

Mental Health Local Advisory Council

October 11, 2023

Called to order at 1400.

Attendance: Melinda Banks, Sarah Seiler, Stephanie Michaelson, Meagan Poe, Alex Larson, Lindsey Richtmyer, Jess Hegstrom, Nick Rauser, Mark Wood

Public Comments: Lindsey Richtmyer spoke with Melinda Holom about CSAA funds in the LAC account and was wondering what those funds are allocated for. Jess Hegstrom has an event coming up on November 18th at the Capitol Building in Helena for the International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day. She is asking for help in passing out flyers around town for the event. Also, a resource fair there as well.

Minutes from September 13, 2023, Minutes approved by Stephanie Michaelson and seconded by Meagan Poe

Financial Report: No changes. Total account balance of \$3,804.61

Sherriff's Report: No issues seen with the peer support program being put on hold.

Victim's Advocate Report: not present

Townsend Public School Report: They have hired a counselor for k-8 students. They are just waiting for the background check to come back so she can start seeing students.

Public Health Report: Various flu vaccine clinics scheduled. Covid vaccines have been ordered. Once those are in, we will be scheduling people. There will be no vaccine clinics for Covid though. Contract has been presented to Broadwater County from Many Rivers.

Peer Support Report: Program is officially on hold as of October 1st. Sarah had a question about LAC bylaws and whether peer support is a part of our bylaws. Current bylaws have nothing regarding peer support.

Prevention Specialist Report: Delivered over 70 goodie bags to school staff to boost moral. Prepping for Red Ribbon week.

Family Promise Report: not present

Crisis Coordinator: October 3rd and 4th attended a Crisis Diversion Summit in Bozeman. Networked with many people from around the state that are involved in crisis diversion/coordination. Learned how other counties are addressing crisis concerns in their areas. At the summit it was advised to start a separate coalition specifically addressing crisis services to potentially get more people involved. Tri-County planning grant from MHCF was signed on October 4th. Will be addressing the peer support program for the future.

Ghost Stroll/Christmas Stroll: put together goodie bags with candy, 988 info, and mental health resources in the community. Start thinking about ideas for Christmas Stroll December 2nd.

Bylaws: needs to be reviewed and updated. Plan on scheduling a working meeting to address bylaws.

Adjourned at 1438

Next meeting November 8, 2023 at 1400

Minutes Prepared by Meagan Poe


