

Cascade County Mental Health Local Advisory Council Minutes



Monday, July 12th, 2021
915 1st Ave South, Conference Room
or
Zoom Virtual meeting
1:30-3:00pm

Return to: L Daggett 415 6th Ave S Great Falls MT 50405

Members Present: Jennifer Whitfield, Captain John Schaffer, Susie McIntyre, Shawn Matsko, Tom Osborn, Ginny Carnes, Trista Besich, and Kevin Evensen

Guests Present: None

Call to Order: Jennifer Whitfield, Chair, convened the meeting at 1:35 PM.

Welcome and Introductions: Observed by those in attendance and via Zoom call participants.

Approval of the Minutes from June 2021: The June 7th meeting minutes were approved with no changes.

Finance Report from June 2021: Jennifer reported there are no expenditures or deposits after the last report and the balance is \$7,251.67. The report was accepted as presented.

New Business:

County Board Leadership Training: Jennifer reported that she and Ginny were in attendance and provided to the Council the information that was presented by MSU Extension Office on June 29th, 2021. Jennifer offered to provide any members of the Council copies of the packet should they so choose. Reviewed the highlights of the presentation that reviewed the following topics: Principles of Good Governance, Parliamentary Procedure, Parliamentary Motions Guide, MT Statutes on the Right of the Public to Know and Participate, Open Meetings Law, Minutes of Meetings, MT Code of Ethics, MT Statutes on Nepotism and General Board Statutes. There was lots of information presented and not all was thoroughly covered at the June 29th presentation. Susie offered to share the Library Board's procedures on Public Comment as a means for this Council to review at the next meeting.

Continued Business:

Strategic Plan: Jennifer and Ginny reported that the Community Resource Guide has been distributed to several community partners as well as grocery stores. If more needs arise, please alert the Council so that options for printing can be explored once again. Jennifer brought forward that during the next meeting in August the Council should review and choose the next goal(s) of the Strategic Plan to address. Jennifer will send out the Strategic Plan with next month's meeting to members to review in advance for discussion.

Website/Facebook: Discussion took place in regard to having more than 1 website (private site set up by Vernon Bishop on the Council's behalf) and 1 page on the County's website. Susie motioned that we have only 1 website page and recommended the County's official website. This was seconded by Captain Schaffer. Council votes unanimously in favor of the motion. Jennifer will attempt to contact Vernon Bishop as the administrator of the private website, perhaps through Amanda Walker, to have it turned off. Additionally, Jennifer reached out to County contacts to update the County's website with update to date information.

Discussion took place in regard to Facebook maintenance and increased activities that would be supported by the Council. Kevin motioned that we look to a local firm, such as Socially Creating Great Falls, for this task. Susie seconded the motion. The Council discussed and Kevin agreed to research the potential options for presentation at the next meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

Representative Report:

Crisis Intervention Charter Project: Trista Besich presented at the start of the meeting due to a schedule conflict. Trista presented that the CIP met about 1 month ago and officially named as the North Central Montana Crisis Intervention Collaborative (NCMTCIC). There is anticipated to be a meeting at the end of July to establish the governing board and workgroups which will provide more structure moving forward. She stated that the Tribal/County Matching Grant was received; however, not in the full amount due to the numerous requests put in from around the state. They are asked to submit a revised budget in the next week. Once approved by the State, the announcement will be shared. It is a fair amount of monies to get a good jump start on the project. Trista then shared the Mobile Response Team data acquired from April-June. She shared that there will be monthly report with focus on diversion rates and then also a quarterly report that shares additional demographic.

Suicide Prevention Committee: Greg Tilton not present, no report.

CSAA Report: Jennifer shared the information from the CSAA June meeting to include the Mini Grant Application Process. Jennifer gave review to the Council around the Mini Grant tie to legislative funding and CSAA's role in distribution. She then shared an idea that with the funding the Council currently has to support local mini grants to projects that may require small amounts of funding that meet the Council's strategic goals. The Council discussed and will place on the agenda for next meeting. Jennifer also inquired to the Council around sharing of the Council's meeting minutes. Captain Schaffer motioned we provide the monthly minutes to the CSAA as requested; Susie seconded. Short discussion that the Chairperson would send in the monthly Minutes via email upon approval. The Council unanimously approved.

BHAC Report/MT Peer Network Report: Ginny reported there will be an in-person, one day Recovery Conference for Peer Support in early fall. She provided details and recommended sharing with those that may have interest.

Health Lives/Vibrant Futures: Susie reported that the quarterly meeting is next week and will be able to report at the August meeting.

Community Reports/Announcements from Board Members:

Great Falls Police Department: Captain Schaffer reported that mental health calls are rising to about 4-5/day that involve Mobile Response Team. He is seeing an increased need for the services and is encouraged of the partners signing onto the CIP project.

MT Peer Network: Ginny reported she completed a conference on crisis diversion that she highly recommends. Explained to the Council on what it all entailed.

Public Library: Susie reported a person living with mental health issues was trespassed from the library as a continual disturbance. Not a threat to themselves or others, but highly concerning behaviors. Also, the library is looking to expand hours and resume to a more normal schedule.

North Central Independent Living Services- (NCILS): Tom reported on the 1115 Demonstration Waiver expanding by the Governor with the Heart Initiative. Public comment is available through the 1st part of September. Tom also shared information around the Medicaid Waiver to include tenancy support, crisis

intervention, residential homes, and Medicaid enrollment 30 days before discharge from prison or hospital setting.

Alluvion: No report as Trista left the meeting early due to a schedule conflict.

Center for Mental Health: Jennifer reported the Center signed on to the CIP project. She also stated that recruitment was improving in the last two months, and they are filling many positions over the course of the summer.

Public Comment: None

Adjourn Meeting adjourned by Jennifer Whitfield at 2:37 PM. Next meeting August 2nd, 2021 @ 1:30-3:00PM in person at Center for Mental Health or via Zoom.

Jennifer Whitfield, Chair

Date