



HILL COUNTY

Mental Health Local Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes:
October 14, 2019

Call to order: Deidre Reiter-Secretary

Roll call and introductions: Deidre Reiter, Sandy Derry, Jake Strissel, Sara Strissel, Rachel Jamieson, Jasmine Carbajal, Crystal Laufer, Cindy Fitzpatrick

Minutes: Minutes from September 9, 2019 were reviewed and approved. Sandy Derry motioned to approve the minutes as written and Jake Strissel seconded the motion to approve.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Old Business:

- AMDD Report-No report. Currently there is not an AMDD representative reporting to the LAC.
- CSAA Report- No report.
- NAMI- NAMI reported they are doing Crunch for a Cause at Taco Johns to fundraise on November 7, 2019. 50% of the purchase proceeds will go to NAMI from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Crystal Laufer reported NAMI has 16 participants. Family and Friends group will begin December 7, 2019. Family to Family, a 12-week class, will start in January 2020. The NAMI support group is held Tuesday evenings from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. There is a playroom for children. All meetings are held at the 305 meeting in Suite 212. NAMI will be in Chinook on Saturday, October 20, 2019 at the Run event and they will hold their board meeting Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m.
- Media/PR- Rachel Jamieson with the Havre Daily News was present at the LAC Meeting. Rachel will continue to report on community health events.
- 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 Coalition – Jasmine Carbajal reported the coalition met on Friday, October 11, 2019. The community Suicide Awareness event was well attended, with roughly 80 participants. The coalition discussed not doing t-shirts next year and possibly replacing the t-shirts with tote bags. The coalition will look to bring in a speaker and another play as that was well received. The coalition will meet again in January. Jasmine reported there is more interest in the Suicide Awareness Coalition.

New Business:

- Strategic Plan and Bylaws:

Members present reviewed the current bylaws and strategic plan last updated November 29, 2012. The lack of participation was discussed as well as the future of the Hill County LAC due to the lack of participation. Sandy Derry stated that according to the bylaws, membership should include more consumers, a county commissioner, mental health providers for adult and children, a representative from Public Defenders office, City or County Attorney, Northern Montana Hospital, Havre Public Schools, HRDC, Cooperative Health Center, City/County Health Department and law enforcement.

The next steps were discussed which are to recruit members and reach out to past & current members before updating bylaws and a strategic plan to determine if the continuation of the LAC is warranted. Deidre Reiter will email the bylaws and strategic plan to the LAC email distribution list and request participation to those still interested in being members and if they would be interested in hosting a future meeting. Deidre Reiter reported the email distribution list is lengthy and most individuals on the list are not active members of the LAC.

Rachel Jamieson will print an article in the Havre Daily News.

The question arose if the LAC is still needed in the community or if what the LAC offers is a duplication of what other committees or task forces are doing. It was discussed that Mental Health First Aid and the Suicide Awareness Coalition could sustain without the LAC.

Adjournment: Jake Strissel motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 11, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Bullhook Community Health Center