MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes – May 14th 2018

Voting Members Present: Nancy Filbin, Susan Gregory, Shirley Kaufman, Deborah McAtee, Tom Peluso, Lori Reynolds, Vickie Groeneweg, Matt Kelley, Commissioner Joe Skinner, Chelsey Voegele, Andrea Lower, Katelyn McAree, Michael Foust, Chelsey Pengra

Non-Voting Members present: Rick Gale, Dan Aune, Edward Sypinski, Betsy Asserson, Christopher Coburn, Chad Berg, Jessica Seekins, Jim Korth, Dave Wysoski, Jenna Rhoads, Denise Albrecht, Angela Lehr, Jenn Walker, Angela Maria Feliciano, Paul Meyer, Kathryn Houghton

Guests from AMDD: Zoe Barnard, Christie Twardoski, Erin Ducharme

Voting Members Absent: Dr. Donna Kelsch, Renee McClendon, Betty Stroock, Shelley Johnson, Commissioner l Ho Pomeroy, Breanna Hume

Staff: Stephene Kamerman

Chair McAtee called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM.

Approval of Minutes for April 9th: Ms. Reynolds suggested an edit to the Friends and Family Seminar. Chair McAtee will email the information to Ms. Kamerman. The minutes were motioned and seconded. All voted aye, pending the adjustment.

Announcements:

a. Veteran’s Treatment Court Bingo will be hosted at the American Legion in Bozeman

b. Mental Health Awareness Month is bringing several events to Bozeman. Stomp out the Stigma will be at 11:00 AM on May 19th at the Backcountry Burger Bar. The Rialto is hosting a film at 6:00 PM on Sunday for $5.

c. A Prescription Drug Takeback Box will be installed on Campus at the MSU Police through a donation. The Highland Pharmacy will also be accepting unused prescription medications.

d. NAMI is hosting a “Friends and Family Seminar” at the library on May 20th. Mr. Peluso also has information on a 10-week course for anyone interested.

e. A public Medicaid presentation will be hosted at the library at 2:00 PM today, followed by a discussion about suicide at 4 PM.

OLD BUSINESS

a. none
**NEW BUSINESS**

a. Medicaid Presentation – Ms. Twardoski and Ms. Ducharme talked about eligibility for Medicaid. DPHHS recently closed 19 offices, but some services can be accessed through their website or via phone. Questions from the audience included how the cost of living affects the recipients. The state does not take the cost of living of specific areas into effect. Ms. Ducharme continued to explain other benefits and grant opportunities for citizens that require more services than what they are currently eligible for. Discussion continued regarding the options available for keeping patients in town as opposed to them seeking care outside of the Gallatin Valley. Ms. Ducharme encouraged the group to consider proceeding with a Communities that Care model, which is an evidence-based model for community engagement.

b. Zoe Bernard, Administrator, Addictive and Mental Disorders Division, presented information on Medicaid, block grants, and waivers. See the attached PowerPoint slides.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05

*Next Meeting: June 11, 2018*
MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
May 14, 2018

12:00 – 1:00 PM
Gallatin County Courthouse Community Room

AGENDA
1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public Comment 12:05
3. Approval of Minutes: April 9, 2018
4. Short Announcements or Updates (1-2 minutes)
   a. Public presentation on Medicaid at 2pm today, with Zoe Bernard (AMDD) and Paul Meyer (WMMHC)
5. Old Business 12:10
6. New Business 12:15
   a. Medicaid presentation - Zoe Bernard and others from AMDD

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Announcements
LAC checking account balance for April 1: $2,296.56. A check for $560 was written to GMHC for the Stomp Out Stigma t-shirts.

The link to the LAC calendar is https://calendar.google.com/calendar?cid=Z2FsbfjxW5sYWNAAZ21haWwuY2gt.
If you have events related to mental health, please invite gallatinlac@gmail.com so they go on this calendar. If you’re not sure, invite anyway and I’ll look at it.

By-laws
Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of the MHLAC is to assist, in a manner it determines to be most productive, in strengthening public mental health services in the Gallatin County and to provide input and recommendations to MHOAC, DPHHS and the Service Area Authority (SAA) serving the community.

