



## **MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

### **Meeting Minutes – January 10, 2022**

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Voting Members Present:** Jay Getten, Breanna Hume, Erin Taylor, Commissioner Zach Brown, Linda Gabel, Robyn Carr, Tom Peluso

**Non-Voting Members Present:** Edward Szczypinski, Melissa Helton, Rick Gale, Rowen Schuler, Russ Womack, John Kudrna, Anna Saverud

**Voting Members Absent:** Andrea Lower, Russ McKenna, Dezei Rochin, Geary Zale, Becky McClain, Michael Foust, Molly Basta, Perrin Lundgren, Shirley Kaufman, Susan Gregory

**Staff:** Harlee Lynch

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

**Approval of Minutes for:** Not enough for a quorum, will move approval of minutes for October 18, 2021 and November 15, 2021 to next month's meeting.

**Committee Reports:** N/A

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Distribution plan for Resource Guides
  - Tom Peluso called the Chronicle and asked about printing, an order hasn't been placed. Perrin Lundgren will place this order when they're ready. Tom then outlined what they have done in the past with distributing this but he had no current plans on how to do it this year. In the past we have handed out boxes for distribution to places like the hospital. The Sheriff's Office also hands them out at their CIT Academy and it is available online. The VA Clinic would be another place to hand out the resource guides. Tom Peluso also brought up the idea of putting a resource in the guide about eating disorder information.
- Start Planning May Mental Health Awareness Month
  - They could possibly do a walk of some sort. Tom will send Brea a schedule of what they have done in the past. The Warming Center is planning on doing a garden this year, they could possibly do a seed planting in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month. Brea suggested making up a committee that could head this.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Open Positions-

- o Children's Services position has one opening, two vacant Consumer/Family positions, the Health Dept. position was officially filled by Lori Christenson, and there is an open spot for Bozeman Health.
- Public Comment
  - o Edward Szczypinski wondered if Brea has reached out to Youth Dynamics regarding Children's Service Position.
  - o Tom has been in contact with the new behavioral health contact, he would like to be more involved in what is going on in the State and the community regarding mental health. Tom will send out a link to a toolkit available online for other local Mental Health Local Advisory Councils to make them better.
  - o Commissioner Brown asked about the goals of the MHLAC and how they work with other committees in the area, there is currently a lot of overlap between the groups. How can we engage better with these groups? Jay Getten spoke about his experiences with Community Health Partners and how it has been a huge challenge. Breanna would like to talk more about this at next month's meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

**Next Meeting: February 14, 2022**

**Account Balance Currently: \$11,448.18 as of 10/18/2021**