



MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

December 9, 2024

12:00 – 2:00 PM

Gallatin County Courthouse Community Room and Via Zoom

IN ATTENDANCE:

Voting Members Present- Commissioner Jennifer Boyer, Erin Taylor, Andrea Lower, Lori Christenson, Melaney Swenson, Nicole Madden, Anthea George, Eric Szemes, Tom Peluso, Steve Nash, Lori Shanahan, Margaret Kachadurian

Non-Voting Members Present- Rick Gale, Ben Frentsos

Voting Members Absent- Ryan Mattson, Jennifer Madgic, Roper Green, Yvonne Rudman, Susan Gregory

Guests- Zack Ehrardt, Shawna Lockhart, Brie Vermeire, Shelby Hall, Marissa Dunn

Staff-

- Call to Order- Erin Taylor, Chair called the meeting to order.
- Roll Call- Lori Christenson took attendance.
- Approval of Minutes: November 2024 minutes – Erin Taylor approved the minutes as distributed.
- Public Comment:
 - None
- Committee Reports and Updates
 - Strategic Planning Committee-
 - See New Business
 - Membership Committee-
 - Zack Erhardt in attendance from CHP, Roper Green's role.
 - Brie Vermeire, Drug Addiction and Substance Abuse Counselor
 - Accounting-
 - No updates
 - Central Service Area Authority-
 - Eric Szemes- CSAA website has a lot of resources, but agenda and minutes page are not up to date. Suggested he reach out to Lori Reynolds.
 - Tom Peluso- CSAA is working on an updated workplan and will send a copy to Erin Taylor.
 - Gallatin Behavior Health Coalition Update-

- Strategic Planning Survey; time during the meeting to complete the survey and ask questions of each other in the room as needed.
 - Gallatin County Commission-
 - None
- Unfinished Business
 - N/A
- New Business
 - Strategic Plan
 - Nicole Madden and Erin Taylor provided a brief overview of the strategic planning document. Further discussion at January meeting to include a possible motion.
 - CSAA Mini Grant for Social Media Director
 - Erin Taylor proposed applying for a CSAA mini-grant to fund a paid intern who will help manage the LAC website and other social media platforms. This initiative aims to support the strategies and objectives outlined in the Strategic Plan.
 - Commissioner Boyer moved to support the mini-grant application; Lori Christenson seconded the motion.
 - Discussion: Anthea George voiced support and Eric Szemes agreed. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Clubhouse Proposal
 - Erin Taylor introduced a proposal for the LAC, Gallatin Behavioral Health Coalition, Clubhouse International, and possibly other agencies such as the HRDC to discuss the Clubhouse model with the Behavioral Health Advisory Council. Steve Nash moved to support the motion; Eric Szemes seconded.
 - Discussion: Melaney asked a question about the Clubhouse Startup Budget. Raven Yurtal and Erin Taylor responded. Tom Peluso made a comment about grant availability. Question from Lori Shanahan about the Clubhouse and will connect with Raven Yurtal for additional information. Margaret Kachadurian comment on the Clubhouse model from Chicago. Motion passes; Lori Shanahan- No.
- Announcements-
 - Eric Szemes requested minutes from November meeting.
 - Eric Szemes discusses the Gallatin Behavioral Health Coalition Survey and asks a question about the Drop-In Center and Behavioral Health Walk-in Clinic. Nicole Madden answers.
 - Eric Szemes made a motion for more LAC member input on agenda items. Lori Shanahan seconded. Tom Peluso clarified his previous statement about a repository of sorts to capture future agenda issues and topics so any member can

suggest an agenda item. Lori Christenson asked a question. Eric Szemes responded and added that providing items two weeks in advance is challenging and wants to see agendas more public. Steve Nash proposed adding a standing item to the agenda. Erin Taylor moved to table this item and revisit at the January meeting.

- Adjournment- Erin Taylor adjourned the meeting.
- Next Meeting is January 13th Gallatin County Courthouse Community Room

Erin Taylor, Board Chair