



## **MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

### **Meeting Minutes – October 19, 2020**

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Voting Members Present:** Shirley Kaufman, Molly Basta, Tom Peluso, Joe Skinner, I Ho Pomeroy, Chelsey Pengra, Andrea Lower, Breanna Hume, Dezei Rochin, Geary Zale, Perrin Lundgren

**Non-Voting Members Present:** Rebecca Adams, Jessica Ruiz, Rowen Schuler, Bradley Hickock, Haley Ferland, Bekki McLean, Maureen Womack, Cola Rowely

**Voting Members Absent:** Susan Gregory, Michael Foust, Vickie Groeneweg, Shelly Johnson, Matt Kelley, Cyndi Shoep, Dani Stack, Amanda Fahlstrom

**Staff:** Sarah Gracey

**Welcome and Introductions:** Ms. Hume started introductions, and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes for:** Commissioner Skinner moved to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Kaufman seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Consumer/Family Open: No applications have been received for this position.

CHP Position Open: No applications have been received for this position.

Ms. Hume will email the language for amending the bylaws to include a Detention Center position, and Ms. Gracey will send a legal request to the county attorney for review. Brad Hickok and Chelsea Pengra will submit applications at the time of approval of these new bylaws.

**Resource Guide:**

Ms. Lundgren reviewed the resource guide and verified that the information was current. She included the information from COVID, and is waiting to hear from Ms. Jamison. Mr. Zale will receive an invoice for translation into Spanish once ready. Mr. Peluso said AMDD would print and translate. Ms. Hume is unsure of this arrangement, and will reach out to the committee for confirmation.

**Provider List for AMDD:**

Mr. Peluso did some research, and namimt.org has information in the index listed by county for all kinds of mental health resources.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Day Shelter for this winter, how can we support:**

Ms. Hume said the Downtown Bozeman Partnership is working to address the concern for the homeless population struggling with mental health. This warrants out attention for advocacy. The Salvation Army will be able to help, and if someone from our group could reach out to them to offer help with day shelter during the cold months. Our account

balance has increased from a donation from CSAA, \$6,948 is the current balance. Ms. Pomeroy agrees with this project. The Warming Center opens November 1, 2020. People are already in need for shelter. Ms. Lundgren said the Salvation Army has closed the Thrift Store, but are still available via phone. She will confirm the breakfast and sack lunch program. Ms. Kaufman reported Lewis & Clark LAC were going to use a County Fairgrounds building to house homeless through the winter. This may prove difficult during COVID. Commissioner Skinner said the using the Fairgrounds buildings is not possible at this time. Ms. Rowley added that the facilities do not have bathrooms that would accommodate adequate housing of this type. Ms. Lundgren said there is a new warming facility opening on Wheat Drive, and they may be trying to open sooner than later for all day services during the colder months. Ms. Hume said there is a sub-committee with Bozeman Downtown, Bozeman Public Library, and the HRDC to discuss this. The day shelter is very much in need. Ms. Kaufman said Jamie Hansen with AMDD has to spend money by the end of December, and they would provide money for a day shelter or for the Fork and Spoon to stay open. Mr. Peluso said there is \$147,000 available to spend that was originally for PATH, and we could possibly access this. HRDC could use this for all of these projects. Ms. Hume will ask Ms. Gregory who is on this committee, communicate this information, and who can reach out to the Salvation Army. Commissioner Skinner said the HRDC is already working on this and someone should put in a joint application for this money. This should be done quickly, and not just put in an application without a plan. Ms. Hume supports this. Ms. Pengra has a contact with the HRDC and Fork and Spoon and can connect with Ms. Kaufman to have this done by Friday. Ms. Hume will be available to support in any way. Ms. Kaufman will represent the CSAA and Ms. Hums and Ms. Pengra will represent the LAC. Commissioner Skinner made a motion to direct the LAC to work with the HRDC and Fork and Spoon to get and application into the CSAA by Friday. Ms. Pomeroy seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

#### Reports:

No Reports Submitted

#### Short Announcements or Updates:

Ms. Kaufman emailed about the peer network group regarding the peer support groups and would like to present this to the LAC. They will be on the next meeting. Ms. Lower informed the group that the Behavior Health Advisory Committee will meet November 12<sup>th</sup>, and she will provide the information for this meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

**Next Meeting: November 16, 2020**  
**Account Balance Currently: \$584.79**