



# Cascade County Mental Health Local Advisory Council Minutes



Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Zoom Virtual meeting

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1:30-3:00pm

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**Members Present** Jennifer Whitfield, Randy Lynes, Shawn Matsko, Susie McIntyre, Tom Osborn, Commissioner Rae Grulkowski, Greg Tilton

**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Whitfield at 1:34 PM. Welcome and introductions were made.

**Public Comment** There was no public comment.

**Minutes from May 2023** Motion to approve the May Minutes as written made by Randy and seconded by Tom. Minutes were approved as presented with one change to Commissioner Grulkowski's name spelling.

**Finance Report from March, April & May 2023 (pending)** Jennifer reported she will again reach out to Bonnie for these reports and forward them to the Council upon receipt.

## **New Business**

**Board Membership:** Jennifer reported

- Alluvion – Cassidy Blomgren approved at the County Commission.
- Legal – Phoebe Marcinek from the County Attorney's Office approved at the County Commission.
- Provider- still vacant.

**Mini-Grants: are in process (update)** Jennifer notified those present that she has been working with Bonnie at the County and the recipients of the local mini-grants. She will email to ensure the process is completed.

**Application to CSAA for more funds** Additionally, during the course of May, the Council prepared and approved via email a mini-grant application to the CSAA for further funds. Jennifer shared that it has been submitted and that we are awaiting a vote to know if/when approved and for how much if approved.

**Lifestyles Montana Magazine Articles** Greg reported:

- Greg has continued contact with Hope Good of Lifestyles Magazine. He and Randy meet with her and Tim Lee later this week for more details in respect to timing, topics, etc....updates will be provided soon. Greg shared updates on what has been discussed thus far.

## **Continued Business**

**Strategic Plan** – Continues to be a work in progress, Jennifer keeps on agenda as reference to goals.

**Work Group Update** Randy, Ginny, Greg reported that the focus is on additional membership and participation. They are working to post information on the County website. No further updates.

**Website/Facebook**

- Jennifer reported that she and Ginny continue working on getting control of the Facebook page. It has been a struggle thus far.

## Representative Reports

North Central MT – Crisis Intervention Collaborative (NCMT-CIC) No report as members that participate not present.

Central Service Area Authority CSAA Report Greg reported:

- Greg shared some of the events taking place around our region.
- Legislative updates are provided with resource links in the agenda that is sent.
- There will be a State Summit in Lewistown in September. Jennifer is checking who may attend.

MT Peer Network Report No report as member that participate not present.

Healthy Lives Vibrant Futures Susie reported:

- There is \$1700 that can be spent on community training. The committee decided on MH First Aide Training at the Library for the Stop the Stigma week in September.
- No other updates at this time.

Behavioral Health Advisory Council (BHAC) Report Jennifer reported:

- The report is regularly provided by email to the Council.
- Planning to bring together the Western, Central, and Eastern SAA this September and want to host an annual get-together. Jennifer checking who is invited to attend.
- New executive leadership in the process of being nominated and voted upon.
- Review of Block Grants and Subcommittee updates provided.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Randy reported:

- They wound up the Family to Family class in May.
- NAMI-CON description information provided.
- Connection to veterans and improving access to care. Jennifer shared information on an event planned for late August and to connect Randy to her connection to support NAMI's participation in the event.

North Central Independent Living (NCILS)/Library/Provider Project Susie reported:

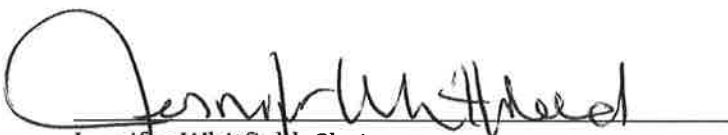
- James and Josh are continuing to provide support to both patrons and staff at the Library.
- The levy community vote is tomorrow.

## Community Reports/Announcements from Board Members

Tom shared that there is a CMS proposal that is currently taking public comment. It is surrounding person centered treatment planning and the three (3) waivers: Big Sky Waiver, SDMI Waiver and First Choice Waiver. Looking to have an Advisory Committee. Tom shared details with members present.

Susie shared that there is a Town Hall scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Mansfield Theatre that is open to the public. It will be centered on Public Safety.

**Adjourn** The meeting was adjourned at 2:37. Next meeting July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 1:30-3:00PM via Zoom and also offered an in-person option at Many Rivers Whole Health. Meeting invite will be updated. Meetings will continue on the first Monday of the month, but will change for July due to the holiday.

  
Jennifer Whitfield, Chair

  
Date