



MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

August 12, 2024

12:00 ~ 1:30 PM

Gallatin County Courthouse Community Room and Via Zoom

IN ATTENDANCE:

Voting Members Present- County Commissioner Zach Brown, Ryan Mattson, Nicole Madden, Anthea George, Eric Szemes, Susan Gregory

Non-Voting Members Present- Chad Berg, Rick Gale, Bekki McLean

Voting Members Absent- Erin Taylor, City Commissioner Jennifer Madgic, Andrea Lower, Lori Christenson, Roper Green, Yvonne Rudman, Tom Peluso, Steve Nash

Guests- Cola Rowley, Ellie Martin, Todd Lester, Margaret Kachadurian, Shelby Hall, Lori Shanahan, Raven Yurtal

Staff- Mindy Karl

- Call to Order- Ryan Mattson called the meeting to order.
- Roll Call- Mindy Karl took attendance.
- Approval of Minutes: July 2024 minutes – Ryan Mattson approved the minutes as distributed.
- Public Comment: Eric shared that himself, Rick Gale, and Yvonne Rudman went to visit the youth facility last month. While there they were told there would be a vote with HRDC on whether the purchase of the property would happen. He would like to know if that vote has happened. Commissioner Brown said that will be covered in Commission Update.
- Committee Reports and Updates
 - Strategic Planning Committee- no current update. Committee will come back in September with a draft.
 - Membership Committee- Anthea shared they have 2 members that are in the process of becoming voting members of the MHLAC. Lori Shanahan is ready to be appointed tomorrow at the Public Meeting. Margaret Kachadurian is ready to be appointed as well.
 - Accounting- No Update
 - Central Service Area Authority- Eric shared the CSAA has made up a LAC brochure to be handed out. He can share his screen to show what the document looks like. There is an upcoming, September, statewide CSAA meeting. Eric said Steve Nash and himself are going to alternate the meetings.
 - Gallatin Behavior Health Coalition Update- No Update
 - Gallatin County Commission- Commissioner Brown followed up with last months discussion on contracting with DPHHS. Situation is stagnant at this time and continues to be a chronic problem.

A lot has happened over the last month with the purchase of the youth crisis property. HRDC has agreed to be the purchaser of the property, with the intention of transferring it, after purchase is complete, to the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch.

Anthea wants to know what the problem is with getting Medicaid Reimbursement going. Who is leading the charge of keeping the legislature and department on their toes regarding this issue.

Ellie shared that Kirsten Smith is leading the development effort for the purchase of the Bootstrap Ranch and if you would like to help with that, contact Kirsten directly.

Chad Berg shared his thoughts on the possibility of having a youth crisis facility in Gallatin County.

- Unfinished Business- NA
- New Business
 - Behavior Health Advisory Council- NA
 - Lawrence Rhone
- Announcements- Rick Gale shared tomorrow is graduation at Treatment Court. The community's School Resource Officers have received national recognition. One more announcement, he has a graduation or swearing in ceremony for 5 Bozeman PD officers. Last thing, sometime in September there will be a new intervention program in the schools regarding vaping.

Commissioner Brown introduced Raven to the group. She is the VISTA with the Health Department. She is here for the next year.

- Adjournment- Ryan Mattson adjourned the meeting.
- Next Meeting is September 9th, 2024