



## MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

### Meeting Minutes – February 12th 2018

**Voting Members Present:** Deborah McAtee, Nancy Filbin, Shirley Kaufman, Dr. Donna Kelsch, Betty Stroock, Tom Peluso, Lori Reynolds, Carol Townsend, Vicki Groeneweg, Matt Kelley, Commissioner I Ho Pomeroy, Chelsey Voegele, Andrea Lower, Katelyn McAree

**Non-Voting Members present:** Rebecca Adams, Rick Gale, Danica Jamison, Michael Foust, Edward Sypinski, Betsy Asserson, Christopher Coburn, Angela Maria Feliciano, Melanie Hamling, Dave Wysoski, Lee Copenhagen, Pierre Martineau

**Voting Members Absent:** Susan Gregory, Renee McLendon, Shelley Johnson, Commissioner Joe Skinner

**Staff:** Stephene Kamerman

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**Approval of Minutes for January 8<sup>th</sup>:** Ms. McAree made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting as presented. Mr. Sypinski requested that his name be spelled correctly. Ms. Kaufman seconded the motion, adding that the spelling be reflected in the final minutes. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Announcements:

- a. Mr. Copenhagen would like to discuss the medical treatment available inside the Gallatin County Detention Center, specifically the patients withdrawing from heroin or other opioids. He was directed to the Criminal Justice committee.
- b. Mr. Gale recapped the CIT Training Academy held in February. He also stated that there are approximately 56 guests on an average night using the Warming Center. There are 273 unique individuals who have used the Center this winter.
- c. Ms. Hamling of the Montana Peer Network introduced herself as the Bozeman Affiliate. She is interested in networking with Bozeman peers.
- d. Mr. Sypinski announced that the Community Connect event had great turnout. There were 30-40 medical service providers in attendance with a total of 1,900 in attendance overall. Ms. Jamison added that there is talk of hosting two events per year after this.
- e. Ms. Kaufmann announced that CSAA is looking for board members and encouraged everyone to attend their next meeting. Their ideal board members would be providers or representatives from the hospital.
- f. Commissioner Pomeroy announced that a fundraiser will be held at I Ho's Korean Grill on March 4<sup>th</sup> in cooperation with HRDC and the foodbank in efforts to raise money for tiny houses to be used as transitional housing. Everyone eats free and all proceeds would go toward the tiny houses.

g. Ms. Filbin thanked everyone for their hard work on the resource guides.

**Public Comment:** None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Chair McAtee announced that Sheila Hogan will be here for a meeting with the LAC on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00. Ms. Townsend suggested that the group stick to Mental Health, not straying into homelessness or too far into co-occurring disorders. Discussion continued on the proposed delivery of questions for a fruitful, non-confrontational discussion with Director Hogan. It was agreed that voting members would ask set questions before open questions.

Meeting adjourned.

**Next Special Meeting: February 22, 2018**

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