



MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

July 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, Yvonne Rudman, Eric Szemes, Tom Peluso, Steve Nash

Non-Voting Members Present- Rick Gale, Bekki McLean, Ben Frentsos

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

Guests- Cola Rowley, Kirsten Smith, Lori Shanahan, Kami Krichberg, Todd Lester

Staff- Mindy Karl

- Call to Order- Erin Taylor welcomed the group.
- Roll Call- Mindy Karl took attendance.
- Approval of Minutes: May and June 2024 minutes- Erin Taylor approved the minutes as distributed.
- Public Comment: NA
- Committee Reports and Updates
 - Strategic Planning Committee- will continue to meet throughout the summer.
 - Membership Committee- NA
 - Accounting- Tom Peluso- Balance remains at \$2236.60.
 - Central Service Area Authority- Eric Szemes has been out of the country for 6 weeks and Steve Nash has been attending in his absence. Steve has collaborated with Tom Peluso and has some items to share. There will be some in person meetings in August and September. Please contact Steve or Lori Reynolds if interested. Steve will let the group know specific dates when available. Steve also spoke of the September 6th event **flier attached**.
 - Gallatin Behavior Health Coalition Update- Kirsten Smith- Boot Strap Ranch and possible services and staffing discussed.
- Unfinished Business
 - N/A

- New Business

- Gallatin County Commission Update~ Opioid Abatement and More~ Commissioner Brown said the intention is to have this as a standing agenda item for updates on Mental Health and what the county is doing **see attached information**.
- Salons and Saloons Name Sharing (Sheridan County Behavior Health Coalition)
Yvonne Rudman moves to permit Sheridan County to use the Salons and Saloons name. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. All in favor say aye. Motion carried, unanimously.
- Bozeman Health's System Manager of Community Health Improvement and Partnerships (Kami Krichberg)~ her role is to figure out what the highest needs for the community are. The four high level needs are Behavior Health, access to healthcare, socio-economic health measures, and chronic disease prevention. Just relaunched their grant funding process and will send the link to the group.

- Announcements

- Ryan and Erin will be at CIT National Conference in August and will miss the next meeting. Erin also shared that the Sheriff's Office is in the process of moving buildings.
- Kirsten Smith said she would be available at 10:30 a.m. next Tuesday or this Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. for a Boot Strap Ranch tour for those interested.
- Steve Nash would be interested in attending the CIT National Conference and wanted to know if the LAC has funds available to vote on someone from the group to attend. Erin said he would entertain a motion to send Steve Nash to CIT National.

Eric Szemes moves to vote for Steve Nash to attend the CIT National conference. Yvonne Rudman seconded the motion. All in favor say aye. Motion carried unanimously.

- Lori has some of the LAC materials for the Salons and Saloons event in case the group ever needs them. They are in her office. Her second item, next Tuesday their AmeriCorps Vista, Raven, will arrive. She will be able to support the LAC and BHC. More to come on that.
- MT Suicide Conference in Billings July 19th.
- Yvonne has a request for Commissioner Brown's update and would suggest a government review process update and what that would mean to the LAC.

- Adjournment

- Next Meeting is August 12th, 2024.