

Minutes
Butte-Silver Bow Mental Health Local Advisory Council (LAC)
Monday, July 25, 2016

1. Administrative Agenda

- a. The meeting was called to order by vice chair Miles Finlen at 1:07 p.m.
- b. Roll call was conducted and introductions were made.

Roll Call

Karen Sullivan
Miles Finlen
Dave Boyd
Eileen Joyce
Mary Morgan
Cassie O’Leary
Cindy Perdue-Dolan

Elizabeth Billings
Shirley Gordon
Michelle Lewis
Dawnita Romine
Michael Smith
Tommy Walker

Excused

Joslin Hubbard

- c. Members of the public in attendance were:

John Olson

- d. Eileen Joyce moved, Michelle Lewis seconded, to approve the minutes of the June 27, 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. In her standing Western Service Area Authority report, Dawnita Romine relayed that the WSAA needs LACs to officially appoint representatives and alternates to the WSAA. Mr. Finlen made a motion for Ms. Romine to continue in her role as the Butte-Silver Bow Mental Health Local Advisory Council’s representative to the WSAA, and Cindy Perdue-Dolan seconded. The motion was passed on a unanimous verbal vote. No other LAC members immediately volunteered to be named as alternate. Mr. Finlen said that the LAC could deliberate that in the near future. Ms. Romine said the WSAA meets monthly every fourth Tuesday in Missoula. Ms. Romine said WSAA’s throughout the state will meet for an annual

general meeting Sept. 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Virginia City (Madison County).

4. New Business

- a. Karen Sullivan said some members of the LAC continue to use an outdated email list, and therefore, some members of the LAC are not informed of LAC business and are not notified of meetings. Karen said she would again send out an updated LAC email list, to be used by everyone moving forward.
- b. None

5. Old Business

- a. None

6. Briefing Agenda

- a. Financial report – Karla Foster was ill and unable to attend today’s meeting. Mr. Finlen said Ms. Foster would provide a financial report at the August meeting.
- b. Mary Morgan reported that Julie Prigmore, bureau chief of the Mental Health Services Bureau, was leaving her position, effective Aug. 5. Ms. Morgan referred to Ms. Prigmore’s departure as a “big loss” and noted that she hopes the departure doesn’t affect service delivery in the state. Ms. Morgan said that Marcia Armstrong, AMDD’s Medicaid program officer, will be filling the position on an interim basis.

7. Other Business

- a. A brief discussion was held on what the LAC’s agenda should look like. Karen Sullivan said she would review the LAC toolkit for recommendations, but that it was likely the agenda could be streamlined. Ms. Sullivan said that it may be valuable for the LAC to review portions of the toolkit in every meeting in the near future. LAC consensus was that toolkit review would give the LAC direction in its early phase.
- b. Bryan Greer was slated to provide an update on one of the LAC’s four priorities, creation of a youth crisis facility. Due to Mr. Greer’s absence, Ms. Lewis said she would be able to update the LAC on one of the other priorities, creation of a peer network in Butte-Silver Bow. Ms. Lewis said Montana’s Peer Network is a statewide non-profit organization with a mission to develop and expand recovery-oriented behavioral health services in the state. Ms. Lewis said the network is currently comprised of many individuals throughout the state who are in recovery from mental illness, substance abuse and/or addiction. The network provides information, education, training, peer support and other resources, using “lived experience” to assist with long-term recovery – which is a move toward a “recovery model” and away from a “maintenance model,” focusing on the individual having access to care, choices and recovery. Ms. Lewis said MPN’s

executive director, Jim Hajny, is willing to come to Butte to begin discussion on the possibility of Butte-Silver Bow becoming an MPN affiliate. Expectations of affiliates include outreach, holding monthly meetings, discussing local issues and developing action plans, giving MPN members statewide and locally a voice, and most importantly, training, so that peers can appropriately support each other, in crisis and otherwise. Ms. Lewis said in her lived experience, having a peer in her crisis would have helped her immensely.

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, Aug. 22, 2016 at 1 p.m. at the Butte-Silver Bow Public Library, 3rd floor conference room, 226 W. Broadway, Butte, Mont.

10. Adjournment

- a. Mr. Finlen moved to adjourn the meeting, and Ms. Lewis seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 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.