**Beaverhead County Mental Health Local Advisory Council**

Friday, June 14, 2019 from **Noon - 2:00 p.m.**

Tom Welch Meeting Room – County Treasurer’s Building

**Members Present:** Chair Jerry Girard, Vice Chair Heidi Gjefle, Rick Hartz, Kit Davis, Katherine Buckley, Kim Martinell, Wallace Arney, Callie Triller, Jennifer Malone and Melainya Ryan.

**Members Absent:** Commissioner Tom Rice

**Other Present:** Jeanette Prodgers, Molly Molloy, Bill Knox, Fred Sullivan, Katie Sorenson and Jamie Flynn.

**Introductions -**Establish Quorum

We established a quorum for the meeting with 10 out of 11 voting members present.

Everyone present introduced themselves.

**Approval of Minutes**of the May 7th, 2019 meeting.

Jerry asked if everyone got a chance to read the minutes.

MOTION: Rick moved to approve the minutes from the June meeting. Kit seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**SSA and WSAA Report-** Rick Hartz

Rick reported on the $2000 grant the LAC received for the RAC. Rick said there are some reporting requirements that need to be done and that someone should be responsible for it. The next meeting will be held on the last Tuesday of the month. Rick will be in Missoula for the meeting. Rick said he met Katie Sorenson at the last meeting and he encouraged her to come to our LAC meeting. Katherine asked if there was anything decided for WSAA to come to Dillon for one of their meetings. Rick said that they did not say anything regarding coming to Dillon.

**Reports from Active Standing Committees**:

**Summit** – Jerry and Heidi

Jerry reported the Summit Planning Committee met yesterday and have the schedule finalized for the Summit. He handed out copies of the schedule; there are both local and regional presenters, with the format similar to the previous years of the summit. Kevin Briggs, a retired California highway patrolman who is known as “Guardian of the Golden Gate Bridge” and an advocate for suicide prevention, is the keynote speaker for the Summit. Kevin will also give his presentation in other areas of Montana while he is here.

Registration is available starting Monday, June 17th, on Eventbrite. The cost is $125 for early registration; 13 CEU’s will be available and one (1) college credit for anyone that pays for it separately. This will be October 3rd and 4th. Katherine said she will be asking people and organizations for donations for the summit. Jerry reported that it takes about $10-$12 thousand to put the conference on, and there is great collaboration and credibility around the event.

**ACE -** Melainya

Education and outreach is being presented to the schools by Melainya and Katherine. They are going to do the Brain Game next year at the schools. Be The Change is going to partner with the ACE task force for grants, etc.

**Resilience Oriented Community Curriculum (ROCC)**

Callie reported that the committee met this month and are regaining momentum on the project. There focus right now is to finish the 5-piece curriculum of: Introduction, Mindfulness, ACEs, QPR, and Resilience. The group will meet again in July and move forward on the drafts of the curriculum as well as developing marketing materials. Jerry thanks Callie for her commitment to, and work on, this project.

**Other Business** –

**Motivational Interviewing (MI) Training -** Jerry

The training will be held June 20 and 21st. Rachel Gooen from Missoula will be doing the trainer. Funding from the Summit will be used to pay Rachel’s fee. Jerry will get the bio for Rachel for the CEU’s. 45 people have registered for the training. Jerry also thanked Molly for getting the word out on the training.

**Peer Support –** Katie Sorenson

Katie Sorenson, of Montana’s Peer Support Network, presented an introduction to the peer support program and the potential for its development in Dillon. Katie outlined the recovery program and training certification components. Intro to Recovery Training is a free 8-hour training followed by Peer Support 101, a 40-hour training.

MOTION: Rick moved to bring the Intro to Recovery training to Dillon. Wallace seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

It will be held on August 8th, on the UMW campus. Rick agreed to be the point person and the LAC will provide resource support to fund the training.

Wallace expressed some concerns around the loss of trust some people in the community feel toward any new mental health services or programs. He suggested options for rebuilding that trust by strengthening relationships. He suggested sponsoring a movie night or dinner at McDonald’s between himself as an LAC representative and those who might benefit from the rebuilding of this trust.

MOTION: Rick made a motion to allocate $100 for Wallace to take the lead on an outreach and relationship building endeavor. Katherine seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Resource Assistance Center (RAC) –** Heidi

As the LAC voted at a previous meeting to no longer oversee the RAC anymore, the RAC Oversight Team (Katherine, Lynn & Heidi) met with the County Commissioners, and were granted the current space in the County Treasurer’s office rent free for another year, until June 30, 2020. Fred said the usage numbers are up, and the OPA is going to continue providing services. Katherine suggested writing letters to the DPHHS and the Governor thanking them for continuing to allow OPA to visit the Dillon community on Wednesdays. She also thought a second letter should be sent to Butte-Silver Bow thanking them for coming to Dillon.

MOTION: Katherine made the motion for the LAC to write thank you letters to the DPHHS and the Governor’s office regarding the RAC and another letter to Butte-Silver Bow DPHHS’ employees that travel to Dillon on Wednesdays for the RAC. Callie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Heidi also reported that a gathering of community stakeholders is planned for July 1st to develop a strategy for transferring oversight of the RAC.

**CIT** – Bill Knox

Billreported that he and Heidi met this morning. At the CIT academy, they identified two major objectives:

1. Having a place where people can go during the day to talk to someone and
2. The mental commitment to wait for a hearing to Hays Morris in Butte.

They want to develop something with the hospital to hold patients here in Dillon rather than taking them to Hays Morris. He asked if there was possibly some grant funding for this. The CIT team has come into their own and five (5) officers have agreed to be a part of this CIT academy. Bill is willing to help with the peer support group. Wallace said that if there is a room for patients, the room should have books or a TV in it to occupy the person being held. Kit said that the hospital needs to be in on the conversation with what is needed.

**Be the Change 406 Coalition** – Kim

Kim reported that on July 9th there will be an all sector BBQ at Monaco Park from noon to 1:00. The youth are really busy and have a lot happening. They have a hike planned, a movie night and a mystery dinner. There is a prevention specialist opening right now. She talked about the different activities the coalition has helped with. John Underwood is coming to Beaverhead County he is a motivational speaker on drinking. September 11th. He speaks well to the kids. The coalition wrote a grant for $50k STOP grant. Molly talked about the grant – get more specifics from someone. Kim talked about the benches around town for ACE. The cost is $20 for advertising on the benches, which seems like a good investment.

**NAMI**

Nothing to report at this time. They are taking a break after the legislature.

**Any Other Business not listed**

Kimsaid that we should be sending a letter to DPHHS regarding Kenny Bell attending our Summit this year. Jerry said he will write the letter.

MOTION: Katherine moved to write the letter and Rick seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

The play Every Brilliant Thing will be presented on Saturday, July 20th at 7:30 p.m. Jerry said it is a one person play and funded by BC/BS. It will be at the college. They talked about advertising for the play. No expenses will be incurred by the LAC.

**Adjourn**

MOTION: Rick moved to adjourn the meeting and Katherine seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

**The next meeting will be held on July 12, 2019**