**Beaverhead County Mental Health Local Advisory Council**

Tuesday, May 7th, 2019 from **Noon - 2:00 p.m.**

Tom Welch Meeting Room – County Treasurer’s Building

**Members Present:** Chair Jerry Girard, Vice Chair Heidi Gjefle, Kit Davis, Katherine Buckley Patton, Wallace Arney, Jeanette Prodgers (Proxy), Rick Hartz and Commissioner Tom Rice.

**Members Absent:** Kim Martinell, Melainya Ryan and Jennifer Malone (Jeanette Prodgers was present as a proxy for SWMTCHC).

**Others Present:** Fred Sullivan, Kathy Contway, Beth Wharton, Police Chief Don Guiberson, State Representative Tom Welch, Lynn Weltzien, and Jamie Flynn.

**Introductions -**Establish Quorum

We had seven (7) voting members and a proxy from SWMTCHC. A quorum was established.

Jerry asked everyone to introduce themselves.

**Approval of Minutes**of the March 8th and April 12, 2019 meetings. Jerry asked for motions to approve the meeting minutes from the last two months.

Motion: Rick moved to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2019 meeting. Kit seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Rick moved to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2019 meeting. Katherine seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**SSA and WSAA Report-** Rick Hartz

Rick reported that WSAA meeting in Missoula on April 23. There were 12 people in attendance and 2 on the phone. They didn’t have a quorum and couldn’t conduct any business. Kenny Bell was there at the meeting. He indicated that if we want him to come to the summit, we must send his boss a letter stating that. Rick talked about the money $16,780 if they can carry it over and less if it can’t be carried over. Mini grants need to be in by May 20th. Katherine turned in one for our LAC. It is for the RAC and Rick is sure we will get the mini grant. Katie Sorenson, Peer Services Coordinator, would like to come down for the Peer Network workshop in Dillon. She would like to present a one-day workshop. They would like about 12 people to attend. No date has been secured yet. She also spoke with Jerry about the workshop. Rick asked to put Katie on the meeting agenda for her to come in June. Rick also said that WSAA may break up the regions in Montana to make them a bit smaller.

**Reports from Active Standing Committees**:

**Summit** – Jerry and Heidi

Jerry reported that the speakers are booked, but the schedule is not completely finalized. The dates for the summit are October 3 and 4th. Registration will start soon and mailers will also be sent out. Katherine said that the summit is advertised on Eventbrite and they will be able to register when it opens.

Katherine said that Kevin Briggs is also going to present five (5) other places in Montana besides at our summit.

Jerry said anyone is welcome to come to the summit planning meetings. Katherine said a group needs to get together for the selection of the Howard Gaines award. The committee now consists of Heidi, Melainya, and Katherine. Lynn encouraged other people to get involved. Jeanette, Lynn and Kit said they would like to help.

**ACE –** Melainya was not at the meeting.

Katherine said there is an ACE training next Wednesday at the Dillon Middle School. Kim is doing an ACE training in the rural schools today and couldn’t make it to the meeting.

**ROCC**  - Jerry said the ROCC committee will have a meeting next Wednesday, May 15th.

Beth reported there is a Youth Mental Health First Aid training on June 6th on Western’s campus in the Lewis & Clark room. It is open to any adult that works with kids aged 12 to 18. The youth challenge staff will also be trained separately. Anyone wanting to sign up can call 683-7537 or email outreach@umwestern.edu.

**Motivation Interviewing** – The training will be held at UMW on June 20 and 21. The session on the 20th will be from 8:00 to 5:00 and 8:00 to 3:00 on the 21st with an hour lunch both days. This training will be free because of the hospital and LAC . There is a maximum of 45 people that can attend. Jerry said we need to probably form a committee for this and wanted to know if we could use some funds to help with coffee and snacks. Jerry reported that Barrett Hospital & Healthcare has given $500 for this event. 15 people are already signed up.