Section 2. Objectives. Specific objectives include some or all of the following related to public mental health services:

a) Examine gaps in child and adult services.
b) Identify potential additions to services within the community.
c) Analyze and discuss local problems with local service providers, advocacy groups, public officials and the general public.
d) Facilitate accurate and timely communications between the local community and MHOAC, DPHHS and the regional SAA.
e) Assess the effectiveness of local mental health services and suggest ways of making services more effective.
f) Serve as a catalyst and facilitator in solving local mental health service problems.
g) Organize and coordinate needed services in the community.
h) Educate the local community on mental health issues.
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**May 14, 2018**  
12:00 – 1:00 PM  
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How to apply

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (TANF)
- Supplemental Nutritional Assistance program (SNAP)
- Medicaid
How can someone apply for Public Assistance?
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
TANF Cash Assistance

- TANF Cash offers a monthly benefit for parents of minor child(ren) who reside in the home, or
- Caretaker relatives related with in the 5th degree of kinship to the minor child(ren) for whom they are caring for, such as; grandparents, aunts and uncles, etc. This commonly referred to as a "Child Only Grant" or a "Granny Grant".

Provides a temporary monthly cash benefit to help meet a families ongoing basic needs.
Who is eligible for TANF?

All applicants for TANF must meet all Financial and Non-financial eligibility including; a minor child related within the 5th degree of kinship residing in the home.
Financial Eligibility – Income

TANF Cash Assistance = 30% of the 2011 Federal Poverty Level.
A family of 3 with no earned or unearned income in the month may be eligible for a cash benefit of $588 per month.

Child only cases may be eligible for an additional $50 per child per month.
Financial Criteria

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Financial Eligibility – Examples

**TANF Cash Example:** Sally and her two minor children apply for TANF Cash. Mom has no earned or unearned income. This household is eligible for a $588 monthly TANF Cash benefit.

**Child Only Example:** Jane is caring for her two minor grandchildren. Jane applies for TANF and is approved for a Child only grant for both grandchildren (household size of 2) and is eligible for $467 per month, as the grandchildren have no earned or unearned income.

Jane could choose to be included in the Child only grant and receive a cash benefit for herself, but her income would be counted in the eligibility and benefit calculations.
Financial Eligibility - Resources

- TANF Cash = $3,000
- Vehicle with the highest value is excluded
- Home you reside in is excluded
Non-Financial Criteria

- Citizenship or qualified alien
- Montana Resident
- Social Security Number for all household members
- Minor Child living with a specified relative who is within the 5th degree of kinship or be in last trimester of pregnancy
- Comply with Child Support Enforcement and complete Form HCS-332
- Compliance with E&T activities if determined work eligible for TANF Cash
- Not used 60 months of TANF for Cash
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TANF Payment Selection

- **Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card.** An EBT card looks and works much like a debit card.
- **Warrant.** Warrants are checks that are issued and mailed to the mailing address. This may take 5-7 days to receive.
- **Direct Deposit:** Clients can sign up to have funds directly deposited into their checking or savings accounts. Effective 28 days after information is entered into the states system.

TANF cash can be issued by:
TANF Emergency Assistance

Emergency Assistance provides financial assistance on behalf of families with children under the age on 21 when an unforeseen event has occurred which may cause the destitution of the child or a situation which Child and Family services has identified as involving abuse or neglect of a child.

- Destitution means a child will go without a basic need such as housing, food, clothing, etc.
- Families are eligible once every 12 months
- No income or resource limits
The emergency must have been unforeseen and the assistance must end the emergency and not prolong the inevitable.

Example: The family has one vehicle. Bill is employed, while Shelly cares for their two young children. The transmission needs replaced and with out a car, Bill will lose his job, and they will not be able to meet their basic needs; i.e. Rent, utilities, food, etc. By helping replace the transmission, Bill will keep his job ending the emergency and preventing destitution of the children.
MONTANA SNAP PROGRAM

The mission of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is to provide supplemental food and nutrition assistance to low income people. SNAP recipients use EBT cards, which are similar to debit cards, to purchase food in authorized retail stores.
Who should apply for SNAP?

Everyone who wants to apply has the right to apply and should be encouraged to apply.

The application process includes filing and completing an application, being interviewed, and having certain information verified. Income, shelter expense, and utility type are verified and the eligibility worker will assist in this process.

An application can be submitted with just name, address (or homeless), and signature and the remainder of the application will be completed with an eligibility worker in the interview.

*This protects the date of application which is the date from which benefits could be provided.

If an applicant has an immediate need for food assistance and meets criteria they may be eligible for expedited benefits and will receive these no later than 7 days from date of application.
Criteria for Expedited SNAP Benefits

All applications are screened to determine if the applicant is eligible to receive benefits within 7 days of the application date (expedited). The following is the criteria:

- Households with less than $150 in monthly gross income and $100 or less in liquid resources; OR,
- Migrant or seasonal farm worker households with $100 or less in liquid resources; OR,
- Households with a combined monthly gross income and liquid resources less than the household’s monthly rent (or mortgage) and the utility allowance.

