

MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

March 14, 2016 - MINUTES

In attendance: Members present: Deborah McAtee, Tom Peluso, Lori Reynolds, Susan Wordal, Sgt. Jim Anderson, Shelly Johnson, and Commissioner Joe Skinner

Members absent: Shirley Kaufman, Dr. Donna Kelsch, Renee McLendon, Carol Townsend, Jan Bjork, KC McLaughlin, Vickie Groeneweg, Matt Kelley, Anna Saverud

Advocacy Members present: Ken Bell, Ellie Martin, Jaime Grundner, Chelsey Voegle, Rick Gale, Michelle Jermunson, Rebecca Adams

Guests: Nancy Filbin, Tyson Krinke, Danica Jamison

Staff: Glenda Noyes

Welcome and Introductions

Public Comment: Mr. Bell reported that Broadwater, Gallatin, Park and Madison Counties received additional Severe Disability Mental Health Waivers (SDMI). Spectrum Medical has the contract and will employ or contract with direct care workers. There are 40 slots which means more people will be able to stay in their homes and get services in the community, more direct care and case management. Payment is made through Medicaid for social workers, case management and service providers.

Mr. Gale noted the Access Committee goals include transportation. The Health Improvement Plan is working on that aspect as well. The Mental Health Center has requested that the Streamline stop be in their parking lot rather than down the hill on Haggerty Lane with a long walk for clients to the campus.

Ms. Grundner stated that they have statistics for the second quarter of this fiscal year, through December 2015. Gallatin County had 825 CRT (Crisis Response Team) evaluations outside of those done at Bozeman Health Deaconess Hospital (BHDH). BHDH had an additional 171 evaluations in that time. Half of the 825 were completed at the Hope House.

Approval of Minutes February 8, 2016: There was no quorum so minutes were not approved.

Presentation and Discussion re: Greater Gallatin United Way "Resilience Conference":

Ms. Jamison, Director of Greater Gallatin United Way, explained that over 500 people have attended the film Paper Tigers, which emphasizes the relationship of staff with

students who have experienced significant Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's). The school in Washington educated you and staff and through their efforts saw more graduations, decreased drop outs and improved behavior. The Early Childhood Community Council has a little funding available for training and wishes to have a larger discussion on this subject as well as others and have worked to develop the "Resilience Conference" to do just that. The timing is appropriate with the recent suicides and attempts in Park County. The community needs to have a cross-sector conversation about trauma - what it is and how to support resilience in spite of it. The conference will be held at MSU on May 11-13. The conference will also have a youth track plan in coordination with the Belgrade Youth Initiative. Ms. Jamison provided a draft outline of the schedule. Ms. Martin stated that Danica and the rest of the committee have put a lot of work into this and they are to be commended. Ms. Jamison stated that they have had a lot of business support financially and the businesses also hope to learn in order to affect change in their work places also. In addition the group would like to contribute to the LAC efforts as well. Ms. Johnson asked about the involvement of schools. Ms. Jamison stated that the school district has a Safety Grant that they hope to use to teach staff and students. This conference is a parallel conversation with the community to what the schools are doing.

Membership Discussion:

Ms. Filbin explained that she is a retired educator and work in MSU's disability office and with Veterans previously. She could fit and is willing to serve in a consumer/family member position as well. She heard about the LAC through the newspaper and from friends associated with the Mental Health Center. Ms. Jermunson asked if she could fill the adult provider position as she provides adult coaching services to consumers. Chair Wordal stated that she would. Mr. Peluso stated that the meetings are open and the public is welcome to attend and contribute. Ms. Jamison asked if the Council has goals and measurable outcomes. Chair Wordal stated that the Council's objectives are in the bylaws and the group also has a priority table that guides much of its work. Ms. Jamison asked if postpartum depression is an issue that the LAC would want to look at and discuss. Mr. Peluso explained that part of the concern is that this is one of the first LAC's to give more representation to the local communities to fill gaps and services as an official council of county government. The first order of business of the Council when it was created was to change the mental health provider in this area. Ms. Grundner stated that there is a subgroup working on postpartum. It is an absolute important topic and the "gold standard" that we have set for ourselves has fallen short of addressing it. Chair Wordal stated that the LAC can't get bogged down in the specifics. Recently the group has been working on youth services and filling the gaps in that area. Much of the gap in adult services was answered with the Hope House. The area doesn't have a similar place for youth. Ms.

Martin cautioned that there is no released information on the investigation of the recent murder/suicide that says it was postpartum. Two of the speakers for Mental Health Month will be addressing "QPR - Question, Persuade, Refer" and Maternal Mental Health. They will have a calendar of events by the end of April for Mental Health Month. Mr. Gale stated that at a recent press conference Sheriff Gootkin stated that "this community can do better" as far as mental health. He really stepped up.

Other: Acronym Sheet; Orientation packet for new members; Ms. McAtee suggested that there be an orientation in August for new people.

Next Meeting: Mental Health Month activities