

Hill County Local Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday February 27, 2014

Attending: Cindy Smith, Debby Knudson, Jessie Bergren, Crystal Laufer, Amber Spring Hill County Health Department, interested community members, (list is being sent from the Health Department)

The committee met together with the Hill County Health Consortium Mental Health Committee. Discussion was held regarding combining these two committees. The copy of the work plan for the Consortium is attached. The group made suggestions for time frames for the work plan activities.

March 14 at noon at the Atrium at Grateful Bread will be the next meeting of the LAC regular committee. Discussion will be held on how to blend the 2 committees and which members want to attend the Mental Health First Aide training as well as the plans for the web site. Another task of the LAC would be to assist in defining the role/job description of the Case Manager/Community Mental Health Coordinator position that Bullhook is writing for in their grant application.

Bullhook is in the process of writing for a Mental Health Expansion Grant. They asked that people attending the meeting consider writing letters of support. The grant would bring in a full time LCSW, .20 FTE pharmacists, and contract for a Psychiatrist, a Case Manager/Community Mental Health Coordinator to assist with future LAC/Consortium Mental Health Committee and 1 FTE front desk personnel at Bullhook Health Center. Bullhook also asked that anyone having suggestions or wanting some specific activities that would help the community addressed in the grant application to attend the LAC meeting in March or to send Cindy some of their suggestions via email at smithc@bullhook.com. The intent of the grant application is to help fill in gaps in the community for mental health and addiction services.

Cindy announced that the CSAA will be holding their annual Congress on April 5th in Helena from 12-3. The regular CSAA meeting will be held from 10-12 and the Congress from 12-3. Congress is a time when members from the communities within the Central Area can attend and give their suggestions for the upcoming year for Mental Health priorities within the state. Anyone wanting to attend can contact Cindy Smith at smithc@bullhook.com, or calling 265-4541.

Cindy Smith
Secretary