



# HILL COUNTY

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## *Mental Health Local Advisory Council*

Meeting Minutes:  
July 8, 2019

**Call to order:** Deidre Reiter-Secretary

**Roll call and introductions:** Deidre Reiter, Cindy Fitzpatrick, Darlene Sellers, Curtis Smeby, Amber Spring, Andi Daniel, Crystal Laufer, Sandy Derry, Kasi Tomaskie, Jasmine Carbajal, Jake Strissel, Sara Strissel, Libbi Sleath

**Minutes:** Minutes from June 10, 2019 were reviewed and approved. Crystal Laufer motioned to approve the minutes as written and Libbi Sleath seconded the motion to approve. All members in favor, none opposed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Darlene Sellars reported the LAC has \$3,748.04 in the LAC USBANK account.

### **Old Business:**

- AMDD Report-No report. Currently there is not an AMDD representative.
- CSAA Report-Curtis Smeby represents the Hill County LAC at the monthly Helena meetings. CSAAs are trying to work with the community health reports from the state. The free ASIST Suicide Training will be held in Bozeman, MT from 8:00-4:30 at the Comfort Inn on July 15-16, 2019. This training is sponsored by the Central Service Area Authority (CSAA). The 2019 Recovery Conference in Helena, MT will be held on September 6, 2019. This event is put on by the Montana Peer Network.
- NAMI- NAMI is now in the 305 building in Suites 212-213. Crystal Laufer reported NAMI now has twelve patients attending their classes and that they will move to having class two nights per week if they get more than sixteen participants. There was not NAMI meeting last month and the next meeting will be held July 20, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the 305 Building. Crystal reported her and Cindy Fitzpatrick will split attending the monthly LAC meetings. Crystal reported since moving into their new building there is more interest in NAMI. Crystal reported she is on the Montana Peer Network Board and that she hopes to bring in classes and trainings from Montana Peer Network. Andi Daniels reported she is the Social Media Coordinator for the Montana Peer Network. Kasi Tomaskie is a Certified Behavioral Health Peer Support Specialist and shared information regarding her duties as a Peer Supporter and how she achieved her certification.
- Media/PR-Deidre Reiter was able to reach out to the Havre Daily News and Rachel Jamieson will attend the LAC Meeting in August 2019. Andi Daniels reported that the Havre Herald would require a fee for reporting for a non-profit.
- Work Groups: (Community/School Engagement, Housing Advocacy, Transportation, Crisis Response Team)
  - **Community/School Engagement**-HTSSI continues to work on their strategic plan. A name change is being considered. Curtis Smeby discussed using the theater to develop a better understanding of the challenges the community faces regarding mental health. Curtis suggested bringing the DVD Converge to the September LAC meeting for viewing.
  - **Housing Advocacy**-No discussion.
  - **Transportation**-No discussion.
  - **Crisis Response Team**-No discussion.
- Suicide Awareness Committee -The Committee met last week. Anyone interested in joining the committee should contact Amber Spring. The next meeting will be the week of July 22, 2019. No date or time has been confirmed. The Committee is working on a theme for this year's event. Mastersports will be in charge of making the t-shirts for the event. Jasmine Carbajal reported that there are grant funds to sponsor the Mental Health First Aid Workshop on September 20, 2019. Darlene Sellars made the motion for the LAC to sponsor snacks for the Mental Health First Aid participants, not to exceed \$100.00 and for the MSU Extension to fund the cost of the course. Sandy Derry seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. The Committee is open to receiving new ideas for the event.

- Andi Daniels reported that the theater production of Every Brilliant Thing was a success with nearly fifty participants. A podcast with the actors is available on the LAC Facebook page.
- No donations to the LAC were received from the Rachel Minnick Fundraiser on June 22, 2019 event at 4:00 at the Old Station Brewery.

**New Business:**

- Suicide Talk will be held at the Hensler Auditorium on August 5, 2019 from 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. This event is open to the community.
- Safe Talk will be held at the Havre High School Library on August 8, 2019 from 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
- Jasmine Carbajal reported that the MSU-Extension will hold the Racism and What to Do About It training in the spring of 2020. The training is eight hours and a \$1,000.00 grant was received from Humanities MT. This training is \$50.00 with a scholarship offering half off, reducing the training cost to \$25.00.

**Adjournment:** Sandy Derry motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 12, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Bullhook Community Health Center