



Cascade County Mental Health Local Advisory Council Minutes



Monday, August 2, 2021
915 1st Ave South, 4th floor Boardroom
or
Zoom Virtual meeting
1:30-3:00pm

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

Members Present: Capt. John Schaffer, Susie McIntyre, Ginny Carnes, Linda Daggett (all in person)

Guests Present: Julie Prigmore

Call to Order: Capt. Schaffer, Vice Chair, called meeting to order at 1:54. There was not a quorum.

Approval of the Minutes from July 2021: There were no corrections to the Minutes, but they could not be acted on due to quorum.

Finance Report from July 2021: Shawn was not present, but the written report stated there were no deposits or debits leaving the balance the same at \$7,251.67.

New Business:

Public Comment Revisions to Agenda Susie provided a copy of the Library by-laws including the statement regarding their public comment at meetings. It is advisable to have a statement regarding public comment as a precaution should we need them.

Review Board Composition via By-Law This was tabled until the next meeting.

Continued Business:

Strategic Plan: No decision could be made without quorum, but some suggestions were:

- The Resource Guide has been completed; a new strategic goal needs to be selected.
- Capt. Schaffer suggested that under Communications and Marketing, we consider developing speakers that could address different community groups regarding mental health subjects such as Peer Support or other areas of expertise.
- Susie noted that the under the Evaluation goal of the plan, CONNECT is largely meeting the goal of creating a behavioral health statistical data bank.
- Susie recalled at one time we had talked about doing documentaries/video series on mental health issues at the Library and she would like to pursue that again.

Website/Facebook: Since Amanda, Commissioner Ryan, and Kevin Evensen were not in attendance the Website updates were not available. The updates were to include if/when will have only 1 website, if can get updates to County page, and the potential providers of maintenance.

Representative Reports:

Crisis Intervention Charter Project: No report.

Suicide Prevention Committee: No report.

CSAA Report: No report.

BHAC Report/MT Peer Network Report:

Ginny reported:

- She did not attend the Behavioral Health Advisory Council in July.
- The Montana Peer Network is holding a conference on August 21st in Helena.
- She attended a forensic class in an on-going series as educational program for Peer Support Specialists.

Healthy Lives/Vibrant Futures:

Susie reported:

- The group is working on behavioral health goals: 1) Adding to CONNECT professional resource list and develop sustainability plan for CONNECT, 2) Set baseline for screening tools providers/community use for depression, anxiety and substance use including tobacco use. Establish impact measurement of tools. 3) Gain understanding and foster relationship with substance abuse providers in County with eye toward medically assisted providers and child abuse prevention. 4) Improve appropriate referrals to emergency services by use of screening tool and then establishing baseline data for the use of the tool.
- It was noted that the goals were congruent/shared with the Crisis Intervention Charter Project.

Community Reports/Announcements from Board Members:

Police Department: Capt. Schaffer reported.

- Mental Health Treatment Court is up and running, taking referrals. Their capacity is 10 people, and they work on a case-by-case basis. The goal is to prevent escalation of crimes to felonies.
- The State hospital is taking new patients now.
- There is a grant in the works to assist with the hire of a Mental Health Officer.
- The City Crime Task Force is meeting, he is member.

Public Library: Susie McIntyre reported.

- One patron was trespassed from the library. For many others the heat is a factor currently.
- It would be useful to have a Peer Support Specialist on staff at the library.

Center for Mental Health: Julie Prigmore reported.

- They are doing well on getting new positions filled.
- They are seeing an increase in the number of people who are extremely needy.
- With the *Coins for a Cause* money, they created bags of toiletries and they have all been given out.

MT Peer Network: Ginny Carnes reported.

- She attended the Suicide Prevention Conference and reported on the CAMS method of working with suicidal clients.

Public Comment No public comment.

Adjourn The meeting was adjourned by Capt. Schaffer at 2:50 PM.

Next meeting September 13th @ 1:30-3:00PM in person at Center for Mental Health or via Zoom.

Capt. John Schaffer, Vice Chair

Date