

## **Beaverhead County Mental Health Local Advisory Council**

February 9, 2018 from noon to 2:00 p.m.

Tom Welch Meeting Room – County Treasurer’s Building

**Members Present:** Chairman Lynn Weltzien, Vice Chairman Jerry Girard, Katherine Buckley-Patton, Rick Hartz, Kim Martinell, Beth Sullivan, and Jeanette Producers.

**Members Absent:** Jenny Given, Melainya Ryan, and Commissioner Tom Rice.

**Others Present:** Jamie Flynn, Pat Carrick and Wallace Arney.

**Welcome and introductions.** Establish a quorum. A quorum was established for the meeting with seven (7) LAC members present.

Lynn called the meeting to order shortly after noon. She asked everyone present to introduce themselves. Kenny Bell and Lyn Ankelman joined the meeting via their cell phones.

**Approval of minutes** of the December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meetings.

Lynn asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**MOTION:** Rick made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017, meeting and Jeanette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Lynn asked for motion to approve the minutes from the January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting.

**MOTION:** Rick made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018, meeting and Jeanette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Lynn said there are handouts for the group on the table.

### **Announcements**

Lynn wanted to announce that the LAC has a page on the Beaverhead County’s website. You can check it out on [Beaverheadcounty.org](http://Beaverheadcounty.org) and you click on the LAC page. There are lots of pictures and information on it. Lynn said to please send information to Sadie or Jamie that you want posted on the website.

Lynn said there is a vacancy on the LAC for a voting member and anyone interested should send a written note to Lynn. The LAC will send a recommendation to the commissioners. Wallace Arney expressed an interest in the LAC.

Regarding the LAC logo, Lynn said it cost more than we thought it would, but we got more in that we have four different versions to meet all the possible needs that may arise. The four versions are shown on today's agenda. The logos can be used for correspondence, t-shirts or posters. Jamie asked about the logo and why the word "local" is not on it. Lynn said she had consulted with Kenny Bell and his supervisor, Mary LeMieux, who agreed it was fine to omit the word "local" in the logo. However, this was just for the logo otherwise we will continue to refer to the organization as the Local Advisory Council.

Lynn talked about the Great Harvest Bread Days' application for the LAC's education program. She and Katherine had worked on this in order to meet the December 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. A summary of the proposal they submitted was provided as a handout. The total budgetary request to Great Harvest was \$11,200. She announced that the LAC had been chosen for the "Bread Days" that will take place in November. Lynn said our only expectation is to provide two people each day to help greet customers and carry out orders. The event is over three days, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We will need to get the word out to the community so that this can be a good fundraiser for us. We will plan more about how to do that over the coming year.

Lynn talked about the community education curriculum. She wants everyone to think if we need a committee. The original idea for this was from the crisis committee. Anyone interested in helping Lynn and Katherine should get in touch with them. Lynn reminded the group that we have 10 task force committees already, but felt a small committee that could meet separately would be helpful. Lynn and Katherine stated they both wanted to continue working on this. Jerry agreed to help and stated he felt Heidi would want to help as well.

### **Election of Officers**

Lynn talked about the board and the members. Cindy Decker will send a letter to members when their terms are expiring. The terms of Lynn, Jerry, Rick, Melainya and Beth will expire on December 31, 2018. The others members, Kim Jenny, Katherine, Jeanette and Julie's replacement will expire on December 31, 2020. Commissioner Tom Rice is the 11<sup>th</sup> person on the LAC and that position is appointed annually.

Lynn said she would be willing to stay as the chairman for the remainder of the year.

MOTION: Rick made a motion for Lynn to remain as Chairman and Jerry as Vice Chairman. Katherine seconded the motion.

Jerry said he would stay if no one else wanted the vice chairman position. Jerry asked about Julie's vacancy and who can be chosen to fill the position. Julie was representing Adult and Children's MH service providers. But the new person would not necessarily have to be. If a person is chosen to fill her slot who is not a provider then someone who is a provider and already on the council in a different role can possibly trade. The group agreed to give one more month for people interested to send in a statement.

**Budget** – Lynn asked Rick to talk about the budget. Rick explained that the fiscal year is half complete. Revenues are \$10,715 and expenditures to date are \$4,700. Currently we have in the bank \* \$12,273. We carried over cash from last year that was money from the Montana Healthcare grant of \$6,463. Rick explained there are two pots – general operating and money from the grant for the summit and the task forces. The task forces who need funds for a project should write a request and send to Lynn or bring it up at a meeting. We need to keep applying for grants to fund our future projects.

#### **WSAA report**

Rick reported that the WSAA meeting was held in Missoula on January 23, 2018. A large part of the meeting was about on-going frustration with the DPHHS and AMDD. The group decided to write a letter to Director Hogan regarding facilitating summits where service areas can get together. That has not happened. He talked about the letter that was written. It looks like after the stipends are all paid out to the counties, there will be \$4,000 in mini grants available. They need to be in by March 30<sup>th</sup>. The intent to apply letter has to be in by March 30<sup>th</sup>. The applications are due April 20<sup>th</sup>. After that date, the WSAA board will determine and make their awards. The application is on the WSAA web site. The next meeting is on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Our \$300 request has already been sent in to WSAA. Lynn had a 4-page annual report that she sent to WSAA. Jamie will be sending a copy to everyone in an email.

