



GALLATIN COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

LAC Minutes – March 2026

Mental Health Local Advisory Council

March 9, 2026

Notetaker: Jennifer Boyer

1. Call to Order – 12:06
2. Roll Call– Nicole Madden, Jennifer Boyer, Amanda Rosenkoetter, Eric Szemes, Margaret Kachadurian, Susan Gregory, Lori Christenson, Erin Taylor, Malcolm Horn, Lori Shanahan, Tom Peluso, *Amanda Menasco communications.

Non-Voting – Bekki McLean, Ben Frentsos, Chad Berg, Todd Lester

Guests - Courtney Giles, Tracy Rassley, Ruthi Solari, Lisa Curry, Katie West, Jodi Hausen, Jon from Home Instead

3. Minutes for Jan-Feb and March will be voted on April.
4. Public Comment – none
5. Membership Committee – still missing 2 family / consumer, 1 health, city of Bozeman, - 4 vacancies
6. Strategic planning committee is moving forward and doing good work.
7. Gallatin Behavioral Health Coalition – Ruthi Solari

Club house model, drop in model to purchase the old warming center there is a funding support. We are putting together a steering committee and will do a site review in April. Contact Ruthi for information on the site visit and steering committee:
ruthisolari@gmail.com

Training Directory is being compiled and will be shared for input and edits / additions. This resource directory will be on the city-county health department and can be shared / linked with the MHLAC website as well. These trainings target a variety of topics and audiences. Spanish / bi-lingual resource promoting resources that are provided in Spanish. This was identified as a gap and in response this was developed. We will share for edits and additions. Share with the American for Suicide Prevention just updated their resources and website in Spanish.

8. Accounting Report – none
9. Gallatin County – continue to support efforts for the drop in center. This time every year the county sets priorities for the upcoming budget and similar to past few years supporting mental health services and programs continues to be set as a priority. The county has continued our commitment to support our partners in this work.
10. Media – a few social media posts have been made to get some traction started. A summary of the meetings is being posted on the website to engage folks in an easy way. We are missing a few photos and bios, please provide if this is you. The about us page has been updated. The calendar has a few events that are posted, the training opportunities will be added to the calendar as well.

How do we track analytics? Through the website host and through google analytics.

NEW BUSINESS

Lisa – JG RESEARCH - State-wide data dashboard <https://jgresearch.org/3483-2/> that has been a compilation of state data including the HELP center, EMS, vital statistics, etc. This dashboard summarizes the data at a county level or region or state-wide. You can compare counties and also look at other years to track changes and trends. The top bar summaries what filters you are looking at. Includes claims that are Medicaid that are crisis specific services. Good summary and data on calls that were resolved, it also presents issues that are presented i.e. anxiety, The third page has a how to use instructions for the dashboard.

Q: is there a follow up on the outcome data? A: We don't collect data on that but we can't track individuals at this point with privacy and vulnerable people. The solution would be to grant permission for follow up, the challenge for the crisis call is simply de-escalation and resolution not data collection.

Q: Are there discrepancies across data sets? A: No, these are all state sourced data so we should be comparing apples to apples. Page 2 shows the data source.

Q: Where is this dashboard located? A: JG website is the location because it is associated with state data. We can be linked from other sites including MHLAC.

Q: Are there limitations when looking at the dashboard? Any guidance on what we should think about the data? A: The data has information on source and other notes so we will flag that on the website. When you explore the dashboard and questions emerge, please ask us what would be helpful or how frequently should we be looking at the data and asking questions.

Q: Is there any data on employment and employment type? A: There isn't employment data but sometimes we get housing status data. Comment – meaning and purpose comes from relationships and employment often. Good opportunity to promote trainings for employers and work places.

BYLAWS: We need an update regarding the membership terms. The update would be in August.

Adjournment: 1:19 pm