



MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes – January 27, 2020

Welcome and Introductions: Commissioner Skinner called the meeting to order, and introductions were made around the room.

Approval of Minutes for October 21, November 18, and December 16, 2019: No Quorum

Old Business:

- Legislative Meeting in May: Ms. Asserson said this is a useful way to continue this communication, and dates are being discussed for this meeting. Mr. Peluso stated the LAC has developed their own priorities, and will be sending these out prior to this meeting.

New Business:

- Angela Maria Feliciano of Collaborative Mental Health shared the current work happening to address domestic violence with the county. She is the only Spanish Speaking LCSW representative in Montana. Her experience includes Forensic social work since 1999, legal aid with juvenile rights division for 10 years, working inside detention center as the first mental health clinician. Her website collabmh.com helps to facilitate court ordered anger management for domestic violence offenders in an all group forum. Anger management is not covered by most insurances. Payment plans and packages are being worked out, grants and scholarships may be offered in the future. Board of Crime Control certification is required to receive any state funding.

Reports:

- Criminal Justice: Ms. Lower stated that CIT will be held on February 10-14, 2020.
- Co-Occurring Disorders: Ms. Johnson provided an update on what was discussed December 12, 2019 with Lander Cooney from Community Health Partners. (Attached)
- Communities that Care (needed): Mr. Sypinski stated there are members that would like to be on this committee and he would be willing to chair.
- Legislative: Please refer to comments made earlier in the meeting. Ms. Jamison stated that Friday, May 22nd, 2020 was the most popular date to hold this meeting. Other possible dates are May 1st, 19th or 20th, and will be held at the Fork & Spoon Restaurant in Bozeman. The Elevating Behavioral Health group will help with invitations and preparations. Key legislative items will be discussed during the March LAC meeting. Commissioner Skinner voiced his concern that several groups around the County are providing the same services. Mr. Sypinski stated that Communities that Care is trying to have these groups under the same umbrella to prevent duplication of services and service gaps. Ms. Jamison will take this question on redundancy to the EBH committee for consideration on the agenda for their next meeting. She also stated that the LAC is the

overarching group to have the umbrella over all the other groups, and should remain in place to continue this support. EBH is a smaller group that is able to focus and dig in to specific issues. She does not see any overlapping services between the EBH and LAC. Voting members of the LAC should be attending the EBH meetings as representatives. Meetings are held every 2nd Thursday at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital.

Announcements:

RENEW Work Shop for Stress Reduction will be held Wednesday January 29, 2020 at The Baxter Ballroom, and February 5th, 2020 at Livingston Health Care.

Mr. Gale said the Veterans' Alliance is at the Bozeman Public Library for Community Connect 2020, and the Open Door meetings. YMCA offers free memberships to families of deployed armed forces.

Man Therapy Campaign signed a license with GRIT for advertisement and marketing strategy. Help is being requested for decisions for demographics, and how to reach out to first responders and law enforcement. Please contact Kevin Bueling on how to coordinate this campaign for mantherapy.com.

Ms. Kaufmann stated that Addictive and Mental Disorders Division Program Manager Jami Hanson will be attending the March meeting to discuss Supported Employment, First Episode Psychosis (FEP) EPIC Montana, SOAR, and Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness Program (PATH).

Ms. Basta stated that Pints for Purpose is held every Monday at Bridger Brewing.

Next Meeting: February 24, 2020