



## MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

### Meeting Minutes – January 8<sup>th</sup> 2018

**Voting Members Present:** Deborah McAtee, Susan Gregory, Shirley Kaufman, Dr. Donna Kelsch, Tom Peluso, Carol Townsend, Matt Kelley, Commissioner Joe Skinner, Chelsey Pengra, Chelsey Voegelé, Andrea Lower, Breanna Hume, and Katelyn McAree

**Non-Voting Members present:** Sarah Webb, Edward Sypkinski, Betsy Asserson, Jessica Seekins, Michael Foust, Dave Wysoski, Christopher Coburn, and Jim Harrison

**Voting Members Absent:** Betty Stroock, Renee McLendon, Lori Reynolds, Vickie Groeneweg, Shelley Johnson, Anna Saverud, and Jenna Londynsky

**Staff:** Stephene Kamerman

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**Approval of Minutes for December 11<sup>th</sup>:** Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Ms. Townsend seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Announcements:**

- a. Ms. Hume announced that Winds of Change will be closing their Bozeman office due to statewide budget cuts.
- b. GGHAC will be Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> from 11:30-1:00 PM at the Salvation Army
- c. CIT Academy will be February 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>
- d. A Maternity Mental Health Webcast will be February 9<sup>th</sup>

**Public Comment:** None

#### **Committee Reports:**

- a. Children & Family: Nothing new to report.
- b. Criminal Justice: Work continues on connecting people to resources. Cards are being distributed to providers and teams for up to date information.
- c. Co-Occurring Disorders: Work continues on formatting of a power point for providers on symptoms, identification and treatments.
- d. Education & Awareness: Nothing new to report.
- e. Legislative: Mr. Peluso stated that we should expect another session in the next couple months
- f. Mini Grants: No one available to report.
- g. The Elevating Behavioral Health Steering Committee are still in the process of gathering information for a process of crisis. A forward focus is over the next five years, reviewing other community models for a behavioral health plan. Mr. Peluso is concerned that they may

be replotting cultivated roads, siting the Bush Administration. Mr. Kelley responded that the interactive work groups are assessing needs, whereas the steering committees are sorting the needs. This is focusing on the community want and needs engagement to move forward.

- h. Homelessness: A point and time event and outreach will occur a week prior to community connect. The current occupation of the warming center is between 30-50 each night. Some of the individuals have occupations, but need a place to stay.
- i. CSAA: Ms. Kaufman stated that the committee recently approved their by laws. Moving forward, meetings will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month. Future plans include a strategic plan and voting on new positions.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None to be heard.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Chair McAtee announced that Sheila Hogan will be here for a meeting with the LAC on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00. Mr. Peluso added that a crisis plan needs to be built by the community. He requested that everyone is aware of the outgrowth of service area concept. Stakeholders, consumers, caregivers, and government need to come together to create rules and guidelines to develop policy. The cuts that are being implemented are effecting everyone. Mr. Peluso added that Mr. Kelley should provide a pile of information for Ms. Hogan to read. We should all put her on track to work with us as a civil servant. Mr. Harrison suggested that the LAC work with Ms. Hogan. Mr. Peluso continued that the funds are being extremely mismanaged and the present system needs to be engaged in change. Mr. Foust stated that we need to have a strategic message for Ms. Hogan with valid points to be made instead of disjointed information. He agreed to provide topics at the next meeting.
- b. A new and improved logo for the LAC is available for use.
- c. Chair McAtee stated that the website discussion be moved to the March meeting.
- d. Committee reports are requested by the end of the month by Chair McAtee. If the committees do not meet, please communicate that.

Ms. Kaufman thanked Mr. Hamilton for attending.

Meeting adjourned.

**Next Meeting: February 15, 2018**