#### **Reports from Committees**

**ACE** – Katherine reported that they have been doing outreach training for the Madison County schools. Also working with BHH to do ACE training that would be more advanced. She is also working on child-wise with Jana Barnes, PA. They now have an ACE blurb on the radio and in the Dillonite Daily and DMS web site.

Kenny wanted to thank the ACE group for their work. Kim said she was also in the schools and with the Madison County LAC and they all expressed concern about the problems with suicide. Katherine and Mel will be doing a presentation at PIR days in the schools.

**Crisis** – Jenny was not present and no crisis committee meeting was held today. However, Lynn gave a report for Jenny stating that the Crisis committee is continuing, but they need to find MHLAC Meeting

another time to meet. Jenny plans to apply for another Montana Healthcare Foundation grant. The hospital has more patients because of the closure of WMMHC so they are very busy but managing. Jenny is also going to collaborate with Dan Aune on the Children's Initiative. They will meet before the next LAC meeting.

### **Community Service Award**

Jenny asked Lynn to ask the group if it was ok to have Kay Gaines come to a meeting to talk to the group. The LAC agreed to invite Kay to our March meeting. This committee has lost both Wanda and Julie so she is looking for more people on that committee for the Summit. The nominations will be open in the summer for this award. Katherine said she would help with this committee.

### **Summit Planning**

Jerry reported they are working on the schedule for the summit, which is September 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. He said they have fresh new ideas for some afternoon breakouts. He talked about the keynote speaker being a basketball player with bipolar and drug and alcohol abuse. She should be a big draw, but is also quite expensive. Other speakers are being pursued.

### **Other business**

#### **Update on community happenings since Director Hogan's visit.**

Lynn went through the handout from Directors Hogan's visit. Jon Ebelt is our go-to person for DPHHS. He is the Communications Director. Lynn talked about the space that the Commissioners have made available in the old Department of Revenue offices. Career Futures, Voc Rehab, Action Inc., and others are interested in possibly utilizing this space part-time but we also have a designated room for Mental Health. Lynn said that the commissioners are giving the LAC a mental health room for 18 months rent-free. The exact use of this room will have to be decided. Possibilities were discussed.

#### **WMMHC Transition Plan Report - Lyn Ankelman**

Rick asked Lyn if WMMHC would be interested in sending someone to Dillon one day a week to meet with people in our new space. Lyn said she didn't know and she will have to consider their resources and think creatively. Lynn agreed that we need to be creative and more strategic.

Lynn asked Lyn about her role at WMMHC. Lyn's title is the Clinical Director for the WMMHC. Lynn asked about the contract Beaverhead County has with WMMHC residents. Lyn said she's not familiar with every contract they have but does know WMMHC is a private not for profit business. She believes they do have a contract to provide CRT services for Beaverhead County, but not for anything else. Lynn asked what services will be provided from now on. Lyn said

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crisis intervention at the jail and hospital and they are still providing out-patient services to BC residents in the Butte area, but not coming to Dillon. Lynn asked about their transition plan. Lyn reported they are working with CHC and the hospital to pick up the 112 clients that were at the WMMHC at the time of its closure. Lynn asked if they had followed up to assure the clients did get to a new therapist. Lyn stated that Kathy Dunks was the person really doing this work and she would have to check with her. Lyn did know that all the veterans had follow-up and are in care. Lynn asked how many were veterans and Lynn replied that only 8 of these patients were veterans. Lynn asked if there could be follow-up for all the patients to assure that they did not fall through the cracks. Lyn said it is their goal to follow up, but she doesn't know what has been done for sure.

Lynn asked what is going to happen to the WMMHC building. Lyn said it is going to be sold privately and that this will happen soon.

Katherine asked Lyn what it would take for WMMHC to come back to Dillon. Lyn said that the office would need to be self-sustaining and fiscally viable.

**United Way Grant** – Lynn expressed gratitude to everyone who had stepped forward to volunteer since the closures and cuts. She is grateful for everything people are doing in the short-term, but stated we must prepare for the long term as it is not likely that any of these services are coming back. She talked about the need for a strategic plan for the county. She and Katherine met with Bob Pfister with United Way and they will explore the possibility of applying for a United Way grant to bring in Dennis Mohatt and his colleague Richard in from Boulder, Colorado to meet with key decision makers within the mental health programs. They would bring ideas working now in similar places and facilitate our developing a creative plan. They will be available whenever we can get them here. We will need the United Way grant to afford a “Search Conference” as their cost is high. United Way of Dillon will meet during the first week of March to decide. The grant request is for \$7,500. Lynn and Katherine reported that they submitted a proposal, which included the LAC contributing \$1,000 of in-kind labor and other needs. Katherine emphasized that the legislature would not be in a position to provide any services for at least the next two years so we must take the initiative to help our county residents ourselves.

**DPHHS** – Kenny

Kenny said his office is now moving to Missoula. His AMDD update was given out as a handout. They talked about if Kenny will be able to travel to our meetings. Kenny said probably not.

**Provider's reports**

No reports because we ran out of time.

Wallace shared that he has been working with AA and we could possibly get the Alanon building for some office time. The building could be available for mental health center day programs on Monday, Tuesday and Fridays.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

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Lynn Weltzien, Chairman

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Jamie Flynn, Secretary