



Hill County Behavioral Health Local Advisory Council Meeting Minutes March 9, 2020

Call to order: Andi Daniel, Chair

Roll call and introductions: Andi Daniel, Crystal Laufer, Ron Kling, Amber Spring, Jasmine Carbajal, Sharon Dolph, Darlene Sellars, Curtis Smeby, Pamela Evans, Mike Wendland, Patrick Johnston

Minutes: Minutes from February 10, 2020 were amended to change the spelling of Sharon Dolph's name and approved. Amber Spring motioned to approve the minutes and Jasmine Carbajal seconded the motion.

Old Business:

- **CSAA:** The CSAA is working to increase consumer participation at the board level. Jami Hanson at AMDD is looking for ways to support LAC's and SAA's at the state level and is visiting LACs. She is scheduled to join us at our April meeting. Within the CSAA, half of the LACs are active. Each SAA gets 25-30,000 per year to operate. They are discussing ways to increase community engagement and peer support.
- **NAMI:** Family to Family is scheduled to finish and graduate March 21. There will also be a high tea fundraiser that day. Family support group is ongoing. There will be state NAMI training May 15-17. NAMI is planning activities for Mental Health Month in May with Crunch for a Cause on May 7, an open house on May 30, and presentations of In Our Own Voice.
- **Suicide Awareness Coalition:** Discussing the possibility of bringing *Every Brilliant Thing* back to perform at the Havre and Rocky Boy schools and in the evening for the communities. Andi spoke with Rosie Ayers and they will be in Great Falls on April 28. She suggested that we coordinate those performances to cut down on the costs.
- **Goals-**The poster to distribute to providers was edited based on the information from the last meeting. The QR code will be updated to go to the webpage when that is up and working again. Amber will send out a draft of a letter to providers in the next week. She will also look for our previous list of providers to add to the mailing list.
- **Election of Vice Chair-**Darlene nominated Amber Spring as the Vice Chair and Curtis seconded. Amber was elected as the Vice Chair.
- **Location of supplies and equipment-**Curtis and Darlene stated that MHFA books had been kept at Bullhook and that they didn't have any at this time. We have not held any of these trainings recently. Going forward we will track attendance in order to reconcile the number of books purchased with the number of people trained. This will also give us the opportunity to contact those who have attended the training to get feedback if needed.
- **Website-**the website is no longer infected, but we are not able to log in at this time. Andi will contact Hannah at Montana Graftix to discuss access and get more information about how this is being hosted.

New Business

- **Crisis response grant-** New matching grants for Crisis Response funding will be available in April. They must be submitted by counties or tribal governments. More information can be found at <https://dphhs.mt.gov/amdd/crisis-systems-information-and-resources>.

- **May activities-**
 - Havre Trauma Sensitive Schools Initiative (HTSSI) will be hosting a mental health film festival May 11-14 at the Boys and Girls Club that will feature *Paper Tigers*, *Wrestling Ghosts*, *Resilience*, and *Converge*. Curtis reported that they are looking for help in hosting. Darlene made a motion to support the film festival and Ron Kling seconded-motion passed. HCLAC members will be available to help on those nights. Jasmine has popcorn from previous movie presentations that can be used for this event.

 - In addition to the films listed above, it was suggested that we look for films that have behavioral health themes to present at the library or other venues. We would also have a panel available to discuss the films at the end. Amber provided a list of films that she uses in her college classes. Andi will look into which of these may be available at the library.

 - It was also suggested that we have sign ups available at these event for people who are interested in MHFA and YMHA. We would be able to send postcards or other reminders to those that sign up so that we can increase participation in the classes.

- **PAX community forum-**collaborate with the Boys and Girls club

- **Planning Grant-**Curtis reported that he is working with Randy Bachmeier on possibly writing an AmeriCorps planning grant proposal to increase the number of individuals trained to provide various workshops and classes on behavioral health. AmeriCorps members would become certified trainers and be able to conduct workshops and training. Curtis asked the LAC to consider a letter of support for the grant. This will be discussed at the next meeting.