



MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes – July 18th, 2022

IN ATTENDANCE:

Voting Members Present: Andrea Lower, Breanna Hume, Linda Gabel, Perrin Lundgren, Susan Gregory, Tom Peluso, Commissioner Zach Brown, Melaney Swenson, Nicole Madden

Non-Voting Members Present: Ellie Martin, Melissa Helton, Rick Gale, Rowen Schuler, Guest- John Kudrna, Guest- Kirsten Smith

Voting Members Absent: Bekki McLean, Dezri Rochin, Geary Zale, Jay Getten, Lori Christenson, Molly Basta, Robyn Carr, Russ McKenna

Staff: Harlee Lynch

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

NEW BUSINESS:

o Nominations for Chair

Brea will send an email to any interested member detailing the LAC Chair duties. She also spoke about the duties of the Vice Chair. Ellie Martin was nominated for both the Chair and Vice Chair positions. She is currently a non-voting member and would need to apply for an open position on the LAC if she would like to be considered. She is not sure this is something she is open to right now, but she will think about it. Linda Gabel was nominated by Commissioner Brown for Chair.

Linda spoke about her background in Mental Health and why she would like to be considered for Chair.

Commissioner Zach Brown moves to nominate Linda Gabel as the next Chair, Andrea Lower seconds the motion.

An official vote for Chair and Vice Chair will take place at next month's LAC Meeting.

o Willingness to serve as Vice Chair

o Connections presentation- postponed

Connections was going to present on a Crisis Receiving Center, but the County is now moving towards an RFP process for these services. Commissioner Brown spoke more about the RFP process. Ellie Martin offered to help communicate more about the RFP to the community. Tom shared that NAMI is in support of the County doing an RFP for these services. Kirsten Smith then spoke about the

three Crisis Now Components that the BHC is working on implementing in the community. Tom also shared about the CCBHC.

OLD BUSINESS:

- o **VOTE:** Mini-grant application for HRDC Community Garden creation and planting on 5/22/22, total cost \$2,295.86 for all materials, request for some support for supplies from John Kudrna

John didn't get the total number of expenses from his supervisor, but it was closer to \$1,000 than the original number.

Commissioner Brown moves to approve the MiniGrant for the HRDC Community Garden Project of up to \$1,500, pending material receipts of funding. Susan Gregory Seconds. Motion carried.

- o Approval of Final Draft of Resource Guide

There is not a final draft of the Resource Guide yet, but United Way has a team available to work on this draft further. She believes she will have a final draft for approval by the August LAC Meeting. She did submit for a MiniGrant, she will talk more about this next month. Tom will connect with Ellie after the meeting to speak more about the Resource Guides.

- o Open Positions
 - Welcome to Nicole Madden with Bozeman Health!
 - Updates to come
- Approval of Minutes for: April, May, and June

Commissioner Brown moves to approve the April, May, and June meeting minutes. Tom Peluso seconds. Motion carried.

- Reports- No reports submitted
- Public Comment/Short Announcements or Updates (1-2 minutes)
 - Tom requested that the group also nominate a representative from this group for the CSAA.
 - Tom mentioned again that the CSAA is offering MiniGrants. They must be Mental Health related or community issues relating to Mental Health.
 - Perrin Lundgren spoke more about 988 implementations. Kirsten elaborated on this and stated that geolocation does not exist currently for 988, so it is helpful to call 211 if a person has an out of state number.
 - Rick Gale spoke about the launch of the Gallatin Valley Communities that Care website, this group is modeled around research that focuses on risk and protective factors impacting youth behavior and health.

Next Meeting: August 15, 2022

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