



MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes – June 10th 2019

Voting Members Present: Nancy Filbin, Shirley Kaufman, Molly Basta, Tom Peluso, Lori Reynolds, Shelly Johnson, Joe Skinner, I-Ho Pomeroy, Chelsey Pengra, Hannah Wilson, Andrea Lower, Breanna Hume

Non-Voting Members present: Rebecca Adams, Rick Gale, Danica Jamison, Betsy Asserson, Rowen Schuler, Jessica Ruiz, Denise Albrecht, Dave Wysoski, Birgen Knoff, Jim Thadow, Dezri Rochin

Voting Members Absent: Susan Gregory, Alicia Smith, Michael Foust, Matt Kelley, Vickie Groeneweg, Shelly Johnson, Cyndi Schoep, Chelsey Voegle

Staff: Stephene Kamerman

Welcome and Introductions: Ms. Hume called the meeting to order, calling for introductions around the room.

Approval of Minutes for May 13th 8, 2019: Ms. Basta moved to approve. Ms. Pengra moved to prove. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Old Business

- a. Resource Guide Update: Ms. Filbin announced that the resource guides are being distributed throughout the county. Many board members reported that they had not received the insert yesterday. Ms. Jameson stated that she and Ms. Filbin will enquire with the chronicle and report back.

New Business

- a. Presentation by Mr. Sypinski, who was not able to attend today's meeting.

Committees

- Criminal Justice: Ms. Lower stated that they met about the white cards last month. They are still not distributed at this time. Looking for central locations for disbursements. Discussion continued regarding the initial discussions for distribution. Mr. Peluso reminded the group of the goal of distribution to end in people's hands.
- Co-Occurring: Ms. Johnson will be setting up a meeting with Gayla soon.
- Children & Family: Ms. Voegle is not here today, but the next Children and family meeting will be June 24th at noon at the Youth Dynamics building.
- Education & Family: Ms. Reynolds stated that the Family and friends seminar went well. There will be a meeting after this meeting. July 14th there will be a seminar at the library. There will also be an ASIST workshop on July 15th & 16th. This is a grant funded workshop with CBU's available.
- Legislative: Ms. Adams enquired regarding the "189" money that may be still available when people are discharged. Mr. Peluso stated that the funds were supposed to be used for room

and board at group homes. Ms. Reynolds stated that her son received money when he was released. Mr. Peluso will check on this fund for future feedback. Mr. Peluso stated that there is not much new to discuss with Legislation. Ms. Hume stated that DPHHS are trying to decrease targeted case management rate to the same as it was last year. They were sued for it. Ms. Johnson stated that there is a meeting in Helena regarding the rates on Thursday if anyone would like to go testify. Ms. Jamison suggested a letter be written on behalf of the LAC for Ms. Johnson to read or distribute. Ms. Hume requested someone step up to write the letter. She will gladly proof the letter. Mr. Peluso requested that someone get some information that could be endorsed by the LAC. Ms. Adams reflected the work completed by Disability Rights Montana may be helpful.

Public Comment

- Ms. Kamerman stated that the agenda will not be handed out in paper form, but will be available on a screen in the future.
- Ms. Jameson stated that they have received a grant for the next two years for education about stigma and mental health. They are looking for a grant vista to encourage the program.

Short Announcements

- Mr. Gale stated that tomorrow is a Veteran's Treatment Court Graduation at the Law & Justice Center.
- Mr. Peluso distributed a powerpoint and video that he would like to have presented at a meeting sometime this summer.
- CSAA will be having a congress in June 21st in Helena. A Flyer was distributed.
- Commissioner Skinner stated that Greater Impact is hosting a Community Outreach meeting for discussions on how to restore the Women's Recovery House.

Next Meeting: July 8, 2019