



MENTAL HEALTH  
Local Advisory Council

## MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL Meeting Minutes – March 12<sup>th</sup> 2018

**Voting Members Present:** Deborah McAtee, Nancy Filbin, Susan Gregory, Tom Peluso, Lori Reynolds, Vickie Groeneweg, Shelly Johnson, Chelsey Pengra, Chelsey Voegele, Breanna Hume, and Katelyn McAree

**Non-Voting Members present:** Rick Gale, Edward Sypinsky, Melanie Hamling, Rowen Schuler, Lee Copenhagen, Jess Seekins, Denise Albrecht, and Kathryn Houghton

**Voting Members Absent:** Shirley Kaufman, Dr. Donna Kelsch, Renee McLendon, Betty Stroock, Carol Townsend, Matt Kelley, City Commissioner I Ho Pomeroy, and Andrea Lower

**Staff:** Stephene Kamerman

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### Public Comment

Mr. Copenhagen is still looking for interested individuals to be involved in additional services to be provided to incarcerated patients.

**Approval of Minutes for February 12<sup>th</sup> & February 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Ms. Filbin made a motion to approve both sets of meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Hume seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

### Announcements:

- a. Mr. Johnson announced that Ms. Hogan returned her call, as mentioned in the last meeting.
- b. Mr. Sypinsky stated that Alcohol and Drug Services will be applying for mini grant for prescription drug overdose youth prevention education.
- c. Ms. Hume and Mr. Sypinsky are working on substance indicators to include a section on co-occurring disorders.

**Public Comment:** None

## OLD BUSINESS

- a. Updates on previous agenda items: none.
- b. Follow up on Director Hogan's visit

Chair McAtee stated that electronic attendance would be ideal. She will follow up on that. Mr. Peluso stated that additional communication is necessary to break down bureaucracy between patients and providers. Ms. Johnson stated that there will be a legislative committee on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> in Helena that goes into effect on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Mental Health America Summit: a meeting will be held in Bozeman on Friday.

Mr. Peluso stated that the CSAA Board has openings if anyone is interested.

Mr. Gale questioned the federal outreach abilities that we have to help develop federal support for community involvement effectively. Ms. Hume agreed to reach out to Senator Tester's office to have representation at the LAC meetings. Discussion continued regarding

the disconnect in place with children's services, attendance in group homes, Medicaid reimbursements and so on. A Medicaid explanation meeting in May in accordance to Mental Health Awareness Month. Invitations will be sent to Local Legislators and DPHHS.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. A Mini Grant Application has been received by the Stomp Out the Stigma group to purchase T-shirts for \$560. Ms. Hume suggested that they submit a new application. Mr. Peluso made a motion to approve the mini grant, pending a new application be received and the LAC logo appear on the shirts. Ms. Gregory seconded that motion. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Hume stated that somehow the Facebook page that was used for marketing was merged. Mr. Foust will look into this.

- b. May is Mental Health Awareness Month

NAMI will be presenting a 4-hour Family to Family seminar to be educational and informative.

Mr. Foust and Mr. Coburn are working on a calendar for the month. Ms. Hume would like to present on co-occurring disorders. Ms. Houghton will see if there is a community calendar available.

A possibility of two separate meetings in May regarding Medicaid Reimbursements within one day. A full circle explanation on how the process works.

Meeting adjourned.

**Next Special Meeting: May 14, 2018**