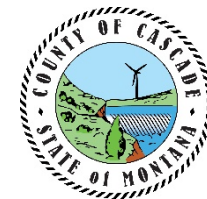




# Cascade County Mental Health Local Advisory Council



## Minutes

Monday, August 1, 2022

Zoom Virtual meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89662031601?pwd=UVhwYVMxROJZdkdQNWM5YXFJVjJPQT09>

1:30-3:00pm

Return to L Daggett 415 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, S, Great Falls, mt 59405

**Members Present** Jennifer Whitfield, Shawn Matsko, Greg Tilton, Capt. John Schafer, Susie McIntyre, Randy Lynes, , Ginny Carnes, Tom Osborn, Cassidy Bloomgren, Linda Daggett

**Guests Present** Neil Tredray- Many Rivers Whole Health Outreach, Cassidy Bloomgren- Alluvion Health

**Public Comment** There was no public comment.

### **Joint Minutes and Finance consideration**

June Minutes were approved.

Shawn reported that there were no changes to finances from the June reporting (no July meeting) and the balance still stands at \$10,451.67.

Spending Priorities Going Forward- Jennifer conducted discussion about developing a plan for our LAC's top priorities for getting the money out to beneficial use. She will assign amounts to the priorities and get some options out on email to the members.

- Mini-Grants – Funding the mini-grants this was the top priority for spending
- Website and Facebook- Investing in Website and Facebook was a second priority.
- Training- Ginny suggested we designate some funds for training.
- Marketing- Greg suggested we assist NAMI with the Resource Guide.
- Traveling- This could be another bucket to consider.

### **New Business**

Membership Jennifer reminded the group that our bylaws outline certain positions given to community entities. The LAC open positions currently on the LAC are:

- Benefis – Kevin cannot be present for our meetings, so Benefis does not currently have a representative.
- Alluvion- Our Guest today, Cassidy, was urged to apply for the position as representative from Alluvion.
- Outpatient Provider- Amanda Walker has not been attending.
- Legal- There is currently no representative from the legal field.

It was suggested we reach out to an Extension Service person (Alyssa Peak?) to serve on the Council.

LAC Officers Jennifer reminded that we need to elect officers. She will send the Bylaws to members. Offices are: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary.

### **Continued Business**

Strategic Planning-

- Convene and Collaborate is a top priority.
- Susie is working with Tiff Sweeny to organize a September 9<sup>th</sup> event, Stop the Stigma. Carl Rosston, State Suicide Prevention Officer, will be presenting. Tiff plans to apply for a mini grant.

### Other Thoughts-

- Community Events Calendar-The Committee handling this was Ginny, Greg, Randy, and they will get together and look at community events to determine what fits with our strategic plan and what conferences are available.
- Website- Jennifer is in the process of getting caught up with the Minutes recorded and posted to the County website.
- LAC Website- It was necessary to take down our website. Jennifer is working on taking it down and setting up a new one.

### **Representative Reports**

North Central MT – Crisis Intervention Collaborative- Capt. Schafer reported.

Mobile Response Team- The Team has been called 250 times this year so far. Cassidy is working on getting data out timelier.

MH Court- The one person in Mental Health Court is making great strides in making life better. They are working on removing barriers within the Court process.

Suicide Prevention Committee Greg attended the Suicide prevention Conference. The faith community was emphasized as an important piece in prevention. The Native American community has been taking an active role in emphasizing mental health with projects such as wellness centers.

Central Service Area Authority Report Jennifer attended the first hour of the last meeting.

- She is forwarding the CSAA and BHAC notifications and minutes to the Council and encouraged Council members to attend online.
- She shares what the LAC is doing.
- An update on the Montana State Hospital from the Board of Visitors was presented.
- There were 3 Mini grants to approve/disapprove.
- They are supporting the Western Region to get their directory updated.

MT Peer Network Report Ginny reported:

- Conference is September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- An Assistant to Jim Haney was hired.
- Ginny attended the Suicide Prevention Conference.
- She attended the NAMI Conference and the 988 number for crisis calls was emphasized.

Behavioral Health AC Report Jennifer reported:

- Jen has been posting the Minutes and forwarding handouts.
- There is a new Medicare Director, Mike Randell.
- Working on Medicaid Expansion and the trainings around it.

Healthy Lives/Vibrant Futures Susie reported they are in process of figuring out projects they want to take on.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Randy reported.

- James, from the PAC Team is at the Library 3 times a week and has stopped on suicide and intervened in another serious situation.
- They are still trying to get the Library/NCILS partnership at the Library Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by Alluvion and Many Rivers. Jennifer assured that Many Rivers is working on that. The pieces are in place for that, and it is working well.

**Community Reports/Announcements from Board Members**

North Central Independent Living Service (NCILS) - Tom reported that the partnership project with the Library is going very well. James, Peer Counselor (PACT), is working well. His hours are confirmed as set and approved.

**Adjourn** The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM by Jennifer Whitfield, Chair. Next meeting September 12, 2022 @ 1:30-3 PM via Zoom. This is a week later than usual due to Labor Day holiday the week before.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jennifer Whitfield, Chair

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Date