



## MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

October 7, 2024

12:00 – 2:00 PM

Gallatin County Courthouse Community Room and Via Zoom

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Voting Members Present**- County Commissioner Jennifer Boyer, Erin Taylor, Ryan Mattson, , Lori Christensen, Melaney Swenson, Nicole Madden, Yvonne Rudman, Susan Gregory, Tom Peluso, Steve Nash, Lori Shanahan, Margaret Kachadurian

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

**Voting Members Absent**- Jennifer Madgic, Andrea Lower, Anthea George, Roper Green, Eric Szemes,

**Guests**- Cola Rowley

### **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:
- Committee Reports and Updates
  - Strategic Planning Committee-
  - Membership Committee-
  - Accounting-
  - Central Service Area Authority- Friday CSAA workgroup and MAP meetings- MAP information- National Institutes for Engineering and Healthcare- published document on cannabis use and communities. Steve taking time in the next few weeks to review document and present findings. Continuing to review HB 872 recommendations and allocations. Challenges with how to approach the request for funding. Looking for clear pathways for HB 872 and MAP prevention programs.
  - Gallatin Behavior Health Coalition Update- Pend update to later in agenda
  - Gallatin County Commission- Jennifer Boyer- commission took part of the media release for the youth campus. Wednesday 10/2 press release for youth campus purchase with HRDC, YBGR, Commission. Gave presentation overview and tour of space. Social media presence has been positive. Have received some unsolicited donations and outreach for those interested.
- Unfinished Business- None

- New Business:

- Communicating the Crisis Continuum: Raven Yurtel & Erin Taylor
  - Dialogue and feedback solicited from the LAC group on work down to review and benchmark current status for crisis, youth, inpatient, outpatient, other behavioral health services. Raven provided visual graphics with current status and “Blurb” document with descriptors to be sent to LAC group.
  - Much discussion around getting this information onto website and opportunities for it being interactive and representative of real time status of services.
  - Consider efforts within LAC to convert this information into a consumer/lived experience resource for accessing services as well as making recommendations on gaps in services and opportunities to pursue. Great opportunity to fit the work of the LAC and Coalition together. Complement this effort with consumer pathways
  - Kirsten Smith- grant funding received for \$1.5 million to build out and operationalize AOT services- will be a collaborative effort amongst a number a community provider organizations.
  - Kirsten Smith provided further updates on youth campus to LAC group- campus purchase, YBGR’s operations, phased approach to initiating services, donations/funding needs. Timelines to be determined for opening of services and specifics of phase 2 care to be offered. Initially going to start with youth crisis PRTF-AS type services.
  - Erin Taylor provided updates on county attorney’s legal interpretation and opinion around protective custody and transportation options for both adult and youth individuals requiring care.
- Raven’s role: discussion around Raven’s work and how to make her projects sustainable long-term when her tenure with our group ends. Raven has some ideas on maintaining sustainability as she builds her projects.
- Lori S identified opportunity for consideration of access to information offered solely online as many of our neighbors and community members may not have access to internet or always unlimited access to phone services. Lori recommended we consider this in our build and how we share information.
- Tom Peluso- recommends opportunities to share information via community groups (NAMI family to family classes, other NAMI groups). Also wondering if meetings being recorded- they are not recorded but minutes serve as recording of meetings. Minutes published but currently not able to record. County Commission records and publishes recordings of meetings where commission makes decisions. Too much data storage and maintenance to record LAC meetings.
- Information from todays project discussion will be on a page link on the official LAC page when available.
- Steve Nash makes a motion for LAC to make \$700 to the Behavioral Health Coalition in support of the youth campus. Ryan Mattson seconded. Tom Peluso confirmed account balance of \$2236.60.

- Discussion: Ryan recalled that portion of this funding was previously approved for use to attend CIT conference but participant unable to attend so funds still available and able to be redeployed. Tom Peluso identifies that there may be some funds available through grant funding to support CIT training through another source rather than use current account balance. Vote unanimous~ motion passes.
- Announcements~ None
- Adjournment~ Erin Taylor adjourned the meeting.
- Next Meeting is November 4<sup>th</sup> Bozeman Public Library

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**Erin Taylor, Board Chair**