**Beaverhead County Mental Health Local Advisory Council**

November 9th, 2018 from **Noon - 2:00 p.m.**

Tom Welch Meeting Room – County Treasurer’s Building

**Members Present:** Acting Chairman Rick Hartz, Jennifer Malone, Wallace Arney, Commissioner Tom Rice, Kim Martinell, Cythia White, and Beth Sullivan.

**Members Excused:** Lynn Weltzien, Katherine Buckley-Patton, Melainya Ryan, and Jerry Girard.

**Other Present:** Fred Sullivan (DPHHS), Jessica Petritz (DPHHS), Shane Hildenstat (CIT Lewis & Clark County), Deb Matteucci (Gallatin County), Deputy Sheriff Bill Knox, Lyn Ankelman, Heidi Gjefle, Tabitha Garvin-Betreonrt (Military), Sheriff Frank Kluesner and Jamie Flynn.

**Introductions -**Establish Quorum

We had 7 of 11 voting members present at the meeting, so therefore a quorum was established.

Rick talked about the handouts from OPA and the Great Harvest bake days.

Rick asked those present to introduce themselves around the table. We had a big crew with lots of agency folks at the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**of the October 12th, 2018 meeting.

MOTION: Tom moved to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2018 meeting. Kim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**WSAA Report-** Rick Hartz

Rick said he was unable to attend the September or October meetings. He talked about I-185 and that WSAA supported this ballot initiative. He did hear they made a wish list for the legislature to accomplish at the next session.

**Reports from Active Standing Committees**:

**Great Harvest Bake Day Sale** – November 14, 15, 16

A discussion took place about the volunteers and the schedules. There is a possibility of receiving up to $10,000 from the fundraiser.

**Resource Assistance Center –** Heidi

Heidi reported that Jewel is taking this block off from school and is not in the RAC. She passed around information on the OPA coming back for one day a week. A discussion took place regarding distribution of the information around town. The OPA person will be in Dillon on Wednesdays.

Fred reported that the first day there was an OPA person at the RAC was on October 21st. They saw six (6) people the first day and two (2) people on Halloween. The week of November 5th, five (5) people were seen. Rick talked about how great it is to have this service again and that we need to get the word out. Fred said that last Wednesday the OPA worker was in a threatening position with a client. As a result of that situation, the office will be re-arranged to accommodate a safer set-up.

Rick said the LAC may spend up to $500 to help get the word out about OPA. The amount was increased to $700 and Rick asked for a motion to approve.

MOTION: Kim moved to spend up to $700 to help get the word out about OPA. Cynthia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Kim talked about how we need to get the word out and how we can do that. She reported the Dillonite Daily is $665 for a year to advertise. A discussion took place about what we should do.

**Other Business** –

**Sheriff Frank Kluesner** – CIT

Frankreported they had a planning meeting this morning. Deputy Bill Knox will now be the organizer of CIT training for the Sheriff’s Office.

Shane Hildenstat talked about CIT. He wants to provide a mental health coordinator to work with Bill Knox and the Sheriff’s office. He spoke about the program and what is involved with the 40 hour training class. Deb said what they will need is participation and pulling the partners together. The training will establish what to do in a crisis, before and after. She said it will be a great resource for our county. She said there is an on-line training that happens before the 40 hour class. The class will be conducted March 4th through the 8th and it will be held at the college. Bill will set this up with the college. They talked about having a mental health coordinator from the LAC to be at the class.

Lyn said that she has attended the training and that it is a great program. Lyn said she would help the mental health coordinator to get established in the program. She talked about the program and what the 40 hour class involves. Lyn said it will be such a benefit to the community.

Bill said that this program is very important and anyone can attend. He encouraged people to attend. He talked about a situation and how it helped that they had CIT for the Sheriff’s Office. He said we need someone in the mental health field that doesn’t have to be for the whole class, but to possibly do a presentation for part of the class.

Rick reiterated that the LAC needs to have a representative for the CIT as a liaison. Rick gave Sheriff Kluesner kudos for working on this and getting it done. Frank talked about the different ways this program can work for everyone involved. The coordinator will work with Bill Knox and attend most or all of the CIT class. Shane wanted to add that for the coordinator, you become a part of a state-wide network of coordinators. You can talk to other coordinators around the state for information and training.

Wallace said the Sheriff’s Office has a pretty good handle on mental health patient issues. The training has helped. Bill talked about that the CIT deputies have a pin they wear on the vests to identify them as trained.

Lyn said if there’s anyone that would be interested in the CIT training as a mental health coordinator, let her know.

**Cynthia White** – Hospital grant application

Cynthia reported that the hospital did not receive the grant dollars this year. They are looking at other grants, including possibly a behavioral health grant. She said they may concentrate on ACE and issues associated. They hope to apply for this grant in January and it will be awarded in April.

**County Attorney Jed Fitch** – criminal justice and mental health

Jed was unable to attend the meeting.

**Peer Support -** Trainingupdate by Jennifer Malone

Jennifer reported that AHEC is in partnership with SWMTCHC, the health center in Missoula, U of M, MSU and community colleges. The Curriculum Coordinator position is being advertised. They want to have a peer support program that communities can have access to. She talked about care managers being trained as medical assistants. They will be cross-trained. There will be a broader focus for the partnership. She will keep us updated on the program. AHEC is developing the curriculum.

Jennifer reported on December 14th and 15th that there will be an opioid class run by Dr. Knox out of the Missoula Recovery Center. Jennifer said this training is a great one and she encouraged people to attend the compassion-driven training. The class is free.

**Be the Change 406 Coalition –** Drug Free Community grant.

Kim said they are moving and shaking. The SWMTCHC has been remarkable to deal with. Kim stated that Nancy Proctor is the CFO for SWMTCHC and has looked at the budget. The goal is to create a youth coalition in the schools. The ELKS is starting a youth group and Kim will be working with them. Outreach to rural sectors in another goal. Faith based groups will be worked with also. Molly Molloy has been working a lot on this. This grant puts them in a position of receiving additional grants.

They will meet again on January 7th**.**  Channon Williams with the School District is helping to get the youth coalition started. Larry Volkening from the Beaverhead Trails Coalition is also helping.

Kim stated there is a lot of good energy. The grant for the first year is going towards training. The budget is $125k. Matching funds were required.

**NAMI**

Wallace attended the NAMI-Montana annual conference that was held on October 26th in Helena. Wallace reported there was a great turnout of 100 people. Wallace stated the conference had lots of information on all aspects of the difficulties folks with mental illness face in their everyday lives. He said the meetings were great and he plans to continue attending the meetings. The next meeting will be in January.

Rick said that Katherine was talking about starting a NAMI group in Beaverhead County. This may be a goal for the LAC next year for a NAMI chapter. Rick asked Wallace if he thought there was enough interest in our area to form a chapter. Wallace thought there was interest.

**Website Updates**

Jamie posted the OPA eligibility worker information on the County’s web site.

Kim reported that she does updates on Facebook and she talked about a webinar on twitter. She asked if we should create twitter for the LAC. Snap chat was also talked about. If anyone thinks we should include these social media outlets, please call Kim.

Bethtalked about the Great Harvest bake days. It is a good time right before Thanksgiving. This will help to get the word out. Beth stated that a little leg work goes a long ways.

**Adjourn** – the meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

The next meeting date will be December 14, 2018.