

Cascade County Mental Health Local Advisory Council



Monday, January 3, 2022

Zoom Virtual meeting

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1:30-3:00pm

Return to L.Daggett 415 6th Ave S. Great Falls MT 59405

Members Present Jennifer Whitfield, Scott Van Dyken, Commissioner Don Ryan, Capt. John Schaffer, Ginny Carnes, Susie McIntyre, Tom Osborn, Linda Daggett, Randy Lynes, Dusti Zimmer, Greg Tilton

Members Absent Amanda Walker, Kevin Evenson

Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Whitfield, Chair, at 1:32 PM.

Minutes and Finance Report from December 2021 The Minutes and Financial Report were approved as sent and Shawn reported that there were no changes to the Financial report, our account stands at \$10,451.67.

New Business There was no new business.

Continued Business

Strategic Plan-

- Randy did send the NAMI (National Association of Mental Illness) Resource Guide to Jennifer, and she will send it on to the LAC members. It is more comprehensive than our Resource Guide.
- Jennifer has no current information on the next step in strategic plan. She will tally the information sent by the members and report on that next meeting.

Website/Facebook – Commissioner Ryan reported that LAC can put any information on the website we think is important, it just needs to be submitted to Bonny Fogerty at the County.

- Jennifer will get with John and Linda to decide what information might be appropriate for the website posting.

Facebook – No report. Jennifer reminded members that we do not have administrative access to our Facebook page, and this is what needs to be addressed.

Representative Reports

North Central MT – Crisis Intervention Collaborative (NCMT-CIC) and Mobile Response Team Captain Schaffer reported.

- The group has created a new workflow tree for the 911 Center. When a mental health call comes in the Center will ask 2 questions from the PHQ (Patient Health Questionnaire) screening tool for depression. The first will be a direct ask if they are planning to hurt themselves or think they would be better off dead. If that is a yes, the fire/rescue and police will be sent. If not, they will contact the Mobile Response Team.
- Dr. Paul Simpson, City Medical Director, is advising for how to manage calls.
- The 988 number for mental health crisis will be routed to the Care Coordinator as soon as that position is hired.

Mental Health Court - Capt. Schaffer reported.

- There is still 1 person currently in the court and is doing well and there is a strong possibility for another soon.
- The purpose of the court is to catch offenders at the misdemeanor level to avert more serious charges.
- The goal of the Court is to add co-occurring diagnoses, but as it is now, it only considers those with one mental health diagnosis.

Suicide Prevention Committee - Greg reported that there are changes to the last month's report, other groups are carrying on suicide prevention activities.

CSAA Report- Greg reported:

- The November/December meeting was combined, and Carl Rosston presented the State suicide prevention program for youth that emphasized programs that work best with youth. Matt Furlong talked about his role in suicide prevention.
- Commissioner Ryan asked how this year's suicide rate over the holidays compares with last. Jennifer will get that information to him.

Montana Peer Network Report- Ginny reported:

- Met in December and one of their Committee Chair members, Amanda Walton, was appointed to sit on the Board of Behavioral Health.
- The Family Support grant they applied for was denied.

Behavioral Health Advisory Council (BHAC)- Jennifer reported:

- Jennifer attended the Board orientation in December, learning about the process and structure of the group, how it fits in to the network.
- Jim Haney is chairing the committee; the Board is rebuilding their membership with many new members.

Healthy Lives/Vibrant Futures- Susie reported:

- The Access to Health Committee of the group is holding a symposium on 27th January at the Mall 3-5:00. Benefis, Great Falls Clinic, Alluvion, Center for Mental Health, are participating in the community event to help increase access to care.
- The Symposium is helping with the Community Health Assessment.

National Association of Mental Illness (NAMI) Randy reported they have moved to their own office in the Columbus Center. This will give them more space for meetings, resources.

Community Reports/Announcements from Board Members

Library - Susie reported there are lots of people spending time together at the Library during the colder weather.

North Central Independent Living Service (NCILS) - Tom reported that they are working on a definition for Person-Centered Planning and Practice to be used across each division so they are all working with the same definition.

Public Comment There was no public comment.

Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 PM by Jennifer Whitfield. Next meeting February 7th @ 1:00-2:30PM via Zoom.

Jennifer Whitfield, Chair

Date