



**MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**Meeting Minutes – December 14, 2020**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Voting Members Present:** Susan Gregory, Joe Skinner, Andrea Lower, Breanna Hume, Geary Zale, Perrin Lundgren, Cyndi Schoep

**Non-Voting Members Present:** Rebecca Adams, Edward Sypinski, Jessica Ruiz, Neil Beddow, Eleanor Wend

**Voting Members Absent:** Shirley Kaufman, Molly Basta, Tom Peluso, Michael Foust, Vickie Groeneweg, Shelly Johnson, Matt Kelley, I Ho Pomeroy, Chelsey Pengra, Dani Stack, Dezei Rochin, Amanda Fahlstrom

**Staff:** Sarah Gracey

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

**Approval of Minutes for:** There was no quorum, minutes approval moved to next meeting.

**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.

**Resource Guide:**

Ms. Lundgren sent all information to Ms. Jamison for the resource guide. Ms. Hume will check with her on the progress of the printing.

**Provider List for AMDD:**

Mr. Peluso emailed the list from AMDD.

**Winter Shelter/ Funding Support:**

Ms. Adams said that Ms. Pomeroy asked the LAC submit a letter to the City, and she spoke with the HRDC Director to use COVID funds for homeless housing. The new shelter is open this week. An application was submitted to the CSAA for this funding. Ms. Gregory said the City of Bozeman has funds reimbursed, and a portion is earmarked for social service agencies for day/night shelter. Mr. Sypinski will report with more information. There is a

service to honor the homeless that have passed away on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at the Bozeman Public Library.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Presentation on Music's role in recovery by Neil Beddow, Under the Umbrella. Mr. Beddow created this music as a way to work through addiction and depression. He has given 100 copies of this album to different agencies in the area to help anyone in need. Information for this album can be found at "Under the Umbrella" [neil.theguradio.com](http://neil.theguradio.com).

### **Reports:**

**Communities that Care** (Edward Sypinski) There will be a presentation on community mapping and social strategy next year.

**Legislative** (Tom Peluso/Michael Foust) Tom Peluso and Michael Foust will head the legislative committee. This will be addressed next month. Ms. Adams can go to the United Way office to help put the packets together.

Meeting adjourned.

**Next Meeting:** January 11, 2020 (our normal 3rd Monday is Martin Luther King Day)

**Account Balance Currently: To Be Updated**