



MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes – October 18, 2021

IN ATTENDANCE:

Voting Members Present: Andrea Lower, Breanna Hume, Erin Taylor, Russ McKenna, Dezei Rochin, Geary Zale, I Ho Pomeroy, Joe Skinner, Linda Gabel, Robyn Carr, Shirley Kaufman, Susan Gregory, Tom Peluso, Maureen Womack

Non-Voting Members Present: Danica Jamison, Edward Sypinski, Melissa Helton, Rebecca Adams, Rowen Schuler

Voting Members Absent: Jay Getten, Michael Foust, Molly Basta, Perrin Lundgren

Staff: Jessica Dixon, Deputy County Administrator Cola Rowley

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**Welcome and Introductions:** Breanna Hume welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes for:** August 16, 2021 Minutes and September 20, 2021 Minutes

**Russ McKenna moves to approve both minutes, Andrea Lower seconds. All in Favor say Aye. Aye. Motion passed.**

#### **Committee Reports:**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- ANDREA LOWER WANTED TO TALK TO US ABOUT THE FACEBOOK PAGE. – BREANNA SAID SHE CAN LOOK INTO THAT FOR SURE. SHIRLEY HAD MENTIONED THAT TO HER. SHIRLEY SAID THAT BROADWATER COUNTY HAS DONE AN AMAZING JOB WITH THEIR FACEBOOK PAGE. WE DIDN'T SPEND OUR \$6948 FROM LAST YEAR, AND WE JUST RECEIVED ANOTHER \$4500. WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT WHERE WE WANT TO SPEND THIS MONEY.
- DANICA ASKED FOR MHLAC SUPPORT AND FUNDS FOR THE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN THAT THE ELEVATED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COALITION IS PUTTING ON, SHE CAN ALSO APPLY FOR A GRANT. THEY HAVE A COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW. SHE IS THINKING SHE WILL HAVE A FORMAL PROPOSAL FOR US BY DECEMBER OR JANUARY.
- LINDA GABEL ASKED ABOUT ADDITIONAL GRANT MONEY FOR DANICA'S REQUEST. SHIRLEY'S OPINION IS TO DISTRIBUTE THE MONEY WE HAVE NOW IN THE MHLAC AND THEN ASK FOR MORE GRANT MONEY.
- I-HO WOULD LIKE US TO DO MORE WALKS, WITH BANNERS AND MORE ADVERTISING TO LET THE COMMUNITY KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON. WE WOULD NEED A COMMITTEE TO PLAN OUR MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH, FOR PLANNING AND FUNDING ON WHAT WE WANT TO DO FOR THAT. SHIRLEY THINKS WE COULD HAVE A WALK, AND A BBQ. I HO CAN DONATE SOME FOOD. DEZEI AGREED AND SAID SHE WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT. WE JUST NEED TO FIND SOMEONE TO SPEAR HEAD IT.

#### **Old Business**

- Children's Services position, Consumer/Family position, Health Dept position  
Vacancies currently

- Update from Erin on possible Detention Center voting position, is it needed still/  
Wanted from the community including the GCSO  
White Card distribution list brainstorm- Andrea went over the white cards and what they are used for. They are winding down on the supply, and where we can put them. We could look at ordering more with the funds that we have. Just depends on what we think we need. United Way can distribute them too. Rebecca Adams mentioned up at MSU in the student health center. I Ho wanted to speak on the warming center. That it is completely ran by donation, so that would be a good place to distribute them as well. The fork and spoon would be a good idea too. I- Ho can put some in the restaurant as well. Shirley mentioned Love Inc.

- Resource Guide

**-Progress update**

**Reports** – No reports submitted

**Public Comment-** Russ Mckenna mentioned the 12 beds at the hospital. Should we send them a blanket thank you for all that they have done. And maybe sending it to the Chronicle to get our name out there as well. Breanna will work on a letter to get out to the Chronicle by mid-November.

**Short Announcements or Updates-** December 20<sup>th</sup> meeting is the Monday of the week of Christmas.

**Commissioner Skinner moves to skip Decembers Meeting and go into the New Year. I Ho Pomeroy seconds. All in favor say Aye. Aye. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned.

**Next Meeting:** November 15, 2021

**Account Balance Currently:** \$6948.18 at last check-in