



HILL COUNTY

Behavioral Health Local Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes: December 14, 2020

Call to order: Andi Daniel-Chair

Roll call and introductions: Andi Daniel, Crystal Laufer, Ron Kling, Deidre Reiter, Curtis Smeby, Patrick Johnston, Diona Buck (Connect), Matt Erdel, Mike Wendland, Sharon Dolph, Darlene Sellers

Minutes: Minutes from November 9, 2020 were reviewed and approved. Curtis Smeby motioned to approve the minutes and Mike Wendland seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Treasurer Report: No report. Darlene Sellers will send by email. Deidre Reiter paid the Montana Graphix bill.

Old Business:

- **AMDD/CSAA:** Curtis Smeby reported there is a meeting on Friday, December 18, 2020 that he will attend. Curtis stated there was not a big change with the CSAA/AMDD. Andi Daniel stated a big change was proposed, and it did not pass. SAA are three different regions. Eastern split themselves into two groups due to the size and number of counties. Andi stated we have been invited to join the Eastern region and noted the Eastern regions functions well and is more efficient than the Central SAA.
- **NAMI:** Crystal Laufer reported NAMI is working to help other affiliates to get up and going. The Havre NAMI office is helping Lewistown get into Model B that Havre is coming out of. Crystal has been in the newspaper and on the radio for Lewistown. NAMI is going statewide with classes. The weekly Family Support Group and the peer-to-peer group are meeting on zoom. Crystal reported the NAMI Virtual Conference is going well and the next meeting is December 22, 2020 from 12:00-1:00. Registration is on the NAMI Montana's web page.
- **Suicide Awareness Coalition:** The coalition has not met. Amber Spring is offering more QPR trainings to the community. As the classes are posted, Andi will advertise on the LAC website. Andi stated Amber needs more materials to offer the QPR. Andi Daniel discussed the LAC reaching out and finding ways to support the ag community as they are a relatively underserved community regarding mental health. If anyone has ways to help that group of individuals, please reach out with suggestions. Curtis Smeby suggested reaching out to the implement dealers and suggested they may offer to sponsor an activity. Sharon Dolph suggested someone representing the LAC present at the Montana Organic Association's annual conference.
- **County Grant:** Andi Daniel stated the LAC did not need to have a federal tax id to receive the grant money from the state. Andi stated the state will send the check without a federal tax id and should be sending the \$20,000 to Bullhook Community Health Center.

New Business

- **CONNECT:** Matt Erdel is the Coordinator for the Hill County Youth Reporting Center. Matt presented on Connect which is an electronic, web-based referral system and shared information about the system and its benefits. This service connects individuals in need to service providers in Montana. CONNECT facilitates the coordination of care between organizations to address overall health more holistically by streamlining referrals and expanding the network of organizations those referrals can be sent and received by. CONNECT is a provider-to-provider referral tool, HIPAA, CFR Compliant, a statewide tool, accessible by any type of service provider, available at no cost, and is scalable (works for non-profit or major hospital). Matt stated CONNECT is not electronic medical records or a case



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management system and it is not a health information transfer system, not a replacement for human interaction, not time consuming and is not complicated.

- Mike Wendland stated this was his last meeting as commissioner. Jake Strissel will be attending in the future as the newly elected county commissioner.
- Amber continues the Monday night Covid-19 support group meetings. The MSU-Northern Counselor Education students are facilitating these meetings.

Adjournment: Ron Kling motioned to adjourn the meeting. Crystal Laufer seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: January 11, 2021, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual Meeting