



**Minutes
Butte-Silver Bow Mental Health Local Advisory Council
Jan. 22, 2018**

1. Administrative Agenda Items

- a. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Finlen.
- b. Roll call was conducted and introductions were made:

Roll Call		
Lyn Ankelman (WMMHC)	Beth Billings	Miles Finlen
Shirley Gordon	Tricia Herman	Eileen Joyce
Ed Lester	Michelle Lewis	Molly Molloy
Jim O'Neill	Jon Olson	Dawnita Romine
Excused Absences		
Dave Boyd	Bryan Greer	Lindsey Kambich
Cindy Perdue-Dolan	Karen Sullivan	
Guests		
Ken Bell	Anna Dockter	

- c. The minutes of the Oct. 23, 2017 and Nov. 27, 2017 were reviewed. Mr. Lester moved to approve the minutes, and Ms. Molloy seconded. The minutes were approved.

2. Public Comment(s) On Any Items on the Agenda

- a. None.

3. Reports of Officers and Committees

- a. None.

4. Old Business

- a. None.

5. New Business

- a. A call was made to Jim Hajny of the Montana Peer Network. Mr. Hajny was introduced by Ms. Lewis. Mr. Hajny told the LAC that the peer support program is funded for two years, with funding ending at the end of 2019. Funding covers implementation costs and is to be taken over by community funding after two years. MPN is hiring two recovery coaches for community-based peer support. Resumes and cover letters are due to mtpeernetwork.org by end of the week. Hiring will be done in February, and extensive training will then occur, including onsite training in Bozeman. Target date for rollout is April 1. The program engages people and the community in recovery. Referrals can come from anyone and the program is completely voluntary. Partners need to be identified at this time; those willing to partner are asked to email jim@mtpeernetwork.org. Mr. Hajny opened the discussion to questions. Ms. Ankelman asked whether the program was for both adults and children; Mr. Hajny replied that the program is for adults only. Mr. Finlen asked if there a referral protocol. Mr. Hajny said referrals will eventually go to recovery coaches directly by getting consent from a person in need. Mr. Bell asked about the extent of the training – Mr. Hajny said the training is a 40-hour training focused on “peer support 101” and trauma training, including onsite training. Ms. Ankelman asked then the certification process will be completed; Mr. Hajny replied that he is expected it at any time. Ms. Ankelman also asked then reimbursement rates are expected; Mr. Hajny replied that he is uncertain of dates. Mr. Bell said he believes July 1 is the date for certification. Mr. Hajny said coaches will be attending LAC meetings. Mr. Bell asked about the cost of implementing the peer support program – Mr. Hajny said the cost for two recovery coaches is about \$70,000 annually. Mr. Lester asked whether Gallatin County had taken over community funding; Mr. Hajny said the Gallatin County sheriff approached the county for funding. Mr. Lester asked whether Gallatin County had two peer support positions, and Mr. Hajny replied affirmatively. Mr. Lester asked whether it was a 24/7 operation; Mr. Hajny said due to safety reasons, coaches do not go out between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. Schedules are based on need. Mr. Lester asked what happens if a call comes in at 3 a.m. – Mr. Hajny said callers are asked to leave a voicemail or send an email, with follow-up occurring the next morning, including a determination on law enforcement involvement. Mr. Lester asked if coaches have an office – Mr. Hajny said there is no office, that recovery coaches are mobile and meetings occur where a person nearing crisis feels most comfortable. Mr. Lester mentioned a scenario in which a meeting location is established, but other people are present, that recovery coaches be walking into a drug scenario or other dangerous situation. Mr. Hajny said coaches rely heavily on law enforcement; he added that he will come to Butte to meet with the sheriff about protocols, including coaches attending sergeant meetings. Ms. Herman inquired about record-keeping; Mr. Hajny said documentation occurs in a cloud-based system, using identification numbers instead of names to protect confidentiality. Ms. Molloy said this is a different model than what the community is used to, and further discussion will be

needed. Ms. Ankelman asked whether the training includes suicide prevention skills. Mr. Hajny said the training focuses on making appropriate referrals.

- b. Community Action Team – Mr. O’Neill provided a handout. Mr. O’Neill said the community currently has 12 trainers for Youth Mental Health First Aid, a free offering. There are two openings for Adult Mental Health First Aid trainers, with training occurring in May in Salt Lake City. The ACEs training, in affiliation with the ChildWise Institute and Elevate Montana, has 14 presenters available. Signs of Suicide training has been completed for 1,000 students. The CAT is attempting to replicate on the adult side what has been developed on the youth side. A process continues for retention of a CONNECT Web-based referral system administrator.
- c. Continuum of Care – Mr. Finlen said Action, Inc., had received funding from various sources to continue operations of the emergency shelter through May. Mr. Finlen said the Butte Rescue Mission has indicated it intends to open in May. Ms. Ankelman said the Service Connect event for the homeless is happening this Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the MAC Center.
- d. WSAA – Ms. Herman presented and discussed a form for applying for a stipend through the WSAA. Due to time constraints, Ms. Molloy moved to table the discussion until the next meeting, and Ms. Ankelman seconded. Ms. Herman asked everyone to bring ideas for what to use stipend monies for, since this is now a requirement for the WSAA to award the stipend.

6. Other

- a. Ms. Molloy said Southwest Montana Community Health Center does not currently have federal funding certainty, since CHC’s throughout the country weren’t included in a continuing resolution funding the government.
- b. Mr. Finlen said Ms. Sullivan would have an update on LAC appointments/reappointments at the next meeting.
- c. Ms. Ankelman said Western Montana Mental Health Center had eliminated case management positions. She said clients could continue to visit Silver House and its Drop-In Center.
- d. Mr. Bell handed out an informational sheet related to Requests for Proposals/Addictive & Mental Disorders Division.
- e. Discussion was briefly had about an LAC budget. Due to time constraints, Ms. Herman voted to table the discussion until the next meeting, with Mr. Lester providing a second. The motion was passed.

7. Presentations

- a. None.

Public Comment(s) On Any Items Not on the Agenda

- b. None.

8. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned.

9. Next Meeting

- a. The next meeting of the Butte-Silver Bow Mental Health Local Advisory Council will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, 2018 at the Butte Public Library, third-floor conference room.