



MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

June 10, 2024

12:00 - 1:30 PM

Gallatin County Courthouse Community Room and Via Zoom

IN ATTENDANCE:

Voting Members Present- Ryan Mattson, Lori Christenson, Melaney Swenson, Nicole Madden (Zoom), Tom Peluso (Zoom), Steve Nash

Non-Voting Members Present- Rick Gale, Ben Frentsos

Voting Members Absent- Commissioner Zach Brown, Erin Taylor, Jennifer Madgic, Andrea Lower, Anthea George, Roper Green, Yvonne Rudman, Eric Szemes, Susan Gregory

Guests- Kirsten Smith, Cola Rowley (Zoom), GGUW (zoom), Janella Johnson (Zoom), Kassie Fjare (zoom), Todd Lester

Staff- Derek Vissage

- Call to Order- Ryan Mattson welcomed the group.
- Roll Call- Derek Vissage took attendance.
- Approval of Minutes: May 2024 minutes- Minutes were not able to be approved due to lack of quorum.
- Public Comment: No public comment
- Committee Reports and Updates
 - Strategic Planning Committee- Nicole Madden -Not present to talk about strategic planning committee. Nicole joined the Zoom later.
 - Membership Committee- Athena George – Not present.
 - Accounting- Tom Peluso – Balance: 2,236.60.
 - Central Service Area Authority- Eric Szemes Not present.
 - Gallatin Behavior Health Coalition Update-
 - Kirsten Smith said that the GBHC did great work over the last month. Working on a Drop-In Center and using a Clubhouse Model Program. Currently are aligning with international standards.
 - Youth crisis campus- Kirsten said that the HRDC has put in offer and offer was accepted for Bootstrap Ranch. Currently, plan to close on August 15th. There is an event this week with donors attending.
 - GBHC has submitted a grant for Crisis Diversion.

Melaney Swenson asked where the new Drop-In Center will be located and who will it serve? Kirsten said that the new location for the Drop-In Center is still to be determined; but the Center will serve adults with Behavioral Health Conditions.

Steven Nash said that this is a great collaboration between inpatient and outpatient health. Kirsten said that this is a space where new ideas are brought forth from people who are affected by mental health disabilities.

Tom Peluso said that NAMI in Bozeman has been involved with the current drop-in center for over 20 years. The Path Program was looking for homeless people to bring in so they could obtain the healthcare that they need.

- Unfinished Business
 - N/A
- New Business
 - Strategic Planning Committee: Nicole Madden, Athena George, Yvonne Rudman
 - Nicole Madden said that a meeting was held a few weeks ago to continue drafting a Strategic Plan. They plan to meet again in July with the goal being to bring this strategic plan for LAC review.
 - L'espirit Behavioral Health Center- Peer Support, Montana Assertive Community Treatment (MACT), Youth Services, etc.
 - Janella Johnson, via Zoom, said that the Mobile Crisis Response Coalition started with several grants with the pilot program. Park County Commissioners along with Livingston City Commissioners along with the chief of the Livingston Fire Department are all requesting financial support between city and county. Livingston City Manager said that his plan is to include \$100,000 of funding in Livingston's next fiscal year budget. This budget would allow to hire a Manager, Director, Clinician and other support staff. The current lay-out is unclear as far as whether this will be telehealth vs. in person. The goal of this would be to respond to Mental Health Crisis independently from law enforcement. There is a DPHHS grant to fund this coalition through 2027.
 - The Park County Drop-In center has a myriad of people on the board. This Center is a 501c3 non-profit company. The current idea is for this Center to be open Monday-Thursday 9AM-1PM. If the grant is successful, the Drop-In Center could be open with longer hours and Monday through Friday. Janella said they are currently in the process of interviewing candidates. The next step in this process would be to extend offers and acceptance of these positions, hopefully by mid-July.
 - MACT team was started January 2023 with a start-up grant. This team is a team of providers that work with individuals who are experiencing severe mental illness. They are able to meet individuals in the community, in their home or at their clinic. This is a collaboration between Park and Sweetgrass counties. The hope would be to reduce admission to local hospitals and to reduce adverse interactions with law enforcement. The hope is to start Case Management in Gallatin County, both face to face and remotely. Would need to apply for a start-up grant and understand that this would be a small roll-out mostly

concentrating on the tiny-home population by the end of the year.

Steve Nash asked if the Mobile Crisis unit will be ran out of the Fire Department? Ms. Johnson said that it is in Park County. And that this MACT/ACT guidelines were obtained by shadowing Missoula County. Ms. Johnson elaborated that this all comes down to funding, but hopefully rolling this out in the next fiscal year. This organization would have a tiered system, with staff numbers according to number of clients.

Janella Johnson shared her email address via Zoom with the group: jjohnson@lespirit.com.

- Announcements- None
- Adjournment

Erin Taylor, Board Chair