

Western Service Area Authority (WSAA) Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 28, 2020 • 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): Denelle Pappier, Kari Auclair; Rena Ayres, Charles Baker, Sylvia Carollo, Monique Casbeer, Jade Beaty (by phone), Douglas Schimmel, Tyler Steinebach, Geri Stewart.

(Board Advisors from AMDD): Jami Hansen (by phone); out 10:45a; j.hansen@mt.gov).

(Members/ Guests): Seraphina, Matt Furlong, Tracy Mitchell.

Convened at 10:30 a.m. – Tele-conference call initiated.

Questions/Concerns Addressed to AMDD:

1. Status of MSH statistical information requested and that the state is paying for it. \*\*\*PRIORITIZE getting answer\*\*\*

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

1. Connected to our new tele-conference option through GoToMeeting. [THE ID CODE NUMBER WILL CHANGE EACH MONTH; STACEY WILL SEND IT OUT BY EMAIL BEFORE THE MEETING.] When joining conference online: [www.Go To Meeting.com/join/249872269](http://www.GoToMeeting.com/join/249872269) (When Conference ID Code is 249872269.) Or join by telephone: (US toll call) +1 872-240-3212 (PIN: 249872269)

2. Jami: Grant Opportunities: RSP for DIC in March; will send info. SAA Summit March 13 mtg. Will discuss county matching grants.

3. Sylvia: NAMI Train the Trainer trainings P2P, IOOV, Fam. Connections; May 15-17, Helena. Free with lodging and meals reimbursed.

4. Matt speaking with state licensing board to get license approval for Veterans in a pilot program for PSS. 1 hr/20 hr clinical supervision necessary for PSS license. There's a Feb. 7 mtg; call with input: 406-202-0544. Wants to identify legislators who are interested to support bills regarding MI& SUD issues. "Handle With Care" bill in Helena: family with interaction with LEA, needs support for students to return to school. On Jan 31, conference call with MPN to develop support network for families in need.

5. Charles: Recovery 101 (Topics on recovery and resources), Feb 18 1-4:30p, free/no registration at Winds of Change, Missoula. Weeklong PSS training at Marriott Court, Missoula.

B. Secretary's Report — Denelle Pappier

**MOTION:** Rena/Monique.To approve October 22, 2019 board minutes as read. PASS.

**MOTION:** Monique/Douglas.To approve Sept. 24, 2019 board minutes as read. PASS.

C. Treasurer's Report — Kari Auclair

Left information to report: Balance: \$7,216.54.

D. AMDD Report — No monthly status report received by email.

Jami Hansen (AMDD Bureau Chief) — First meeting w/ us on the phone; moved from WA in Sept. 2019; trying to rebuild relationships; help LACs; advocate for more funding (especially for projects that benefit communities. Can attend or support individual LACs w/ contact/invitation to her. Lots of print materials available for free (incl. shipping). LAC brochure template and SAA contact info. available on AMDD website. \*\*\*send Tyler's address to receive for LACs\*\*\*

She works as liaison for SAAs and LACs; MH Block Grant manager; state lead for SOAR, contact person with NAMI-MT. Growing supported employment (May 18 conference, Helena).

E. 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)*)

1. Beaverhead Co./Dillon (Rick) — Not present to report.
2. Flathead Co./Kalispell (Courtney) —
3. Lake Co./Polson (Douglas) — Have not had luck getting people to attend. Places 1/2 page flyers, then they're removed. Help from Sunburst to make them. Meets at Sunburst space.
4. Lincoln Co./Libby (vacant) — Currently inactive.
5. Madison Co./Virginia City (Claire) — Replacing BHOAC Rep. Meets once/year in Helena; other quarters by phone.
6. Mineral Co./Superior (Dawn) —
7. Missoula Co./Missoula (Sylvia) — Charles: Getting a virtual phone to attract more stakeholders to table; how to communicate? Set up Google voice account: their message would be sent out to email distribution list. How to handle email? Create Missoula BH LAC email to create "branding" and send/receive messages to entire group. Will create this solution and share results to replicate with other LACs.  
No quorum to hold their LAC elections in January. Not able to elect Rep/Alt; want to be a PLE. Meetings run well & take minutes by their Secretary Bonnie Kelly. Working on who to invite in community and build peer side. Survey of a set of questions sent to Legislators (by Freedom Press?); needs to add subject of mental health and addiction. Committee working to create LAC brochure. Gave money to NAMI for Anti-Stigma campaign (NAMI is also applying for grants).
8. Ravalli Co./Hamilton (Denelle) — Working with Jenny and Jade to create working LAC. Brochure creation to hand-out.
9. Sanders Co./Plains (Vicky C.) —
10. Silver Bow Co./Butte (Katrena) —
11. "Pintler" (Deer Lodge & Granite counties)/Anaconda (vacant) — Currently inactive.

F. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Legislative Priorities — Tyler Steinebach  
Less than one year to next Legislative Session (2021). By next meeting, we should create list of our Priorities. Should create a committee to work on topics.  
MT state Interim CMTE met last week to discuss upcoming issues. Working with Virginia state to learn what they're doing with a similar Transportation with Dignity policy, as they develop this new program in their state. (They use a Dodge Durango with dividers in the rear to separate people and has camera for viewing in the rear. (Retrofitted at cost @\$60K). May need two drivers to attend some transports (working with a local "guard" company in each region with hubs around hospitals or crisis facilities). (He'll send links to read more about it). Presenting this to Interim CMTE at their March meeting. Costs are comparable for transportation to what LEA transport costs; VA is funded by state. Want to approach a few legislators to find one to support this bill. They're developing transport for children policy. Monique will bring priorities SILK created.
  - a. CMTE: Legislative, By-Laws, Outreach/Advocacy/Development (PSS, peers and stakeholders attendance at LACs/WSAA, etc.); Housing, Incorporating Addiction Services with WSAA. Invite more from that area of service (e.g., CrossWinds services to newly-discharged people).
2. SHIP (State Health Improvement Plan) cmtc met in Dec; meets next in March. OPI received 5yr grand from Dept. of Education: Rural Health Pathways Grant (through UM?). Can we

get a MT Hospital Assoc. liaison? Zero Suicide Program (AMDD); Jim Hajny reported on PSS training in Missoula (2/21-27) at Marriott and a PSS conference in May (?). SHIP CMTE will choose priorities to work on at their next meeting; Tyler will report.

PhotoVoice (Missoula Co.. PHD + UM) has created "Through a Different Lens" a photo presentation with stories of people in MH crisis to be presented to any group. \*\*\*Future guest speaker in March; Tyler will ask\*\*\* Board intends to resume inviting guest speakers for every other month.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. WSAA Website Manager – Tricia Cutright has resigned (she moved to Billings); Ang deHaan is slightly willing to work PT on our website. Tricia will send sign-in info to Tyler to begin transition to new manager. Tyler intends to plan using a ListServe to facilitate communication and sharing documents in our group. (\*\*\*put on next month agenda\*\*\*) Need website active by next month! Due to paid stipend of \$100/month, we need to advertise available position; prefer PLE.

2. BHOAC Rep. needs to be replaced; How to determine best course? Meeting dates, etc. (MPN has good list of LACs) \*\*\* Some discussion of redistributing counties in SAAs.

2. Request for reissue of stale checks – Denelle  
Create separate LAC bank accounts for tracking expenses.

**MOTION:** Rena/Douglas. To allow reissue from WSAA funding. PASS

3. Still awaiting response from MSH on statistical information requested. They've not responded for several months. Media needs to know what we're working on (somewhat, to pressure MSH into answering our request). Tyler will pursue writing letters.

**MOTION:** Charles/Sylvia. To send a CC copy of our communication to MSH to local papers. PASS

Adjourned at 12:20 a.m.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, February 25, 10:00am-1:00pm**

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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
MPN. Montana Peer Network
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
SHIP State Health Improvement Plan
SILC Statewide Independent Living Council
SUD Substance Use Disorder
TBD "To be determined"
WMMHC Western Montana MHC
WSAA Western Service Area Authority

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