An interview is still required before benefits can be issued but verifications, other than identify, can be postponed for a period of time.
Financial Criteria

Income, some expenses, and standard deductions determine eligibility. The following is an example of household sizes, the highest gross monthly income limit, and the maximum benefit available to the household:

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There are no resource limits except in very limited circumstances.
Non-Financial Criteria

- Individuals who wish to be included must be U.S. citizens or legal aliens.
- Individual members who wish to be included must provide or apply for a social security number.
- Work Registration is required for non-exempt individuals and the requirement is accomplished with just one responsible adult signing the application or re-certification form.
- Employment and Training program participation is voluntary.
- Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents might be restricted to 3 months of benefits in a 3 year period unless they are working or meet an exemption.
- Students may be eligible if they meet criteria.
Processing Timeframes

Expedited applications are processed so benefits, if eligible, are available, 7 days from the application date.

Non-expedited applications are processed as soon as possible but no later than 30 days from the application date.

These processing timeframes can be longer if the household does not provide information needed and requested. If an applicants requires assistance with providing information/documentation, eligibility staff must assist them.
Medicaid
Montana Medicaid Program

Medicaid is a joint federal and state program that helps with medical costs for people with limited income and resources.

Medicaid is the largest source of funding for medical and health-related services for America’s poorest people.

Individuals eligible for Medicaid in Montana may not be eligible in another state and vice versa.

Everyone should apply for Medicaid coverage.
Coverage Groups

Affordable Care Act Programs
- Children ages 0-18
- Pregnant Women
- Parents/Caretaker Relatives
- Adults ages 19-64 (Medicaid Expansion)

Aged, Blind, and Disabled Programs
- Age 65 or older
- Blind according to Social Security criteria
- Disabled according to Social Security criteria
- Medicaid Worker's with Disabilities
- Medicare Savings Programs

Family Programs
- Individual's diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer and receiving treatment
- Foster Care
- Subsidized Adoption
MEDICAID EXPANSION

✓ Adults, ages 19-64
✓ Incomes 0-138% FPL
✓ Montana residents
✓ US Citizen or documented, qualified alien
✓ Not incarcerated
✓ Not eligible or enrolled in Medicare

HELP Plan
Administered by Conduent

- Individuals with 51-138% FPL
- Subject to copayments and premiums
- Unless exempt by federal law

Standard Medicaid

- Individuals under 50% FPL
- Individuals determined to be medically frail
- American Indians/Alaska Natives (exempt from copayment)
- Individuals who live in a geographical area with insufficient health care providers
- Individuals in need of continuity of care that would not be available or cost-effective through the TPA
- Not subject to premiums
- Subject to copayments unless exempt by federal law
**Presumptive Medicaid**

Presumptive eligibility (PE) allows eligible individuals to immediately receive Medicaid coverage while a full Medicaid application is processed. PE must be determined by a qualified entity.

**PRESumptive POPulations:**

1. ACA Healthy Montana Kids Plus
2. ACA Healthy Montana Kids
3. ACA Former Foster Care Children
4. ACA Parent/Caretaker Relative
5. ACA Pregnant Woman
6. MBCCTP – Breast and Cervical Cancer
7. ACA Adult Medicaid (Expansion group)
8. Plan First
Presumptive -continued

QUALIFIED ENTITIES:

Only qualified entities (QE), who have received appropriate training and certification can make presumptive eligibility determinations. QEs must be registered Medicaid providers, and include, but are not limited to:

- Public Health Departments
- Qualified Hospitals
- Indian Health Services/Tribal Health Programs

Presumptive training is offered once a month. If you have a training need please contact:

- Kaye Van Gilder at kvangilder@mt.gov or phone 406-731-5768
- Presumptive Website is http://medicaidprovider.mt.gov/presumptiveeligibility
- The next training will be April 11, 2018 from 9am – 11am
What is Needed

- An interview is not required, but one can be requested
- Verification of Citizenship, Identity, or Immigration Status
- Self Attestation/Client Statement is acceptable for most programs
- If additional information is needed, a notice will be sent to the individual
# Financial Criteria

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Resources

No resource test for the ACA Medicaid Programs

There is a resource test for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled Programs
Non-Financial

- Citizenship *
- Immigration Status *
- Identity *
- Income
- Age
- Resources such as bank statement, property deeds, life insurance, annuities, trusts
- Social security numbers must be furnished for each person requesting Medicaid, a copy of the card is not required
- Other necessary information unique to the applicant's situation

For some programs we only require the starred (*) items, the rest is self-attestation or client statement.
How can you help?

- Basic knowledge on the Self Service Portal
  [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ADwEiJA2pSQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ADwEiJA2pSQ)

- How to apply for benefits through the Self Service Portal
  [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HtPFbUqjTos](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HtPFbUqjTos)
Questions?
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