



HILL COUNTY

Mental Health Local Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes:
September 10, 2018

Call to order: Jason Evans-Chair

Roll call and introductions: Jason Evans, Crystal Laufer, Sharon Dolph, Emery Nault, Lenore Myers-Nault, Jasmine Carbajal, Hailey Breum, Amber Spring, Darlene Sellers, Curtis Smeby, Dawn Gamble-Shannon Crossler, Jake Strissel, Laurie Sunchild, Cara Small, Sherry Kegel, Deidre Reiter, Sandy Derry

Minutes: Minutes from 8/13/2018 were reviewed and approved with changes. Jasmine Carbajal motioned to approve the minutes, and Curtis Smeby seconded the motion to approve.

Treasurer's Report: Darlene reported the current balance is \$3,789.08.

Old Business:

- AMDD Report-No report.
- CSAA Report-No report. Curtis Smeby reported he will act as the liaison for Hill County LAC. He has been unable to connect with CSAA in Helena. It is unknown when the next meeting is. Website is not up to date. Deidre Reiter emailed the secretary, Andrea Lowre, with CSAA. Deidre Reiter will continue efforts to research more information about these meetings.
- NAMI- Crystal Laufer reported the following for NAMI:
 - NAMI Walk is 9/23/2018 from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
 - Crystal requested NAMI donate to the NAMI Walk and reported the goal is to raise \$500.00.
 - NAMI will have a table at Festival Days, by the atrium.
 - Crystal reported that 13 people attended the NAMI Barbeque.
 - NAMI has two new members.
 - Family Support Classes are on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at 625 4th Avenue at the First Baptist Church.
 - Family and Friends class will begin at the end of the year.
 - Family to Family class will begin in January 2019.
 - In Your Own Voice class is looking to begin in October 2018. The conference is October 24-26.
 - NAMI Board Meeting night is the 2nd Saturday of the month at 921 3rd Street in Havre.
 - NAMI is the National Alliance of Mental Illness and they work to get those with mental illnesses into services.
 - NAMI will have a table at the Suicide Awareness Walk.
 - NAMI is working to get a Peer Network in Hill County.
 - Center for Mental Health is without a Case Manager.
 - Crystal is working with Anita regarding transportation for Hill County Residents.
- Media/PR
Website is outdated. Deidre will contact Montana Graphics to inquire about the cost of making changes and to find out the log in and password. October meeting will hold a discussion about developing a sub-committee.
- Work Groups: (Community/School Engagement, Housing Advocacy, Transportation, Crisis Response Team)
 - Community/School Engagement-No report
 - Housing Advocacy-Sandy will work to find out when the next Landlord Association meeting is. Sandy reported landlords are not required to do a risk assessment and selecting tenants is determined by the landlord. Darlene reported that according to the reports that came from Hill County, an individual working at minimum wage cannot afford housing in Hill County. Sandy reported the Budget Inn is raising their monthly rate. Deidre spoke to Trina Crawford who is often able to assist with first month's rent, no

deposits. Trina reported that HRDC would be receiving funding to help with housing. The Ministerial Association has also helped families retain housing. Sharon reported Veterans can get vouchers to assist with housing and that Veterans can connect with workers in Great Falls for this service. Veteran's Stand Down is in October and HUD has attended in the past which would present an opportunity to discuss housing. Bear Paw Development is working with a company who is looking to improve Oakwood Village.

- Transportation-NAMI is working with Anita with Havre Taxi.
- Crisis Response Team-Tabled
- Suicide Awareness Committee
 - Rocky Boy's Zero Suicide Team will have a table at the Suicide Awareness Walk.
 - Suicide Awareness Walk is scheduled for Thursday, September 13, 2018. Registration is at 6:30 p.m. Speakers begin at 7:00 p.m. Meet at the Clocktower at MSU-N. 150 T-Shirts were ordered. Amber discussed the Facebook comments and explained the importance of doing outreach in all settings to create awareness to various audiences and to educate people on the resources in the community. Crystal read the message that was sent from an upset community member.
 - 9/10/2018-fundraising event is at the Old Station Brewery.
 - 9/13/2018-Pizza Hut fundraiser
 - The Police Protective Association would like to be notified of fundraisers such as the Suicide Awareness Walk in the future.
 - 4 checks received: Fat Billy's & Boys-\$51.00, Wilkinsin-\$200, Independence Bank-\$100, MT Peer Support-\$50.
- Mental Health First Aid
 - Darlene will order the workbooks for upcoming Mental Health First Aid Classes.
 - Workbooks are \$22.00 for agencies or schools.

New Business:

- MT Peer Network has a conference on 9/18/2018 in Missoula, MT. They are sponsoring 30 Recovery talks in 30 Days celebrating the of recovery of individuals across Montana.
- HRDC will host Sandy Bailey on October 9, 2018. She will present on Mental Health First Aid, YAMH, and Thrive.
- Jasmine made the motion to donate \$100 to NAMI. Sandy 2nd the motion.

Adjournment: Next Meeting: October 8, 2018 at noon. Location: White Sky Hope, Rocky Boy Clinic.