



Cascade County Mental Health Local Advisory Council Minutes



Monday, March 7, 2022
Zoom Virtual meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86265196743?pwd=Z3dyRU9qY29ZeG5jWXZZNDV4V09jZz09>

1:30-3:00pm

Return to L. Daggett 415 6th Ave S. Great Falls, 59405

Attendance

Members present Captain John Schaffer, Ginny Carnes, Shawn Matsko, Susie McIntyre, Commissioner Don Ryan, Greg Tilton, Tom Osborn, Linda Daggett, Scott Van Dyken

Guests present Julie Prigmore, Center for Mental Health

Public Comment Capt. Schaffer, Vice Chair, acting Chair called for public comment and there was none.

Minutes from February 2022 The minutes of the February meeting were approved as emailed and presented.

Finance Report from February 2022 Shawn reported that the balance of \$10,451.67 remains the same as last report.

New Business

Mini-Grant Form Captain Schaffer referred to the updated handout Jennifer Whitfield emailed to the Board with the proposed changes from the discussion at the last meeting. The updated form was accepted and this handout will be forwarded to Commissioner Ryan to present to the County Commission for their approval.

Other Ginny recently received resource guide from [http:NAMI.org](http://NAMI.org) via email. She will forward it to Randy so he can investigate it further.

Continued Business

Strategic Plan Continued discussion from last month:

Health/Human Services Grant (as part of Goal #1) Tom reported:

- He, Susie, Julie Prigmore, and Cassidy from Alluvion met to submit a request to American Rescue Plan funds for \$104,000 and it will be awarded. The State is adding \$80,000 more for a total of \$184,000.
- This grant would allow the Center for Mental Health, the Library, and Alluvion to partner to contract out for a Community Health Social Worker - primarily focused on behavioral health - and they are writing up what that position would look like. The position should post at the at the end of the month or early next month.
- They will work with Crisis Response Intervention, Peer Support, and emergency services diversion.
- This is one-time money available until September 2024, and they hope to demonstrate success to continue the position.
- Capt. Schaffer requested they include with him and the Mental Health Treatment Court and they agreed to do that.

Website/Facebook

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- Susie did contact Bonnie at the County and so far only the LAC meeting agendas and minutes are being posted, and those are not up to date.
- She asked for guidance from the group on what other information might be posted in addition to the minutes and agenda.
- Linda will follow up on how to better keep the minutes and agendas up to date on the website.

Facebook Kevin Evensen was not in attendance, no report.

Representative Reports

North Central MT – Crisis Intervention Collaborative (NCMT-CIC) Captain Schaffer reported:

Mobile Response Team The Response Team is running out frequently, but the data report has not been done.

MH Court

- They met with Judge Bolstad are re-examining how they can best target the people that need the service. He had concerns about reaching the people it was designed for.
- Randy suggested that expanding the diagnosis criteria might help.

Suicide Prevention Committee Greg was in attendance at the zoom meeting but the audio for him was not working so there was no report.

CSAA Report There was no February Meeting, Jennifer emailed the minutes of the November/December meeting with the LAC information this month.

MT Peer Network Report Ginny reported that Jim Haney announced there will be COVID testing kits available to all Peer Supporters by May.

BHAC Report The minutes of the Behavioral Health Advisory Council were emailed from Jennifer to the LAC this month.

Healthy Lives/Vibrant Futures Susie reported they have not had a meeting since last report.

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Randy reported that the board met and they are happy we are collaborating with them for the NAMI walk in mid-September. They are looking for us to help with some of the organizing i.e. advertising and logistics.

Community Reports/Announcements from Board Members

Center for Mental Health Julie reported that they are hiring right now. They are continuing to work on the CCDHD grant for certified community behavioral health provider.

County Commission Commissioner Ryan reported that the Juvenile Detention Center is very pleased with the Access to the Bookmobile and it is well received.

Library Susie reminded the group that No More Violence Week sponsored by Alliance For Youth is April 4-8 and encouraged participation.

Shawn New City Church is moving into a new building closer to downtown and is opening a law enforcement lounge there.

Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 2:10. Next meeting April 4th @ 1:00-2:30PM via Zoom.

Captain John Schaffer, Vice Chair

Date