



MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

January 13, 2025

12:00 – 2:00 PM

Gallatin County Courthouse Community Room and Via Zoom

IN ATTENDANCE:

Voting Members Present- Commissioner Jennifer Boyer, Erin Taylor, Ryan Mattson, Melaney Swenson, Nicole Madden, Anthea George, Yvonne Rudman, Eric Szemes, Susan Gregory, Tom Peluso, Steve Nash, Lori Shanahan, Zach Ehrhardt, Brieanne Vermeire

Non-Voting Members Present- Rick Gale, Chad Berg

Voting Members Absent- Jennifer Madgic, Andrea Lower, Lori Christenson, Margaret Kachadurian, Shawna Lockhart

Guests- Josh Aaseng, Lori Reynolds, Raven Yurtal, Kirsten Smith

Staff-

- Call to Order- Erin Taylor called the meeting to order.
- Roll Call- Nicole Madden took attendance.
- Approval of Minutes: September 2024 minutes – Erin Taylor approved the minutes as distributed.
- Public Comment:
 - Josh Aaseng- Producer of Community Partnerships for State of Mind- project touring 20-30 communities in MT to use theater, workshops, and public communication to address awareness surrounding mental illness in communities. Working with partners across the community to collaborate on bringing this project to Bozeman/Gallatin Valley- looking for additional community partners to get word out about project as well as school partners to develop opportunities for children's programs. All programs grant funded so no cost to community/schools. Contact via email at josh.aaseng@UMT.edu
 - Yvonne recommended connection with KGVM radio
 - Lori recommends connection and support from NAMI
- Committee Reports and Updates
 - Strategic Planning Committee- Committee is finished with draft strategic plan sent to LAC members. Over next 1-2 weeks, members of the strategic planning committee will be contacting all LAC members to gather any additional feedback and input with plan to move finalized document to motion for vote of approval at February LAC meeting.
 - Tom Peluso- strategic plans are typically a long-range document/plan- question is if we have embedded a work plan into a long-range plan.

Nicole clarified that 3-5-year strategic plan yet to be developed and document currently being considered is a 12-18-month work plan

- Membership Committee-
 - Introduction of new members: Zack Ehrhardt (replacing Roper Green), Shawna Lockhart, Brieanne Vermeire (representing substance use/addictions open position-Cedar Creek)
- Accounting- \$2236 in budget
- Central Service Area Authority- Steve Nash- CSAA meeting last Friday 1/10/2025- HB 76 Family Peer Support Certification the state is considering passing. State also currently considering Medicaid expansion with upcoming meetings to include public comment. CSAA working on language to clarify roles and responsibilities, authority, funding, and work done by SAA, LACs across the state. This will further structure the function of these entities in collaboration with the state. Two grant applications- \$1000 LAC grant and a CSAA mini grant. Steve Nash completing both applications to request funds for LAC to use to support a media coordinator role to streamline website and social media presence for the Gallatin LAC. Lori/Tom able to confirm there is not a max amount for the mini grant award so will evaluate amount needed to request with grant application.
 - Steve Nash made motion, Nicole Madden seconded- motion to apply for and request \$1000 request from CSAA for LAC operating funds. Motion passed via unanimous vote
 - Question from group about amount of money awarded the awareness committee for the “Are you In” campaign led by Ellie Martin in 2024. Awaiting clarification on award amount.
 - “Are You In” campaign sunsetted late 2023. All of the content and materials still available if anyone interested in utilizing or promoting. No longer paying the consultants to promote the material while initiating.
- Gallatin Behavior Health Coalition Update-
 - Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program: received SAMHSA grant to promote a community commitment program across the Gallatin County. Creating pathway to divert from MSH for those meeting criteria through emergency detention. Can be civilly committed to community commitment rather than MSH or in follow up of MSH discharge. First 2-year grant cycle approved at \$1.5 million, 2nd two years approved near end of first cycle. Connections representing the hub of the program coordinating the care with multiple community partners providing care. Current open project director position at 0.5 FTE for a role that will combine with the Pivot program coordinator for additional 0.5 FTE for 1.0 FTE position.
 - Crisis Diversion Grant: contract received for 2-3-year grant \$2.2 million funding services (case management/care coordinator, SOAR, CIT, training/education, etc) \$1.775 million for crisis stabilization/receiving infrastructure capital. Reimbursement model from the state for crisis receiving/stabilization not operationally stable so unable to initiate clinical program as originally preferred. Grant funding not enough for

full cost of bricks and mortar as well as operating costs for structured crisis receiving/stabilization. Commission voted to waive indirect costs of county facilitating the funds. Grant management department specifies what percentage of grant funding supports overhead cost.

