

MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

June 13, 2016 - MINUTES

In attendance: Members present: Nancy Filbin, Susan Gregory, Shirley Kaufman, Tom Peluso, Lori Reynolds, Sgt. Jim Anderson, Susan Wordal, Jan Bjork, KC McLaughlin, Vickie Groeneweg, and Commissioner Joe Skinner

Members absent: Dr. Kelsch, Deborah McAtee, Renee McLendon, Tammy Cutting, Carol Townsend, Shelly Johnson, Matt Kelley, Tonya Horn, and Anna Saverud

Advocacy Members present: Ken Bell, Ellie Martin, Pierre Martineau and Chelsey Voegle

Guests: Sarah Webb and Jennifer Pazera

Staff: Glenda Noyes & Steph Kamerman

Welcome and Introductions

Public Comment: Mr. Peluso drew everyone's attention to the fact that June 30th is the end of the fiscal year. He believes that the LAC needs to submit a letter to Andrea Lower, CSAA, with status of current funds - what we have done with the granted money and what the plans are for future expenditures. There will need to be discussion of financial planning and distribution of funds for FY17. Ms. Noyes and Mr. Peluso will work together to get final printing figures of the Resource Guides for distribution in the local newspapers.

Approval of Minutes May 9, 2016: Ms. Filbin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Bjork seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Decision Re: Funding Resource Guide Distribution in Chronicle: Ms. Noyes explained that the Bozeman Daily Chronicle would charge \$1,701.40 for insertion of the 8.5x11" size into the Chronicle and Belgrade News and \$2,545.15 for insertion of the 11x17" size insert into both. The breakdown is \$.09 per 8.5x11" page and \$0.13 per 11x17" page. Ms. Kaufman expressed her concern with how hugely important these are to get out. A 13-year-old boy from Three Forks committed suicide this weekend. These Resource Guides will give people a place to look to when they need help. She also expressed her request to get these widely circulated. Ms. Webb stated that Project Launch has funds available to assist in getting the publication out. Mr. Kelley of the Health Department is the fiscal agent for the Project Launch grant. The goal was set to distribute the resource guide between the end of September and October. School districts should also have the

resource guide available. Ms. McLendon requested 10 copies to each school district with a request for each to also place a copy in the Thrive and CSCT boxes. Smaller towns also need to be taken into consideration for the distribution. Public Libraries and Hospitals can print copies of the Resource Guide at their own expense.

Suicide Prevention week begins on September 5th. Mental Health month is October. Our goal will be to circulate the Resource Guide on the 25th of September, which is the last Sunday in September. Ms. Kamerman will research other area newspapers in Gallatin and Park Counties to calculate additional costs will be added to the distribution. We will be receiving approximately \$900-\$1,100 in additional grant funding from the CSAA. We should have enough funds to cover the \$1,700 expense (8.5x11" to Bozeman Daily Chronicle and Belgrade News) ourselves. Ms. McLaughlin is concerned that we will be spending a majority of the funds available and not leaving enough for the mini-grants. A request was made to explore the option to print and distribute the larger version of the Resource Guide, should it fit in the paper for distribution, at the expense of \$2,500. Mr. Peluso made a motion to move forward with the printing of 11x17" for distribution in the Bozeman Daily Chronicle and Belgrade News, with the potential for 1,000 overrun in the September 25th edition. Ms. Kaufman seconded the motion. A PDF of the Resource guide will be emailed to the libraries, schools and hospitals. Ms. Filbin will coordinate news interviews for the week prior to distribution. The NAMI walk is scheduled for September 25th as well. Mr. Peluso would also like to tentatively schedule a legislative luncheon, which would normally be held in October. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Review and Approval of Mini-Grant "Mission" Statement and Announcement AND Mini-Grant Application and Process: Ms. McLaughlin requested that everyone review the mission statement for the mini grants. Ms. McLaughlin and Ms. Filbin also requested additional committee members to review the mini grants and make decisions on funding decisions. The recipients would be required to issue a press release, make a presentation to the Mental Health Local Advisory Council, and create an end of project report. The grant range would have a maximum of \$200-300. NAMI Bozeman could also be available to match funds. The budget for the mini grants will be available after the total cost for distribution of the Resource Guide has been calculated. A 150-word response limit will be assigned to the application questions.

Committee Reports and Sign Ups: Chair Wordal stated that there is a myriad of unfinished projects that will need to be followed through with. We will all need to work on either completing projects or removing them from the priority table. Ms. Gregory and Ms. Horn should be listed on the Homeless Committee. Ms. McLaughlin is on the Youth Committee. The Mental Health Committee reports back to the LAC. Ms. Bjork does not have much to report on the Mental Health and Criminal Justice group as this is really an umbrella for a lot of other groups. Sgt. Anderson reported on for CIT Montana. There is currently one academy per year in February. Cascade County is holding one in November.

Missoula just completed an academy also. Billings will be adopting our model for CIT training. Ms. McLaughlin stated that SRO's have spoken very highly of CIT Montana.

Mr. Peluso requested that Ms. Martin share renovation plans for the Hope House. Ms. Martin reported that the Emergency Detention portion of the Hope House will be under renovation for 4-6 weeks to include the seclusion room and a rest room. The voluntary side will not be affected by the renovation. The purpose of the renovation is to replace building materials with more durable building materials. Ms. Bjork requested that the lighting be evaluated to prevent backlighting on the video conference calls. The plans for the renovation were approved over a year ago. Law enforcement should expect these renovations to begin 6-8 weeks from now, which gives them some lead time to prepare. Individuals needing emergency detention will need to be diverted to Warm Springs or other appropriate venue during construction.

Next Meeting: July 11, 2016. The agenda should include discussion on the legislative candidate forum.