



MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

April 8, 2024

12:00 - 1:30 PM

Gallatin County Courthouse Community Room and Via Zoom

IN ATTENDANCE:

Voting Members Present- Commissioner Zach Brown, Erin Taylor, Ryan Mattson, Andrea Lower, Lori Christenson, Nicole Madden, Roper Green, Yvonne Rudman, Eric Szemes, Tom Peluso, Steve Nash

Non-Voting Members Present- Chad Berg, Rick Gale, Ben Frentsos

Voting Members Absent- Jennifer Madgic, Melaney Swenson, Anthea George, Susan Gregory

Guests- Kirsten Smith

Staff- Mindy Karl

- Call to Order- Erin Taylor welcomed the group.
- Roll Call- Mindy Karl took attendance.
- Approval of Minutes: March 2024 minutes- Erin Taylor approved the minutes as distributed.
- Public Comment:

Rick Gale shared his meeting with veteran's clinic. Picked up new publication ****handout****

Tom Peluso reported planned activities for mental health month. Will report on others via email at a later date.
- Committee Reports and Updates
 - Strategic Planning Committee- Nicole Madden shared the group met last week for about 2 hours to start mapping out the framework for a 3–5-year strategic planning process. They will soon start meeting monthly. Final draft for LAC to review is planned for November and they would like to formalize a vote, so moving in to 2025 they have a solid plan.
 - Membership Committee- NA
 - Accounting- Tom said as of today, the balance is \$1856.47. A grant was submitted and approved for \$2400. The balance in a few weeks should be \$4256.47
 - Central Service Area Authority- Eric shared his screen. Documents attached.

Steve Nash said he would join Eric on the CSAA.

Erin Taylor entertained a motion. Ryan Mattson moved that Steve Nash be added as the secondary member of the CSAA. Nicole Madden seconded the motion. All in favor say aye. Motion carried, unanimously.

- Gallatin Behavior Health Coalition Update- Kirsten Smith shared her screen. Shows the various pathways individuals can connect with mobile crisis services. Gallatin Behavior Health Continuum shared.

Nicole Madden updated the group on in-patient crisis care- still on track, in the permitting part with the city. Staffing plan in draft form. 3 FT

Medical director is starting in June.

- Unfinished Business

- Salons and Saloons Event- Yvonne shared an update with the event. Heavily in the promotion part of the project. Tom Lester has been helping a lot with the distribution of flyers. Ellie has been emailing flyers as well. Ellie and Kirsten did a radio interview. Susan Gregory is meeting with one of her contacts who is in TV.

Kirsten said the agenda starts with thanking and acknowledging what this group is already doing. Then there will be an educational portion and a relationship building portion with someone from the police department.

- New Business

- Downtown Business Association Collaboration- Yvonne went down to meet with them regarding the Salons and Saloons event. They asked if the LAC would be interested in a trade partnership. They will be putting this flyer in their publication. They would publicize the LAC events if we agreed to add the Downtown Business Association to the LAC event materials.

Erin Taylor entertained a motion of adding a logo to the LAC event materials. Commissioner Brown moved to add the logo. Roper Green seconded the motion. All in favor say aye. motion carried, unanimously.

- Announcements- Commissioner Brown shared that it is budget season for the county, and they are having some discussions on a few things the LAC might be interested in. Finalizing the MOU and opioid abatement trust. Likewise, the county is about to hit first full year of marijuana money. They have set the funds aside towards mental health services. They will be having conversation in the next couple of months on how to use those and prioritize what the needs are. Would be happy to get into more detail at the next meeting.

Lori Christenson mentioned recruiting a VISTA. They are continuing to put out a call for the position. Some applicants have shown interest, and she is interviewing them later this week. She will keep the group updated.

- Adjournment

Erin Taylor, Board Chair