



**MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**Meeting Minutes – August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Voting Members Present:** Breanna Hume, Erin Taylor, Linda Gabel, Perrin Lundrgren, Tom Peluso, Commissioner Zach Brown, Nicole Madden, Geary Zale

**Non-Voting Members Present:** Ellie Martin,

**Voting Members Absent:** Andrea Lower, Bekki McLean, Dezri Rochin, Jay Getten, Lori Christenson, Robyn Carr, Russ McKenna, Susan Gregory, Melaney Swenson

**Staff:** Harlee Lynch

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**Welcome and Introductions:** Breanna Hume welcomed everyone to the meeting and made introductions.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Nominations for Chair, discussion on navigating no current nominations

- Willingness to serve as Vice Chair

There are no current nominations for Chair. Commissioner Brown will step in as the Interim Chair for the time being. Commissioner Brown spoke about some of his goals while he sits as interim chair and wanted to collaborate with the group on what this group wants to be. How does the LAC fit in with the other community groups? Information sharing, consumer collaboration, supporting community efforts. Rick says he comes to these meetings to learn about things going on in the community, services available and share with groups he is involved in outside of this. Breanna says engagement has fallen off specifically during Covid. Ellie Martin talked about her experiences with the LAC, she has been attending meetings as a guest for almost ten years. Greater collaboration and clear definitions for LAC activities, reasonable actionable activities for attending members to contribute to. Tom spoke about his history on the LAC, which started in 2003. Tom thinks we should reach out to previous leadership and see if they would be interested in coming back to work with the group again. Linda thinks this is an opportune time to gain momentum and work collaboratively with GBHC, because eventually grant funding for the GBHC may go away and then what are we left with? Commissioner Brown spoke about the Counties goal for continued coordination work when Kirsten Smith's position is no longer funded. Ellie Martin is willing to commit to organizing the group more and getting further collaboration, but she does need to become a voting member to do so. Tom thinks we should consider giving a stipend to a chair, he doesn't believe having Commissioner Brown facilitate the group is a good option. Ellie thinks there is an opportunity here for organizations to participate and send staff while receiving a yearly stipend. Tom thinks that we need to have members participating in a work group outside of these monthly meeting.

- Round table planning for upcoming months

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **VOTE:** Mini-grant application for GGUW/GBHC, request of \$4,000 for Mental Health Education and Awareness Campaign: Healthy

Getting ready to launch this campaign within the next month, also received a grant from CSAA and they are continuing to fundraise from other sources. Endorser, stakeholder willing to distribute materials, advocate within organizations and share information. Participate as the group can. Gallatin county communities that care Edward will share on those pages.

- Review of Final Draft of Resource Guide
- Open Positions
  - Updates
- Approval of Minutes: July
  - Not enough members for a quorum, will have to vote on this next month.
- Reports- No reports submitted
- Public Comment/Short Announcements or Updates (1-2 minutes)
  - County currently has an open RFP for MH Services that we are involved in including related services such as a Mobile Crisis Service.
  - Two free workshops, this week 12-2 Wednesday toxic stress resilience, then Thursday 12-1 a well-being in the face of overwhelm, offered on behalf of GGUW.
  - 23<sup>rd</sup> of Sept, CSAA annual congress. All members are welcome to attend in Helena, or via Zoom. The CSAA will send an invitation out and inviting all members who cannot attend to attend a lunch.

**Next Meeting: September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Account Balance Currently: \$8,848.18 at last check, update to come once NAMI Treasurer is back in town.**