



MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes – June 21, 2021

IN ATTENDANCE:

Voting Members Present: Breanna Hume- Chair

Non-Voting Members Present: Bekki McLean, Bradley Hickok, Erin Taylor, Edward Sypinski, Jessica Ruiz, Rebecca Adams, Rowen Schuler

Voting Members Absent: Andrea Lower, Dezei Rochin, Perrin Lundgren, Shelly Johnson

Staff: Pamela Lammey

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**Welcome and Introductions:** Breanna Hume welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes for:** Meeting Minutes were not approved because there was not a quorum for approval.

We do not have quorum for voting purposes to approve the minutes.

**Committee Reports:** None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Restarting the Criminal Justice Committee

Brea spoke with Andrea Lower who chairs the criminal justice committee. The committee will start meeting again. There is new blood in probation. A new position will be filled with law enforcement. If you want to be on the committee please email Andrea Lower. They have been working on white card project.

#### **Old Business**

Open Position - 4 positions are open

Consumer/Family Open

CHP Position Open

Law Enforcement Position Open

Health Department Open

Resource Guide

Progress update – Perrin Lundgren – from her perspective it matches the services available in Gallatin County. We could print another go around of the resource guide. Potential changes to certain providers or certain way services are being provided. She doesn't think we need that insert anymore. Brea Hume asked if Perrin could resend out the Resource Guide. Breanna Hume asked if we could save it into the PDF.

Tom Peluso asked if we have firm printing prices. Are the prices still good since the Resource Guide hasn't been published? Last July was the discussion on the costs for printing. Perrin Lundgren will reach out to see if the costs have increased for printing. Bozeman Daily Chronicle was the least cost to have them printed said Shirley Kaufman. Ethan 406-600-8721 would be the contact at the Chronicle. Perrin will reach out to him to see the costs for printing. Shirley

Kaufman thinks we should stick with the Bozeman Daily Chronicle. It would go out to all newspapers including Belgrade and Big Sky papers. Breanna Hume thinks getting price quotes from private companies would be helpful too. CSAA gave our board over \$6,400 and we could use that money for printing. Breanna Hume said we have \$6,900 for printing. Perrin Lundgren asked how many copies we want printing. Right around 60,000. They were out of the guide after 8 months last time.

Tom Peluso – one other source of printing was an offer from the addictive and mental disorder division for free. Tom Peluso will see if we can get some feedback from them. Although it would take a few months so the Board doesn't want to wait. He will send it in anyways and see how long it will take.

Tom Peluso asked Michael Foust if we want to get on the band wagon to send one sheet included in the hand out at Western. Michel Foust doesn't mind putting that together. How many copies – 60,000 was the minimum. Western's informational sheet would be added to the resource guide proposed by Tom Peluso. From the LAC perspective we are supposed to remain neutral. It would be only fair to offer to the whole community to have information on the resource guide. The group wants to remain impartial. Michael Foust asked what if someone was willing to pay the cost and having an insert in the guide. Breanna Hume said we could reach out to other organizations to see if they would like information in the guide.

Perrin Lundgren will save the guide in PDF. She will also talk about printing costs, etc. The option to have it translated into Spanish.

Tom Peluso – spoke with Debbie and at the direction of the service area authority he authorized the \$6,900 check. We will be distributing money in October. We need to communicate with the service area authority. The last check written from our account was 13 months ago. We had an obligation to do so many community mental health with the hospital. AMDD is going to ask us what the local advisory council doing and what is our need. Assist Training isn't being reported by Gallatin County. Perrin Lundgren is an Assistant Trainer and they provide training twice a year in Gallatin County. The LAC Board needs to know and it is important to get the information out.

Perrin Lundgren said there is translating services. Montana Language Services has costs but they have services for translating. Dissinger is the last name at the Chronicle. Commercial Print Account Manager.

Reports – No reports submitted

Public Comment

Linda Gabel – The city council would want to be involved in an action plan. Susan Gregory has had some discussion with the Commission and City Manager. The final budget presentation with the City is tomorrow night. Two City Commissioners think COVID money should be added to mental health. Commissioners Cunningham and Cobern want to put money into social services with the city. The City has not come to a decision. I-Ho Pomeroy is not here today to give us a perspective. Linda Gabel will send the article to Breanna Hume.

Commissioner Skinner wants to follow up with what Linda spoke too. There is a group working on a program or strategy for making our behavioral health crisis in the community. We should have been involved in this new group. The city of Bozeman is funding part of the crisis group's

plan. There is a strategic plan and the LAC should be involved in implementing the plan. This group needs to step in and how do we want to help fill one of the gaps.

Michael Foust said the plan isn't complete and he is happy to take it back to the group so the LAC can participate. Maureen Womack said Kirsten Smith has presented it to the County. The County is aware of the plan and is helping develop the plan. LAC could help implement the Crisis Redesign plan. Tom Peluso liked the plan. Tom Peluso spoke to Jason Smith to get permission to send out the plan. Michael Foust will check with Kirsten Smith to get something out.

At this time it is a working document and a work in progress. Commissioner Joe Skinner brought this up in the interest of collaboration. Michael Foust said we have challenged each other and wrap our heads around this and develop the strategic plan collaboratively. Michael Foust didn't want to be premature in sharing the plan. He wants feedback.

Short Announcements or Updates (1-2 minutes)

Tomorrow at 6pm is the City's budget meeting.

Susan Gregory said it is the regularly scheduled meeting. The first item is the budget. The library is partnering with the Gallatin County Food bank and offering free lunch.

Meeting adjourned.

The minute approvals are tabled until July. Four positions for voting.