



**MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2020**

**Voting Members Present:** Shirley Kaufman, Molly Basta, Tom Peluso, Vickie Groeneweg, Shelly Johnson, Joe Skinner, I Ho Pomeroy, Andrea Lower, Brea Hume, Cyndi Schoep, Geary Zale, Perrin Lundgren

**Voting Members Absent:** Susan Gregory, Michael Foust, Matt Kelley, Chelsey Pengra, Dani Stack, Dezei Rochin, Amanda Fahlstrom

**Non-Voting Members Present:** Rick Gale, Danica Jamison, Chad Berg, Jessica Ruiz, Maureen Womack

**Welcome and Introductions:**

Ms. Hume called the meeting to order, and introductions were made.

**Approval of Minutes for March 16, 2020 meeting:**

Ms. Kaufman moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Schoep seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**Open Positions:** Consumer/Family and CHP Position: No new applications have been received.

**New Business:**

**Resource Guides in Spanish:** Ms. Groeneweg is in support of this, with all of the Spanish speaking public that come to the hospital. Shirley asked how many to print in Spanish. 50 would be a good number to print and have a downloadable version available. DPHHS would have to be consulted on the minimum number of printed. Translation can be found online, Maureen will find this software. Community Health Partners can also help with the translation. Software can be used, and have a fluent Spanish speaker edit before it is sent to the printer.

Shirley mentioned we won't have any sponsors on the printed version, and we will have extra space to use. the formatting must remain consistent to avoid crowding the information. Perrin can help with the formatting, and suggested contacting the providers that are currently listed to verify any changes. Shelly will also assist with the review. Ms. Jamison will make the final changes in the document once it has been edited. Ms. Kaufman said the number was 17,000 in last year's printing for the overrun, and 40,000 total. The goal is for next month to have this finalized and begin printing, and smaller runs of the Spanish version. United Way is the contact point for distribution, but following social distancing are not distributing them physically. She

questioned the availability for distribution this summer. Ms. Kaufman said the insert fee for the Bozeman Daily Chronicle will be more expensive. A grant may be submitted to CSAA fund this insertion. Mr. Peluso is against submitting a grant to CSAA, since this is used for larger projects. He believes that we should just print these and be done with the project. Ms. Jamison said this is a priority due to the extra stress caused by COVID-19. These can be printed at 5,000 per run. Updates should be submitted as soon as possible so the printing can begin.

**Reports:**

Ms. Lower asked about the last meeting regarding the detention center representative. Will this keep Chelsea, or adding a third position. She said Hannah Wilson sat on her committee, and would be needing a replacement for that as well. The commissioners are working to have one more representative on the MHLAC. This will be decided on in August.

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Peluso said that with so many changes with the COVID situation, changes in services, urgent care for mentally ill, and the users may not be getting these updates. We can be communication for these to the public. Ms. Hume said like any other urgent care, people needing mental health services can use the urgent care facilities to get acute care. This is a partnership with the Bozeman Health and WMMH. 2-1-1 serves as an emergency line to receive either telehealth visit, or recommendation to come to the hospital or Hope House. Ms. Groeneweg said this is being used, and helping to funnel mental health needs to the correct service. Detox and intervention services are also being used. Media is available to be shared, and will be more helpful with more partners getting this information out to the public. Ms. Jamison said that press released regarding mental health resources, and how to access them is prepared for public by the COAD Mental Health Committee. She advocated for the 2-1-1 help line. This is the hub for connecting people to services. Mr. Peluso asked about the faith net that is associated with CSAA, and will get this information out to the local churches. Maureen will send this to Ms. Hume as well.

Mr. Gale reminded the group about the Memorial Day services will be conducted at the Vietnam Memorial, and a silent march down Main Street in Bozeman on Monday to honor veterans and their families.

Ms. Kaufman said the CSAA will have the Congress meeting on June 26, in Helena and is open to everyone. Online participation will be considered.

Resource guide updated should be

Next Meeting will be June 15, 2020