



MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes – May 17, 2021

IN ATTENDANCE:

Voting Members Present: Breanna Hume- Chair, Joe Skinner,

Non-Voting Members Present: Bekki McLean, Bradley Hickok, Erin Taylor, Edward Sypinski, Jessica Ruiz, Rebecca Adams, Rowen Schuler, Linda Gable

Voting Members Absent: Andrea Lower, Dezei Rochin, Perrin Lundgren, Shelly Johnson

Staff: Pamela Lammey

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

**Approval of Minutes for:** Tabled approval of April Minutes to the June 21, 2021 meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

#### NEW BUSINESS

- **MAY MENTAL HEALTH MONTH – WHAT EVENTS ARE HAPPENING THE LAST COUPLE WEEKS.**

Any events coming up – Brad Hickok – There will be a notification for Theresa Williams will be doing a mental health aid workshop. This will be a Gallatin County Sheriff's office event. May 24 and 25<sup>th</sup>. Please email [Brad.hickok@gallatin.mt.gov](mailto:Brad.hickok@gallatin.mt.gov) if you would be interested in a spot in the workshop.

Perrin Lungren doesn't know of any events at the Help Center. She is recruiting volunteers for the hotline. There are applications on her website. It does have an intense training. The help center answers three different hotlines. There are two days of training and call center training. Then another 22-24 hours of training to speak with people with suicide ideations.

The library isn't having any activities. Breanna Hume touched on what the hospital is doing, but no events. The ER at the hospital will have a point of contact with the Sheriff's office.

- Open positions on the Board is a Consumer/Family and CHP position.  
Linda Gabel has been appointed as the consumer/family voting member on May 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Resource Guide
  - Progress Update – Providence would like to be in the resource guide. Perrin checked and Providence is included in the Resource Guide.
- Follow up on April's discussion for engagement

The discussion last month was an amazing discussion. Does anyone have any additional items to work on this summer? Any thoughts on projects for the summer.

Rebecca Adams received three emails from Tom – she has forwarded the emails to Brea.

Dezri – how is the men's mental health being promoted? She thinks it would be awesome to promote. Danika was working on it. Brea thought it was called Man Therapy.

- We will be getting a 1% increase for Medicaid. Will there be an additional push for more funding from the State? Shelly said they had talked about the Heart Fund. The Heart Fund is for substance abuse instead of mental health. Marijuana funds – there was talk about money going towards substance abuse and mental health.
- HB701 – the bill does cover the Heart Fund. It is a lengthy bill. It does cover the tax funding which would go to CIT in Montana. There is a gap and it goes into effect in 2022. Then in one year from that the funding would start.
- Updates from Andrea Lower – the block grants have to be returned for more data. One contract deadline is the hospital's response for the grant is May 31<sup>st</sup>. She will send an email with more information.
- Public Comment or Short Announcements- not at this time
- Agenda items for June?

Meeting adjourned.