

Hill County Local Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes April 14, 2014

Present: Crystal Laufer, Amber Spring, Debby Knudson, Dionne Strissel, Desiree Norden, Carmen Salveson, Ben Jennings, Cindy Ellingson, Sherry Kegel, Brandi Baker

Crystal called the meeting to order.

3/14/2014 & 4/2/2014 Minutes reviewed. Amber moved to accept, Debby seconded. Motion passed to accept minutes as written.

Treasurer Report (Amber): The committee hasn't really been spending money, has approx. \$5300 in grant funds that needs to be spent. Plan to spend part of it on a website. Money has to be spent in line with the grant to build peer support network.

No discussion held on the website. Plan is to move forward with project.

Mental Health First Aid training will be conducted on 4/25/14 HRDC and 5/2/14 at NMH.

May is Mental Health Awareness month. Plan to move forward with "In their own voice" training from NAMI. Amber will email Cindy to follow up on this. Tim Leeds said he will do feature story for MH Awareness month.

AMDD-No discussion held

Amber volunteered to fill chair position. Was elected by unanimous vote.

Workplan:

- Engage community partners. Amber suggested everyone try to contact at least one person before the next meeting. Ben will contact probation and DFS. Debby will contact NMH, Havre High School, and the Boys & Girls Club. Desiree will contact juvenile probation. Carmen will contact Adult Protective Services and the Salvation Army. Crystal will contact James & Gina Dahl, law enforcement. Amber will contact new shelter manager. Committee members also need to look for consumers of mental health services, both patients and family-really important for identifying gaps in care.
- Identify gaps between inpatient and outpatient care. Patients don't follow up with outpatient care after discharge from inpatient treatment. One reason could be lag between discharge from inpatient and entrance into outpatient treatment (could be a month or longer).

Next meeting will be on 5/12/14 at 12:00pm at the Health Dept.

Submitted by Brandi Baker