- GBHC updating their strategic plan. They are completing data capture via the survey link and will be closing that survey. Looking for 1-2 LAC members to join the planning meeting on March 5. Looking to keep the strategic planning committee to 30 or less people. 50 plus responses with additional 57 partial responses. Focus of data thus far indicate gaps in youth, state hospital services. Priorities for investment indicate community education as top priority listed in survey with mobile crisis and walk-in clinic second and third priorities identified.
- Help Center hosting open house January 23rd 2-6 pm at new campus to tour and see updates and evolution since purchase
- HRDC- providing tours of Homeward Point- new shelter. Must RSVP to attend a tour to ensure enough hard hats and such.
- School board presentation on student well-being planned for 1/13. Focus groups have met to unpack student health data, book study on The Anxious Generation, other survey results driving recommendations to school board on internal and external action items. Hope Squad campaign still be considered and recommended.
- Youth Campus- continues forward movement with financial support pledges coming in. Have until August 30, 2025 to capture all the financial support to pay back the loan on the property. County provided some seed money and are gathering philanthropic support through other partners. Phase one is youth crisis services with PRTF assessments and care planning. Working with state, YBGR, regarding regulatory and certification requirements for licensure and certification as well as options from HB 872 for financial resources.
- CCBHC- continue to not have one but state received another \$1million dollar planning grant. Looking for someone to present at next LAC meeting regarding CCBHC and planning grant steps. Perhaps have Kirsten or Community Health Partners present on CCBHC planning efforts and future steps.

- Gallatin County Commission- No updates or additions today.

- Unfinished Business~

- Motion from Eric Szemes on Agenda Items

- Eric proposes tabling again for future meeting to clarify proposal and recommendation. Eric makes motion to have discussion regarding agenda development process. Lori S seconded motion. Discussion: Lori voiced appreciation of process followed for January agenda with email request for agenda items. Jennifer B encouraged a simple process with time at end of agenda to put items on the table to be scheduled for future with email last call to confirm agenda items. Ryan M expressed concern about creating an inflexible process rather than maintaining fluidity and flexibility. Also

recognized that no agenda items have been declined or delayed and feels process currently open and flexible. Tom- sees group maturing in our intent to get people involved and also notes open meeting law to encourage people to participate and open options. Thinks we are making progress in general. Hoping for simple process. Motion to continue discussion on agenda process denied.

- Behavioral Health Continuum- Erin Taylor/Raven Yurtal
- New Business
 - Bozeman Health Updates and Feedback Requests – Nicole Madden
 - Strategic Plan – Nicole Madden/Erin Taylor- discussed in committee updates
 - CSAA Mini Grant for Social Media Director – Steve Nash- looking for money to support an intern or staff to support media coordinator position. Lori confirmed that typical range for the mini grant is \$2500-5000 annual award.
 - Clubhouse Proposal - Waiting to Hear from BHAC Whether we are Presenting in February- pending more information from upcoming meeting.
 - CCBHC- Erin T working to coordinate a presentation on CCBHC at a future meeting date.
 - Future agenda items: email message to request future agenda items.
- Announcements-
 - LAC Team Potluck Thursday February 20, 2025 530pm, BYOB, appetizers and snacks to be provided. Hosted by Steve Nash. Formal invite to follow via email
 - Bozeman Health Foundation Gala 2025 to benefit Bozeman Health Psychiatric Services care system. Please reach out to Lori Shanahan with any questions or interest in participating/donor/vendor.
- Adjournment- Erin Taylor adjourned the meeting.
- Next Meeting is Monday February 10th at 12 pm.



Bozeman Health Foundation will proudly host its 25th annual Hospitality Gala on Saturday, April 26, 2025. Thanks to our generous family of auction item donors, sponsors and community members, this event has been consistently recognized as one of the most successful and enjoyable fundraising events in Gallatin Valley, with more than 500 people in attendance.

Donations to the auction have been instrumental in helping to raise critical support and inspire others to get involved. **We gratefully request your consideration of contributing an auction item or package to the 2025 Hospitality Gala.**

Proceeds will benefit Bozeman Health Psychiatric services and help raise critical support for the construction of the region's first adult 14-bed in-patient unit.

Thank you for your consideration. It would be an honor to have your support as part of the 2025 Hospitality Gala. We are happy to answer any additional questions and look forward to hearing from you.

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(Please print as name/organization should appear on event materials)

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Relationship to Bozeman Health: _____

(Employee, physician, volunteer or friend)

Description of item(s) *note: items may be combined with other auction items to create packages:* _____

Expected Date of Delivery: _____ *If you are offering a service, specify expiration date:* _____

Estimated Value of Item(s) Required by IRS: _____

I would like for my item(s) to be picked up I would like to make a cash gift to support an auction package*

_____ \$1,000 _____ \$500 _____ \$250 _____ \$100 Other \$ _____

**This option is available for anyone who would like to contribute toward the auction but prefers for the Foundation to create a package. Departments are welcome to pool funds, but should provide names and amounts of all individual donations made to Foundation.*

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CONTACT: Claire Hodges, manager of annual giving: chodges@bozemanhealth.org, 406-414-5441
Auction sponsorship form and auction item(s) are needed by April 8.

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