



MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes – July 8, 2019

Voting Members Present: Nancy Filbin, Susan Gregory, Shirley Kaufman, Molly Basta, Tom Peluso, Joe Skinner, I-Ho Pomeroy, Chelsey Pengra, Hannah Wilson, Andrea Lower

Non-Voting Members present: Rick Gale, Edward Sypinski, Rowen Schuler, Jessica Ruiz, Dave Wysoski, Dezri Rochin, Michael Mestas, Deborah McAtee, Adam Jurick, Chelsey Voegele

Voting Members Absent: Lori Reynolds, Michael Foust, Vickie Groeneweg, Shelly Johnson, Matt Kelley, Cyndi Schoep, Breanna Hume

Staff: Stephene Kamerman

Welcome and Introductions: Ms. Voegele called the meeting to order, calling for introductions around the room.

Approval of Minutes for June 10, 2019: Mr. Peluso moved to accept the minutes with the amendment that Chelsea Voegle was not present. Ms. Kaufman seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Old Business

New Business

- a. Crisis Workgroup Progress: Ms. McAtee explained the goal behind community crisis response is to reduce fear in needing a responder to arrive on scene and go through the emergency room process. She went on to describe the process in which the Community Responder will respond effectively to de-escalate the process and encourage the issues to be resolved through alternative means. Mr. Gale requested feedback on the fit of chaplains within the system. Ms. Karen explained that the Crisis response is an added tool that is not to be used for a replacement. They have not co-responded at this time, but that's definitely a possibility for the future. Discussion continued regarding the lack of shared data regarding the responses and how a possible situation could play out. Ms. McAtee went on regarding the possible collaborations possible throughout the state. Gallatin County organizations involved are the first of our kind to respond in this effort, which is drawing attention throughout the state.

Committees

- Criminal Justice. Ms. Lower distributed crisis cards to those who requested them.
- Co-Occurring: No new updates.
- Children & Family: A new chair is needed.
- Education & Family: No new updates.
- Legislative: No new updates.

Public Comment

- Mr. Sypinski invited attendees to a behavioral health program within Alcohol and Drug Services.
- Ms. Kamerman announced that this will be her last meeting.
- Ms. Filbin announced that there are resources guides available for distribution throughout the county.

Next Meeting: August 12, 2019