



## MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

### Meeting Minutes – January 14<sup>th</sup> 2019

**Voting Members Present:** Susan Gregory, Shirley Kaufman, Molly Basta, Tom Peluso, Michael Foust, Vickie Groeneweg, Shelly Johnson, Commissioner Joe Skinner, Chelsey Pengra, Chelsey Voegelé, Andrea Lower, Breanna Hume, Hannah Wilson, and Cyndi Schoep,

**Non-Voting Members present:** Rebecca Adams, Rick Gale, Christopher Coburn, Jessica Ruiz, Jennifer Jacques, Danica Jamison, and Dezri Rochin

**Voting Members Absent:** Nancy Filbin, Dr. Donna Kelsch, Renee McLendon, Alicia Smith, Lori Reynolds, Matt Kelley, and I Ho Pomeroy

**Staff:** Stephene Kamerman

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Ms. Hume called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM.

#### **Welcome and Introductions:**

**Approval of Minutes for September 10<sup>th</sup>, Approval of Minutes for October 15<sup>th</sup>, and Approval of Minutes for Legislative Luncheon.** Ms. Hume stated that there are two addendums: Dr. Donna Kelsch needs to be added to the attendance list in November, which is not currently being approved, and Ms. Reynolds suggested that the statement “She has also started driving for UBER and become a personal assistant. Medicaid expansion has allowed her to obtain health insurance. Her monthly income ranges from \$1,400 to \$1,800 for a family of four,” should read “Lori has maintained employment throughout, yet is still in the low income bracket. Medicaid expansion has allowed her to obtain health insurance.” **Ms. Groeneweg made a motion to approve the minutes with the addendum from Ms. Reynolds. Ms. Kaufman seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.**

#### **Public Comment:**

- a. None

#### **Short Announcement and Updates:**

- a. Mr. Gale stated that on February 2<sup>nd</sup> Community Connect from 9:00 at the Bozeman Public Library, to include a point and time. This will include haircuts, employment assistance, health care, and so on.
- b. Ms. Pengra stated that the annual CIT Academy will be held during the second week of February. Ms. Hume will email the information again.
- c. Mr. Coburn stated that March 30 8-12 Annual health fair. Reaching out for tables soon. Healthcare connection is mobile connections will be taking a short break during the first quarter of the year. No services will be offered at that time.
- d. Ms. Filbin (through Ms. Reynolds) thanked everyone for speaking at the legislative luncheon.

#### **Old Business:**

- a. Review of 12/10/18 Legislative Luncheon: Ms. Basta stated that a comment was left on the LAC’s Facebook page, stating that a consumer would be a beneficial speaker. Mr. Peluso questioned the information provided, commenting that the information may have been too lengthy. Ms. Groeneweg stated that the conversation with the legislators seemed to be well received and communicated. Ms. Kaufman encouraged communication with other LAC’s and the

CSAA. Mr. Foust questioned the documents provided in the packet, asking if follow up documents need to be sent. Commissioner Skinner stated that the ideal that Gallatin County is a “silver spoon county” is offensive, but truthful. Ms. Hume suggested that we call legislators on the front end of invitations instead of calling at the end. Ms. Jamison added that there was an email save the date, a letter inviting the legislators, an email follow up, and a phone call. Some of the representatives had prior obligations and could not make it. Ms. Gregory thought it was encouraging that several City Commissioners were in attendance as well. Ms. Kaufman suggested contacting President Sales. Mr. Peluso stated that we overplayed the Medicaid expansion and should reflect our citizens more than only Medicaid recipients. Discussion continued regarding the alternative options to be provided to Legislators, which should be discussed far in advance. Ms. Jamison stated that there should be a plan provided by a statewide organization, such as the DPHHS. Mr. Peluso stated that the CSAA put one together that was not considered by the state. Ms. Johnson encouraged members of the LAC to attend The Behavioral Health Summit will be convening in February and the Medicaid manual will be rewritten in March as well. Ms. Hume asked what the Committee would like to continue to follow up with. Mr. Foust suggested that a list of priorities be presented to the Committee, to be sent to legislators. Ms. Jamison stated that there are several members that thought they were part of this committee, but have not met lately. Ms. Adams requested more information from NAMI, in efforts of duplicating efforts, which may be closely following like-minded bills. Mr. Peluso will follow up.

b. Reimbursement request, review, approval from GGUW for Legislative Luncheon expenses. The total cost of the luncheon, to include lunch, table linen, flowers for tables, and milk for the coffee was \$1,094.25, to which 50% from NAMI and 50% from LAC. Ms. Jamison is submitting an invoice for \$547.13 to the LAC. United way provided cash flow for the luncheon until reimbursement, staffing, and admin. Ms. Groeneweg requested that there may be some funds available from Bozeman Health. Mr. Peluso made a motion to have the LAC to pay for the luncheon in its entirety, which is \$1,094.25. Ms. Kaufman seconded the motion. Mr. Peluso retracted his motion. The invoice will not be paid until after the February meeting when additional funding sources may be identified.

#### **New Business:**

- a. None

#### **Reports – see also Committee Reports below**

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- a. Criminal Justice: Ms. Lower stated that they will be meeting after this meeting. Ms. Pengra stated that White cards should be in print.
- b. Co-Occurring Disorders: Ms. Johnson stated that she will be rearranging the co-occurring committee. She welcomed new members as she is the only one.
- c. Children and Family: Ms. Voegele will be sending out a new doodle poll with possible meeting dates.
- d. Education and Awareness Ms. Reynolds stated that a new 12 week, Family to Family course will start tomorrow. Mr. Peluso stated that a companion course, called Peer to Peer will be offered in February. Ms. Jamison stated that national 211 day is on February 11<sup>th</sup> in which an awareness and public media campaign will be put on regarding the services provided by the help center. She asked the LAC for a possible sponsorship of the event for approximately \$1,000. It would also be helpful to have additional resource guides printed for distribution. Discussion continued regarding the possible funding without knowing what is in the LAC’s checking account. Ms. Kamerman found a previous email, stating that there was approximately \$4,200 in the checking account. **Ms. Kaufman made a motion to authorize \$1,000 as a sponsorship. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.**