



Meeting Minutes November 10, 2014

Present: Ron Kling; Jessie Bergren; Brandi Baker; Debby Knudson; Crystal Laufer; Cindy Smith; Amanda Christofferson; Rose DeBerry; Barb Comes; Ben Jennings; Amber Spring; Carmen Salveson; Lindsey Reichelt; Jay Getten

Meeting was called to order by Amber Spring, Chair. Roll call and introductions took place.

Minutes

Meeting minutes from October were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer Report: No report. Debby and Amber to go to the bank after the meeting to get check signatures in place. A bill from MTGrafix was given to Amber to pay for the start-up of the website. Debby will present a detailed report at next meeting.

AMDD – Jane was not present.

CSAA – Cindy was unable to attend last month's meeting. There are no minutes available on the website as of this date.

Old business

Mental Health First Aide Training – Curtis is back from the training and working on scheduling some sessions. They are working on having some sessions at the Cabin Fever with Hill County Extension and MSU-Northern so that more community members could attend and we would have access to increased advertising for the sessions. Lindsey is still checking on location for the Teen MH 1st Aide Training opportunities and Curtis is also interested in this. Some of the committee members thought we should ask Mrs. Coy if she would like to attend this one as she works in the school system. Jessie will check with her. The requirements may

be different for the adult and youth training. Amanda will check into the requirements.

Website – The committee members reviewed possible domain names. *hillcountylac.com* was chosen. Lindsey motioned for approval and Crystal seconded. Motion passed pending input from Heather as to if there would be enough content in the website so that if someone searched for mental health this would come up on the search.

A suggestion was to put up a calendar of events related to mental health on the website, including monthly awareness campaigns.

Peer Advocate Program

Jim Hajny presented information about Montana's Peer Network and their peer advocate program at a community meeting held at Bullhook Health Center. The Peer Network offers workshops, webinars and other training activities on Whole Health Wellness; Peer Support; Trauma and Trauma Informed Care; Advocacy; and Co-Occurring Disorders. There was discussion at this presentation on how to get grants and sustain programs for community projects for peer support personnel. Robin would like to come back to Havre after the first of the year and do a Healthy Minds, Health Bodies training for Hill County. We will let the group know when this takes place. A Peer Support Toolkit is expected in June of 2015.

New Business

LAC Member Engagement

Amanda will be doing a mini survey to list serve members of the council to see why they are not attending. She will do it by survey monkey to see if the purpose; mission; time; etc. are barriers or what would make the meetings beneficial to each of the list serve members. She will be sending drafts to those who attend regularly to see if there should be anything else included in the survey.

Discussion of Consortium Action Plan

Amanda will also be meeting with Agencies in Hill County, school counselors, and some private counselors to see what are barriers for success with their services as well as perceived and actual gaps in the hill county system. At the same time she can identify successes and programs in place in the community. A member of the committee suggested that a huge gap in what we do is having someone from the hospital emergency department be at the table during the monthly meetings. Other plans include having an outline or draft of what educational topics the community and group would like to have in the coming year and to do some evaluation of current policies and procedures in attempt to minimize interruptions of care and explore ideas to increase compliance in appointments, referrals, and follow up.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be December 8th at noon at the Bullhook Community Health Center.

Next full consortium will be held December 16th at noon at the NMH meeting room 4.

Cindy Smith, Secretary