

Western Service Area Authority (WSAA) Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 25, 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): Tyler Steinebach, Denelle Pappier; Rena Ayres, Charles Baker, Monique Casbeer, David Cockrell, Sylvia Carollo (☎ by phone), Dawn Sandberg, Douglas Schimmel, Geri Stewart, Stacey Wheeler (☎ by phone; left early).

(Board Advisors from AMDD): None.

(Members/ Guests): Seraphina Gordon, Phoenix White Feather, Kevin, Laurie Pope (PSS), Richard Hofmeier.

Convened at 10:00 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\*\*\*
2. Reapportionment LACs/SAs?

A. Welcome / Introductions / Announcements —  
Tyler Steinebach, Vice Chairperson

1. Connected to our new tele-conference option through GoToMeeting. [THE ID CODE NUMBER WILL CHANGE EACH MONTH; WE WILL SEND IT OUT BY EMAIL BEFORE THE MEETING.] When joining conference online: [www.Go To Meeting.com/join/241913893](http://www.GoToMeeting.com/join/241913893) (Conference ID Code is 241913893.) Or join by telephone: (US toll call) +1 872-240-3212 (PIN: 241-913-893)

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. Meeting with Representative Katie Sullivan, March 8th, 11:00am at Coffee Break Espresso, downtown Missoula. Have already met with Legislator Bryce Bennett; will schedule to meet with others.

b. Peer Support Summit, May 5, Helena.

c. Montana Conference on Homelessness, April 1-2 in Helena

d. Crisis Matching and Mobile Crisis Unit Program Grant RFP (out in April); one year contract. Tyler will conference call tomorrow and report back to us.

e. Survey for HCBS Waiver — link online; comments through March 3rd.

f. NAMI Trainings in May, in Helena. (See NAMI-MT website.)

B. Secretary's Report — Denelle Pappier

**MOTION:** Monique/Douglas.To approve January 28, 2020 board minutes as read. PASS.

C. Treasurer's Report — Kari Auclair

Emailed report: Balance of checking: \$6487.13. Expenditures in January: \$729.41.

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

Jami Hansen (AMDD Bureau Chief) — Attachments sent from AMDD were attached to this meeting's notification email sent to WSAA members.

E. SAA Summit — This quarter: Friday, March 13th in Helena; will discuss MSH data; contracts. Tyler, Charles, Monique will attend in person; Denelle will call in. Geri may attend.

F. 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) — Not present to report.

3. Lake Co./Polson (Douglas) — Not able to rally interest in meetings.

4. Lincoln Co./Libby (vacant) — Currently inactive.

5. Madison Co./Virginia City (Claire: resigned) — Not present to report.

6. Mineral Co./Superior (Dawn) — Will hold QPR training on March 9th with Karl Rosston for teachers on their PIR day.

7. Missoula Co./Missoula (Sylvia/David) — Didn't meet this month. Getting a dedicated LAC phone and email. Working on brochure and contacting interested stakeholders.

8. Ravalli Co./Hamilton (Denelle) — Working with Jenny to prepare BVLAC meeting space provided by Summit ILC; preparing to offer WRAP training in April.

9. Sanders Co./Plains (Vicky C.) — Not present to report.

10. Silver Bow Co./Butte (Katrena) — Not present to report.

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 a list of our top Priorities. Should recruit a committee to work on identifying topics.

a. CMTEs: Legislative, By-Laws, Outreach/Advocacy/Development (PSS, peers and stakeholders attendance at LACs/WSAA, etc.); Housing, Incorporating Addiction Services with WSAA. Invite more stakeholders from areas of service (e.g., CrossWinds services to newly-discharged people).

- Legislative: Tyler, Charles, Monique, Laurie, Richard, Seraphina, Phoenix, Stacey.
- By-Laws: Tyler, Monique, Stacey.
- Outreach: Charles, Monique, Douglas, Tyler, Laurie, Seraphina, Phoenix.
- Housing: Stacey, Laurie, Monique (*Defer further action until needed*).
- Incorporating Addiction Services: Make a sub-set of the Outreach CMTE.

