



**MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**Meeting Minutes – June 15, 2020**

**Voting Members Present: Susan Gregory, Shirley Kaufman, Tom Peluso, Shelly Johnson, Joe Skinner, I HO Pomeroy, Chelsey Pengra, Breanna Hume**

**Voting Members Absent: Shirley Kaufman, Molly Basta, Michael Foust, Vickie Groeneweg, Matt Kelley, Cyndi Schoep, Dani Stack, Dezei Rochin, Amanda Fahlstrom, Geary Zale, Perrin Lundgren**

**Non-Voting Members Present: Frank Seitz, Betsy Asserson, Jessica Ruiz**

**Welcome and Introductions:**

Ms. Hume called the meeting to order, and introductions were made.

**Old Business:**

There are two vacancies currently. Applications should be considered, and encourage people to attend meetings.

Ms. Hume's term for Chair is ending this month. Please submit nominations, or choose to re-nominate Ms. Hume before the next meeting.

Resource Guides committee: Ms. Johnson reported that one side of the brochure is complete.

Mr. Peluso reported that a meeting with service area authorities held a discussion to have LAC give a list of services in the community for internal information, and published locally. This would be significantly more detailed than the current resource guide. Mr. Seitz voiced his concern about not having this information readily available. Commissioner Skinner agrees with Mr. Peluso and should consider this as a committee for the betterment of the services we provide. He suggested contracting this out to a third party. List of people who provide services, what, when, how, availability for new patients. The resource guide can be a starting point, and talk with 2-1-1 to see who they have. Ms. Pomeroy explained that we are a private organization, and the City Commission or County Commission do not have anything to do with this budget. Ms. Hume said that the MHLAC board members do not have the time to dedicate to this project, and it may take quite a bit longer to gather all of this information. Mr. Peluso restated that during a meeting with AMDD and the service authority, discussion resulted in a request from each service authority for a list of services that are provided to

determine what gaps there are. He suggested one or two members form a committee via phone and make a questionnaire list, for name, phone number, and what services are provided, then sending these to everyone who comes to our meetings. We should be doing this as an LAC. This will be sent via email to the LAC group, asking for participants on the committee. Ms. Pengra offered to help in her free time, but may not be available for the whole project. Mr. Peluso will check with AMDD for a list of questions.

#### **New Business:**

Ms. Kaufman reported that the CSAA is working with AMDD to have five divisions in Montana, with Gallatin County will have a relationship with Madison and Silver Bow Counties. There is a list of reports that was sent out by staff, unfortunately, turnover has prevented this from being sent out. The last CSAA meeting held a vote to not continue with mini grants, and distributed on what the LAC's are doing in their areas. This information is extremely important. Ms. Hume will go through the shared drive for the email list, and then will contact the correct parties.

Approval of minutes tabled until the August meeting.

Next Meeting will be August 17, 2020.