



MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes – April 9th 2018

Voting Members Present: Deborah McAtee, Tom Peluso, Lori Reynolds, Carol Townsend, I Ho Pomeroy, Chelsey Pengra, Chelsey Voegele, Breanna Hume, Michael Foust, and Andrea Lower

Non-Voting Members present: Rebecca Adams, Molly Basta, Sarah Webb, Rick Gale, Edward Sypinsky, Betsy Asserson, Rowen Schuler, Lee Copenhagen, Jess Seekins, Denise Albrecht, and Kathryn Houghton, Vivienne Riseley, Pierre Martineau, Jim Korth, Dave Wysoski, Jenna Rhoads, Ryan Mattson, Commissioner Don Seifert

Voting Members Absent: Nancy Filbin, Susan Gregory, Shirley Kaufman, Dr. Donna Kelsch, Renee McLendon, Betty Stroock, Vicki 'Groeneweg, Shelly Johnson, Matt Kelley, County Commissioner Joe Skinner, and Katelyn McAree

Staff: Stephene Kamerman

No Public Comment

Approval of Minutes for March 12th: Ms. Pengra made a motion to approve both sets of meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Hume seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements:

- a. Chair McAtee announced that the next meeting will be held on May 14th as opposed to a previous meeting in which another date was specified.
- b. Mr. Sypinsky stated that a health fair was held last Saturday morning and was well attended by providers and consumers. April is Alcohol Awareness Month.
- c. Mr. Gale stated that this week is National Dispatcher's Week.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Including State in Meetings: Chair McAtee announced that Ms. Filbin will be taking over this detail.
- b. Chair McAtee requested feedback regarding the new Google calendar. She also asked committee chairs to contact her regarding committee meetings. She will also welcome invites to other Mental Health Events to be entered on the calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Mr. Foust introduced Mr. Mattson as the new associate director for Western Montana Mental Health. Mr. Mattson is working with a team to create a triage card for individuals in crisis. The final business card format will fold out accordion style for additional information on the steps associated in a crisis. These are meant to be handed out by responders and providers. Ms. Lower stated that the criminal justice committee is also working on a similar product. Ms. Reynolds reminded the group that when a family member is in crisis, that means everyone involved is also in crisis. It is helpful to have medical history and medications

written somewhere for quick access. Mr. Peluso added that NAMI also has a crisis plan for those who have not been in crisis before.

- b. May is Mental Health Awareness Month: Mr. Foust announced that Western Montana Mental Health will be taking place in Give Big Gallatin on May 3rd and 4th. There will also be Mental Health First Aid offered in Livingston and West Yellowstone. The Stomp out the Stigma Walk will be May 19th. Commissioner Pomeroy added that people are encouraged to wear green ribbons in support of mental health awareness. Ms. Reynolds added that NAMI will be hosting a "NAMI Family and Friends" Seminar on Sunday, May 20 from 1:00-5:00 at the Library. Ms. Pengra stated that there will be a very condensed CIT training on the 16th at 5:00 PM. Mr. Peluso stated that NAMI has several courses available for those interested. Ms. Jameson announced that United Way will host a Renew workshop on May 18th at the Museum of the Rockies. Chair McAtee announced that Zoe Barnard will be joining us for the next LAC meeting for a Medicaid Conversation.
- c. Chair McAtee requested feedback regarding the draft letter to Sheila Hogan that was included in the agenda packets. She will allow a couple days for edits via email then send the letter on behalf of the LAC.
- d. Mr. Peluso added that additional funding may be available for LAC's due to a lapse in payment of an existing contract.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Special Meeting: May 14, 2018