

Western Service Area Authority (WSAA) Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 25, 2018 • 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Western Montana Mental Health Center

1321 Wyoming St., Room 102, Missoula, Montana

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PRESENT: (Board Members – for quorum): Rena Ayres, Sylvia Carollo (by phone), Monique Casbeer, Denelle Pappier, Douglas Schimmel, Pete Snyder, Geri Stewart, Stacey Wheeler.

(Board Advisors from AMDD): Kenny Bell, Vicky Varichak.

(Members/ Guests): James Glantz (Sunburst, Lake Co).

Convened at 10:05 a.m. – Tele-conference call initiated through poly-com.

A. Welcome / Introductions / Announcements — Stacey Wheeler, Chairperson

1. Monique: MT Legislative Voices, Tonight, 9/25, 5:30-7:30pm, at Public House, 130 E. Broadway in Missoula. Meet & discuss legislative issue with the candidates.

B. Secretary's Report — Denelle Pappier

**MOTION:** Monique/Heidi. To approve June 26, 2018 board minutes as read. Deferred; no quorum.

C. Treasurer's Report — Tim Myers (406-532-9719; [tmyers@wmmhc.org](mailto:tmyers@wmmhc.org)) is resigning from WMMHC. Not present to report.

D. SAA Report — Stacey

Stacey and Denelle attended the quarterly summit in Helena yesterday (9/24). Also attended by Mindi Askelson from AMDD, Crystal Evans and Matt Furlong from CSAA, Barb Mettler and Bruce Peterson from ESAA. Primary focus was planning the combined SAA Congress, which is to be held on the last day during the NAMI-MT conference (10/24-26, in Helena).

Arranged the agenda for our presentation with all SAA leaders in panel introducing: Explanation of what is SAA/LAC; the reason to hold a combined Congress; the current status of each SAA; region-specific MH issues; legislative priorities (region-specific or general need); and the identified priorities that we want the state legislators to hear are our needs in MH around the state.

Next SAA Summit to be held on Monday, Dec. 10th, 9:30-2:30, in Helena (AMDD hosts). It was decided to move the WSAA December meeting to Tuesday, Dec. 11th at 10am (rather than 12/25!)

E. AMDD Report — CPO Vicky Varichak

No official report sent to share from AMDD.

Discussion. After our October Congress, the combined SAAs should write/send letter to MT Hospital Assoc., MHCs, county commissioners, city councilors, LTE, etc.\* to explain our top priorities and invite them to join us in presenting a unified force to convince state legislators to act appropriately on MH issues/bills. Then send a letter with consolidated impact of signatures to state legislators.

May need to address this issue sooner; before the November elections. The bill 185 is important to pass, but tobacco money has spent lots on deceptive advertising. Could write template letter that can be personalized and send to all LACs/board members; also post to our website. Stacey will draft something and have Pete proofread it for clarity on the subject.

With no quorum, we cannot make an official motion today. We will send for an email letter to board members asking for a consent to proceed with this plan.

(\*MHA, MACO, BHAM may have lists of email addresses needed to send letters.)

F. Elections —

No LAC Reps that were present, or who emailed in, had elected their local LAC officers and WSAA Reps/Alts. Discussion of who may be interested to be nominated to the board and Executive Board.

All present that are up for election stated they were interested in nomination to be re-elected (except Leah Furlong, who was not present). Also, we have at least 3 vacant seats from LACs who have not been attending to have a Rep. (Lincoln and Pintler LACs, and one At-large position), and all the annual elections for LACs.

Pete proposed an interpretation of the Bylaws which would reduce the number of our board for quorum, if we discount those positions that are vacant. In which case, we have quorum for votes today.

**MOTION:** Pete/Rena. To approve the nominations to WSAA elections. PASS

We will continue the business of elections at next month's board meeting. Encourage all LACs to get their local elections completed before then

At LAC level, everyone possible should assist consumers/public to participate in the November national and state elections.

MHOAC also has vacant seats on the board, specifically positions for consumers. Also, all quarterly MHOAC meetings are open to public (in-person or by phone).

G. Proposed Budget —

Stacey presented a written budget for FY 2018-19 that we can consider; discussion/vote next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

H. Public Comment —

1. Pete reported over 500 people attended the Out of Darkness walk; raised >\$45,000 for American Foundation for Suicide Awareness; some portion returns to area for local MH services. Changed date to December 1st for National Suicide Survivors' Day; more info to follow. Suicide Survivors Support Group will be beginning in October in Missoula. Tues, Oct 11. 7-8:30pm @ St. Paul Lutheran church, 202 Brooks St. (near Higgins Ave.), Missoula. Open to public.

2. Discussion of Initiative 185: Montana needs to continue program of expansion of Medicaid; money that supports that would be solely an additional tobacco tax. MT Hospital Assn. website (<https://mtha.org/medicaid-expansion/>) has more information and talking points.

I. Local Advisory Council (LAC) Reports — LAC Representatives

**(Beaverhead Co., Flathead Co., Lake Co., Lincoln Co., Madison Co., Mineral Co., Missoula Co., Ravalli Co., Sanders Co., Silver Bow Co., Pintler: (Deer Lodge & Granite counties)**

(No reports were solicited.)

Adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Next meeting: **Tuesday, October 23, 2017, 10:00am-1:00pm**

Submitted by: Denelle Pappier, WSAA Secretary (406-363-1311 / [dpappier@aol.com](mailto:dpappier@aol.com))

ACRONYMS GLOSSARY:

AMDD Addictions & Mental Disorders Division  
BH Behavioral Health  
BHAM Behavioral Health Alliance of Montana  
CBPRS Community-Based Psychiatric Rehabilitative Support  
CIT Crisis Intervention Team  
CM Case Management  
CLO Community Liaison Officer  
CPO Community Program Officer  
CSAA Central Service Area Authority  
DPHHS Dept. of Public Health

& Human Services  
ESAA Eastern Service Area Auth.  
FY Fiscal Year (*July to June*)  
LAC Local Advisory Council  
LEA Law Enforcement Agency  
MH Mental Health  
MHAM Mental Health Awareness Month (May)  
MHC Mental Health Center  
MHFA MH First Aid training  
MHOAC MH Oversight Advisory Council  
MI Mental Illness  
MOU Memorandum of Understanding  
MSH Montana State Hospital  
NAMI National Alliance on

Mental Illness  
PACT Program for Assertive Community Treatment  
PATH People Assisting The Homeless  
PSS Peer Support Specialist  
PT Project Tomorrow  
QPR Question, Persuade, Refer  
SAA Service Area Authority  
SDMI Severely-Disabling Mental Illness  
SUD Substance Use Disorder  
TBD "To be determined"  
WMMHC Western Montana MHC  
WSAA Western Service Area Authority

Committees for the WSAA:

WSAA FY'18 Mini-Grants — CMTE: Denelle, Stacey, Brenda, Dawn, Geri

By-Laws — CMTE: Denelle, Stacey, Sylvia

Strategic Plan — CMTE: Courtney, Stacey, Monique, Doris, Pete

Jails Formulary Investigation — CMTE: Dawn, Tyler, Geri, Rena