

Minutes
Butte-Silver Bow Mental Health Local Advisory Council (LAC)
Monday, June 27, 2016

1. Administrative Agenda

- a. The meeting was called to order by chairwoman Amy Caliendo at 1:13 p.m.
- b. Roll call was conducted and introductions were made.

Roll Call

Amy Caliendo
Kelly McGrath (for Molly Molloy)
Eileen Joyce
Karen Sullivan
Miles Finlen
Michelle Lewis
Tommy Walker

Bridget Parker
Cassie O'Leary
Karla Foster
Dave Boyd
Beth Billings
Bob Watt

- c. Members of the public in attendance were:

Laura Cross
Donna Kenney
Linda Lowney
John Olson

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- d. Karla Foster moved, Eileen Joyce seconded, to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2016 LAC meeting. The minutes were approved on a unanimous verbal vote.

2. Public Comment(s) on Any Items on the Agenda

- a. None.

3. Action Agenda

- a. The draft bylaws were discussed and one change was recommended: Article 4, Section C: "Action. Action may be taken by a quorum of those voting members present. A quorum shall consist of 12 members." Cassie O'Leary moved to approve the bylaws, Dave Boyd seconded. The bylaws were approved on a unanimous verbal vote.

4. New Business

- a. None

5. Old Business

- a. None

6. Briefing Agenda

- a. Financial report – Ms. Foster reported that the MHLAC has \$938.75 on hand. Ms. Foster and Ms. Caliendo relayed that the Western Service Area Authority (WSAA) notified LAC leadership last month that a \$500 mini-grant was available, with very few requirements. The decision was made to accept the grant. Karla said this helped the LAC’s finances, since an estimated \$600 was spent on Mental Health Month activities.

7. Other Business

- a. Ms. Caliendo said the LAC would begin review of the LAC toolkit at its July meeting.
- b. Ms. Caliendo said that future agendas would reflect a standing Briefing Agenda item – monthly reports from Dawnita Romine, regarding any news from the WSAA.
- c. Karen Sullivan recommended that LAC members begin thinking about any legislative priorities that might need to be forwarded to the WSAA.
- d. A brief discussion was held regarding an LAC entry into Butte’s annual 4th of July parade, but it was decided that it was too late for such a decision.
- e. Michelle Lewis asked when the LAC might refocus on its priorities that were laid out in November. Ms. Caliendo said that the priorities, at least two of them, could be presented at the next meeting by the champions who forwarded the priorities. The priorities and their champions are: 1) training peer support specialists to help people in crisis (Ms. Lewis); 2) establishing a youth crisis facility (Bryan Greer); 3) housing, both permanent and temporary, for low-income people with mental health issues (Miles Finlen); and 4) recognizing new recreational opportunities, such as extended hours (evenings and weekends) at Western Montana Mental Health’s drop-in center (Michael Smith). Ms. Caliendo said she would develop a format under which LAC members could select one or more priorities they’d like to focus on. Bridget Parker asked whether the LAC would vote annually on various priorities. Beth Billings suggested that each champion present to the LAC their vision for the priority, and what would need to happen to complete work on the priority. Ms. Caliendo said some type of review, perhaps annually, would need to be conducted to determine whether the priority’s work was completed.
- f. Ms. Sullivan said she was remiss in working with Ms. Caliendo on creating a list of LAC member terms. Ms. Sullivan said she would follow up with that task this coming month.

8. Public Comment(s) On Any Items Not on the Agenda

- a. None.

9. Next Meeting

- a. The next regular LAC meeting will be held Monday, July 25, 2016 at 1 p.m. at the Butte-Silver Bow Public Library, 3rd floor conference room, 226 W. Broadway, Butte, Mont.

10. Adjournment

- a. Ms. Caliendo moved to adjourn the meeting, and Ms. Lewis seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

cc: Matt Vincent, Chief Executive
Tracy Watt, Secretary to the Council of Commissioners
Colleen Safratowich, Clerk & Recorder's Office

As submitted by Karen Sullivan.