MOTION: Rick moved to approve up to $150 out of the LAC’s general fund to buy food and drink for the Motivational Interviewing training. Jeanette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Other Business** –

**Legislative Update** – Katherine

Katherine reported the Medicaid expansion bill passed. She thanked Representative Tom Welch and Senator Jeff Welborn that helped to make that happen. The Peer Support can be paid by Medicaid. Other bills that were promoted regarding private groups that deal with troubled teens and that have a religious oversight.

Tom Welch was present and he had a couple of thoughts. He said it was all and all a good legislative session, but pertaining to mental health more should have gotten through and didn’t. Medicaid expansion was ugly, but it went through. It is not perfect. Tom said it was going to be a long process and it will be signed on Thursday. Tom said that he is going to be on a family services interim committee. Tom said the DPHHS is a great and huge department. He said there are some inefficiencies that have caused money to not be spent the way it was supposed to be spent. He spoke about this. He asked if anyone had questions or thoughts. Police Chief Guiberson asked if Tom had any questions about child protective service to please call him. Katherine talked about the suicide prevention bills that were in the legislature that did not pass. Katherine asked Tom about a contact person regarding the suicide prevention bills. Tom said he will get back to her about it. Kathy Contway also told Tom that she would be willing to help if he needs anything. She has 10 years of experience. Jerry thanked Tom for coming to our LAC meetings.

**Resource Assistance Center – RAC**

What do the current voting members of the LAC want to see happen with the Resource Assistance Center (RAC) project?

Lynn talked about the handout. She said we need to decide what will happen in the next 2 months. June 30th is the end of the fiscal year and when the commissioners said the RAC would be able to stay in the office area rent-free. Lynn talked about the RAC. Lynn said we have not really promoted the RAC. It is operating now on three (3) grants. She talked about people at the RAC and what they offer. Pat Scott is in the office. Job Service is here on Mondays. OPA is here all day on Wednesdays. There is a listing on the door of what services and their schedules. Voc Rehab uses the offices when they have appointments.

Lynn said the question is if the RAC continues as an LAC project. It is a community-wide project that is utilized. The only support is coming from the LAC and no other support from any other agency. Lynn said we probably have funds to operate until September. She went over the pros and cons for the RAC as an LAC project. Heidi, Lynn and Katherine are committed to help until June 30th. She talked about other agencies that could possibly manage the RAC.

Fred reported that OPA has seen numerous people. He talked about the numbers they have seen. The numbers were between 8 and 16 on the Wednesdays they are in Dillon.

Lynn asked for people to discuss the RAC and the LAC’s part in it. Rick said that we need people to help out, but that other agencies are not going to step up. Lynn said they are willing to transition for other people to help out. Chief Guiberson said that he would like to commend the people that have dealt with the loss of services in Beaverhead County and that the RAC has filled a void. Rick thought that the LAC doesn’t really have the resources to keep the RAC going. A discussion took place about what other agencies could take over the management of the RAC. None of these agencies have been approached.

MOTION: Rick made a motion that the LAC is not going to oversee the RAC, but will help with the transition in September or October. Kallie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

Discussion about what to do for the transition of supervising the office person, coordination with the other agencies in the office areas, and promoting the RAC.

**CIT –** Bill Knox was unable to attend the meeting.

Bill said in an email there was not much to report on CIT at this time.

**Be the Change 406 Coalition** – Kim was unable to attend the meeting. Katherine said that she and Kim were in Seattle last week reinforcing youth coalitions and getting community involvement. She said we have a youth coalition that is very active and engaged and they will have youth events this summer. They will also help the Dillon Jaycees on Labor Day weekend.

**NAMI –** Wallace didn’t attend the last NAMI meeting. Wallace said he is working with three people who may be interested in the services at the RAC. These folks are leery about getting involved and to sign up for programs that may help them. He talked about the trust issues with people. He thinks we need to let people know that the RAC can be trusted.

Jeanette recommended to the group to write a letter to the Community Health Center about the RAC.

Motion: Katherine moved that the LAC should write a letter to the CHC about the RAC. Heidi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

**The next meeting will be held on June 14th, 2019**