



Cascade County Mental Health Local Advisory Council Minutes



Monday, April 3rd, 2023
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, Randy Lynes, Tom Osborn, Shawn Matsko, Linda Daggett, Susie McIntyre, Capt. John Schafer, Capt. Landon Koteskey, Commissioner Rae Grulkowski.

Guests Present Cassidy Bloomgren

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

Public Comment No public comment.

Minutes from March 2023 The March 6th Minutes were made available (emailed).

Finance Report from March 2023 (pending) The finance report was unavailable from the County. Jennifer reported that there was no income or debits from the account during the month, so it should be unchanged.

Motion & Joint Approval of Minutes and Finances The Minutes were approved as presented.

New Business

Board Membership:

- Alluvion – Cassidy Bloomgren has submitted her application to the County but has not heard back.
- Legal – Cassidy contacted Josh Racki and he does have someone from the County Attorney's office to recommend, but there is no application submitted yet.
- Mini-Grants- Jennifer reported recipients, United Way, and Partners for Prevention, have been notified and are in process. Getting the checks to them will be the next step.

Continued Business

Strategic Plan – We continue to revisit it monthly.

Work Group Update –

- Randy reported that no links he submitted are posted on the website yet.
- Jen will re-send the email to the County IT Department, and the Commissioners do have the final approval.
- Jennifer and Greg met last week and talked about increasing LAC membership by extending specific invitations to the community. Suggestions were: United way, MSU Extension Office, MSU College Great Falls, Alliance for Youth, Great Falls Public Schools, providers, outlying areas,

Website/Facebook – Jennifer reported:

- She now has Facebook access, and she and Ginny have scheduled a meeting to worked on updates and initial clean-up.
- Members were asked to submit ideas to either Jen or Ginny via email for posting on the website: events, possible college connections.

Representative Reports

North Central MT – Crisis Intervention Collaborative (NCMT-CIC) Captain Schaffer/Cassidy Bloomgren reported:

Mobile Response Team

- Cassidy reported that in February the Team diverted 97% of calls from jail and 73% from ER. In March they diverted 100% from jail and 70% from ER. They had 24 calls in March.
- There is an improvement in follow up calls following crisis incidents and saw more teens in February than usual.
- Have collaborated with community groups to do mapping of where crises are, what resources are available, gaps in services.

Mental Health Court

- They are screening new applicants this week.
- Cassidy will do Crisis Intervention Academy in Missoula next week. They make 200 calls per month, not all 911 or law enforcement referrals.
- Not all police officers here are CIT trained, staffing is a problem right now.

Central Service Area (CSAA) Report Jennifer reported:

- There are no major changes in the budget for this year.
- Elizabeth Campoy and Lacey Conzelman presented on Individual Placement and Support for employees with mental health issues.
- There were reports on legislation, Medicaid changes regarding requirement changes.
- Western Service Area will be up and running again by June 1st.
- Randy inquired if CSAA receives part of the \$225 Behavioral health funding from the State \$1billion surplus. That funding goes through the Behavioral Health Advisory Council, per Jennifer.

Montana Peer Network Report The Peer support tiered system of credentialing and licensing is advancing.

Behavioral Health Advisory Council (BHAC) Jennifer reported:

- There is no Thursday meeting.
- The report is regularly provided by email to the members.

Healthy Lives/Vibrant Futures Susie reported they will meet later this week.

National Alliance for Mentally Ill (NAMI) Randy reported that the Family to Family class is this month and NAMI provided toiletries to PACT at Many Rivers.

North Central Independent Living Service (NCILS)/Library/Provider Project

- Tom filed a report on the Peer Support/Library project with the Administration for Community Living.
- Susie is working with Julie Prigmore to have more oversight of the Peer supporters at the Library.
- They continue to seeing mental health issues at the Library, have a need for mental health support.
- Susie is looking at doing a Stand-Down for the homeless population.

Community Reports/Announcements from Board Members None.

Adjourn Meeting was adjourned at 2:32 PM by Jennifer Whitfield, Chair. Next meeting May 1st, 2023 @ 1:30-3:00PM via Zoom



Jennifer Whitfield, Chair

4-3-2023
Date