



HILL COUNTY

Mental Health Local Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes:
August 12, 2019

Call to order: Deidre Reiter-Secretary

Roll call and introductions: Deidre Reiter, Andi Daniel, Sandy Derry, Jake Strissel, Sara Strissel, Ron Kling, Desiree Blackburn

Minutes: Minutes from July 8, 2019 were reviewed and approved. Jake Strissel motioned to approve the minutes as written and Ron Kling seconded the motion to approve. All members in favor, none opposed.

Treasurer's Report: No Report.

Old Business:

- AMDD Report-No report. Currently there is not an AMDD representative.
- CSAA Report- The Montana Peer Networks 2019 Recovery Conference in Helena, MT will be held on September 6, 2019. Andi Daniel reported she listened in on the monthly CSAA call. The CSAA is working on their Strategic Plan and they hope to bring in someone to assist with the process. Andi stated the focus is on the relationship between the CSAA and AMDD. There are funding issues that affect travel reimbursements. There is hope for a potential extension on the current contract.
- NAMI- No Report.
- Media/PR-No reporter from Havre Daily News or Havre Herald attended the meeting. Deidre will reach out to the Havre Daily News to invite Rachel Jamieson to the LAC Meeting on September 9, 2019.
- Work Groups: (Community/School Engagement, Housing Advocacy, Transportation, Crisis Response Team)
 - **Community/School Engagement**-No discussion.
 - **Housing Advocacy**-No discussion.
 - **Transportation**-No discussion.
 - **Crisis Response Team**-No discussion.
- Suicide Awareness Committee -The Committee is starting the preparations for the Suicide Awareness Walk. After the walk will be a short play at the MAT Theater at MSU-N. A panel will also be present for discussion after. The play relates to suicide and those who are left. The theme is "It's Time. It's Time to ask, to listen and to support". Andi reported the Suicide Awareness Committee would like to bring the play Every Brilliant Thing back to be presented in the schools. The Hill County Library will have activities the week of the Suicide Walk. Suggestions have been to have Kindness Rocks painted and to play the movie Inside Out. The Taco Johns fundraiser will be August 29, 2019 and the Pizza Hut fundraiser will be held on September 5, 2019. The Committee will reach out to Ryan at Highway 2 Tattoo for half price tattoos. September 12, 2019 is the Suicide Walk. Andi Daniel made the motion for the LAC to cover the upfront costs to have the shirts for the Suicide Walk printed totaling \$1,500.00. with the money being paid back to the LAC with the fundraising to take place. Ron Kling seconded the motion. All members present in favor. Andi Daniel will design the shirt and Master Sports will print the shirts. Deidre Reiter made the motion for the LAC to cover the costs of beads and supplies for the walk not to exceed \$200.00. Andi Daniel seconded the motion. All members present in favor.
- Deidre Reiter reported that Rachel Minnick will have Old Station Brewery write a check to the Hill County Local Advisory Council for the donations that were received at her fundraising event to bring awareness to mental health in Hill County.

New Business:

- Desiree Blackburn, LCSW with the VA Fort Harrison in Helena, MT reported the VA would like to have a table at the Suicide Walk and will bring items for the table to the September LAC meeting. Desiree will provide information to Deidre Reiter for the Strength at Home provider training and additional information regarding the Mission Act Expansion which allows Veterans to have expanded options to private practice providers.

- Jake Strissel reported Family Connections out of Great Falls would like to attend the Mental Health First Aid Course.

Adjournment: Sandy Derry motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 9, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Bullhook Community Health Center