2. New BHOAC Representative — Need to replace BHOAC Rep. Board meets once/year in Helena; other quarters by tele-conference. Previous Rep. Claire resigned late December; we need a board member to represent WSAA; also, encourage consumer participation. Tyler is interested and prepared to apply to participate. \*Next month agenda\*

**MOTION:** Monique/Geri. To promote Tyler as our candidate to BHOAC. PASS.

3. WSAA Website Manager – Tricia Cutright has resigned. Tyler has worked to update site with meeting minutes to current; he's interested to continue as manager. Uses WordPress to create/update content. Richard Hofmeier expressed interest with some web experience; some concern that this is his first meeting. Tyler will hold things together until revisiting this at April meeting; he'll stay in touch with Richard.

4. MSH Data records request and Public records request to Missoula Co. Sheriff — Last month sent letters to numerous outlets on the issue that MSH is withholding data records, presumably because they're concerned why we want the information. They'll discuss this request at their March 13th meeting and let us know. Tyler consulted with lawyer consultant, Mike Malloy; his job is to give technical information on legal issue of access to records.

**MOTION:** Monique/Rena. To authorize Tyler's continued work with Malloy on behalf of WSAA and right to public information. PASS.

Request to Missoula Co. Sheriff. Tyler would like to nicely request the same basic information as MSH from the Sheriff. Seeking to create a state-wide policy for Safe Transportation with Dignity.

#### G. NEW BUSINESS:

##### 1. LAC Apportionment Proposal — Charles

Consider reallocation of LACs between WSAA and CSAA: Madison, Beaverhead, Silver Bow, and Pintler (Granite, Powell, Deer Lodge). Charles did population analysis to

determine equity in dividing counties between SAAs. It is not up to AMDD to decide such matters; there would need to be reallocation of contract funds from state. We would discuss with CSAA to begin proceedings: keep discussion open with LACs to decide.

**MOTION:** Monique/Rena. To authorize Charles to pursue discussion of this issue with the CSAA and the LACs that would be transferred. Charles will start the conversation and report back at our April meeting. PASS.

2. Mental Health Fair — Tyler

By ourselves or with another group? Should it be organized by WSAA or Missoula LAC? Need to work out many details (locations in Missoula, etc.). Form a CMTE to make a plan; possible event in September. Rena is composing a letter to send to newspaper to invite stakeholders to WSAA meetings; can include this as PSA, when it's scheduled.

3. Letter to stakeholders — Getting people to the WSAA table to be involved.

\*Continue discussion next month\*

4. Peer Support Summit, May 5, Helena. Board of Behavioral Health needs to be invited to participate. \*Continue next month\*

WSAA funding "scholarships" for Peer Support Specialist Certification. Would encourage more participation by subsidizing beginning costs (@\$200) to set up as PSS. Fifteen scholarships would be three thousand dollars. Tyler will discuss with Jim Hajny of MPN to have him write a mini-grant from WSAA to fund this. \*Report back next month\*.

5. Consensus by remaining board (after losing quorum for vote) that \$3K be dedicated to MPN grant application; will vote officially next month. \*\*\*Need to get mini-grants paperwork for WSAA started. Grants CMTE: Denelle, Rena, Dawn, others?

6. Consideration of reallocation of board seats — Need to proceed with a quorum vote and sufficient notice to public of this change in policy. Could be part of rewriting our By-Laws to account for this change. It could be as many as nine seats or as few as five seats. \*\*\*\*

7. Seraphina: Wants a hub for MPN "West" (in Missoula). She'll talk with Jim Hajny.

Adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

**Next meeting: Wednesday, March 11, 2020; 10:00am-1:00pm (NEW DAY!!)**

Submitted by: Denelle Pappier, WSAA Secretary (406-363-1311 / 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  
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