncheon with specific needs that the LAC would like to see met.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: November 14, 2016

ACTION ITEMS

- Resource Guides
 - Distribution to schools will continue
- Legislative Luncheon (October 24th at 12:00)
 - Copies, Table Tents and Labels will be produced in the Commission Office
 - Packet Assembly to be completed by Ms. McLendon
 - Food will be handled by Chair McAtee
 - Ms. McLendon and Dr. Kelsch will assist with setup and tear down of the room.
- NAMI Smarts Training is available on December 12th from 1:00-2:30 pm in the Community Room. Please RSVP to Mr. Peluso.