



HILL COUNTY

Mental Health Local Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes:
January 14, 2019

Call to order: Jason Evans-Chair

Roll call and introductions: Jason Evans, Jasmine Carbajal, Amber Spring, Darlene Sellers, Curtis Smeby, Jake Strissel, Deidre Reiter, Sandy Derry, Kasi Tomaskie, Tyler Schroeder, Ron Kling, Michael Wendland

Minutes: Minutes from December 10, 2018 were reviewed and approved. Michael Wendland motioned to approve the minutes and Jake Strissel seconded the motion to approve.

Treasurer's Report: Darlene reported the current balance is roughly \$3,100.00.

Old Business:

- AMDD Report-No report.
- CSAA Report-Curtis Smeby reported that it is unknown when the next meeting is. Curtis will email the CSAA Coordinator and request information.
- NAMI- Crystal Laufer reported the following for NAMI:
 - NAMI Board Meeting is the 3rd Saturday of every month at 921 3rd Street in Havre.
 - NAMI asked the LAC what they would need from NAMI for this year.
 - NAMI provided brochures detailing information about their support groups and membership information.
 - Support Groups are held Tuesday evenings from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at 625 4th Avenue in Havre.
 - NAMI is working with an attorney to become a 501C3.
 - Crystal Laufer reported she is now on the board for the Montana Peer Support Network.
 - There is no support group on January 22, 2019 or February 12, 2019.
 - Support Groups have averaged 5 participants weekly.
 - NAMI is planning on having a summer walk.
- Media/PR
Deidre was able to work with Montana Graphics to obtain the website login and password. LAC members will review the website and come to the February meeting with update suggestions. Montana Graphics will charge the LAC \$60.00 per hour for updates.
- Work Groups: (Community/School Engagement, Housing Advocacy, Transportation, Crisis Response Team)
 - **Community/School Engagement**-Havre Trauma Sensitive School Initiative is working with local agencies to get the MT CONNECT program up and going. The Health Department has hired a part time employee to run the MT CONNECT. There will be a film festival in April showing the following films: Resilience, Paper Tigers, Wrestling Ghosts.
 - **Housing Advocacy**-Discussed reaching out to local landlords to discuss housing issues residents of Hill County are facing with the lack of housing.
 - **Transportation**-Discussion was held regarding issues with public transportation and the lack of availability for Hill County residents. Jake Strissel will reach out to North Central MT Transit to get feedback on their route, availability and costs. The LAC would be interested in sponsoring an event in the community to bring awareness to this and could possibly reach out to the Havre Herald for assistance.
 - **Crisis Response Team**-Tabled. Amber will follow up.
- Suicide Awareness Committee
 - Pizza Hut's donation to the Suicide Awareness Committee was received.
 - Amber made the motion to utilize the extra funds raised from the Suicide Awareness Week to pursue other suicide events not to exceed the amount raised. Darlene seconded the motion. All members present were in favor. No opposition.

New Business:

- Mental Health First Aid
 - Jasmine will reach out to the Chamber for additional information on advertising with the chamber.
 - Dates for the classes will be determined. It was suggested to hold the class in May during National Mental Health Awareness Week.
 - Curtis suggested reaching out to agencies and businesses directly to provide more specific information to how the course can benefit their workplaces due to the lack of participants when scheduled previously.
 - Tyler suggested reaching out to Town Pump with the large number of employees they have.
- Jasmine reported the Grandstreet Theatre in Helena will be presenting “Every Brilliant Thing” in June 2019-August 2019 for suicide awareness. Havre has agreed to be a location to host a site for this play.

Adjournment: Amber motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Next Meeting: February 11, 2019 at noon. Location: Bullhook Community Health Center