Minutes
Butte-Silver Bow Behavioral Health Local Advisory Council
Held from 1-2 pm on Wednesday July 21, 2021 via Zoom

1. Administrative Agenda Items
   a. Meeting called to order at 1:10pm by Bill Deavel
   b. Approval of June meeting minutes
      a. Motion made and carried to accept the minutes of the June 16th meeting
   c. Treasurer’s Report- Tabled because the Treasurer was excused from the meeting
   d. Roll call was conducted, quorum present

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2. Public comment(s) On any Items on the Agenda
   a. None

3. Old Business
   a. Status of LAC email address
      i. bhlac@bsb.mt.gov email address has been created and has been added to
         the BSB BHLAC webpage.
      ii. As of now the email forwards to Demetrius Fassas.
      iii. This email may be used on any publications that we create, and Bill
            Deavel will add this address to the top of the agendas
   b. LAC Goal Brainstorm
      i. Desire to plan event(s) for Mental Health Awareness Month in May 2022
         1. Karen Sullivan brought up the idea of bringing together a panel of
            experts to talk about MH and SUD issues in our community and
            build community awareness.
         2. Jamie Vanderlinden mentioned planning a family event with Jason
            DeShaw and a bouncy house or other attractions in conjunction
            with this event.
         3. Kathy Dunks will determine availability of funding from the
            WSAA to potentially fund this sort of event.
         4. Will discuss establishing a sub-committee at the August Meeting
ii. Karen Sullivan- Gianforte has a focus on SUD and Karen voiced a desire for our LAC to use our voice to capitalize on his interests in addressing this issue.

iii. Kathy Dunks- As an LAC, we should make public statements in the media (newspaper, radio, TV, Social Media) Miles volunteered that we can partner with individuals to go get their vaccine shot.

iv. Total list of ideas brought up in a previous LAC meeting:
   1. May is Mental Health Awareness Month
   2. September is Recovery Month
   3. Community education
   4. Community trainings
   5. Community town halls
   6. Stigma reduction
   7. Political Advocacy
   8. Homelessness
   9. Partnerships with Anaconda-Deerlodge County
   10. Focus on youth and Native Americans
   11. NAMI chapter in Butte

4. New Business
   a. WSAA update (Kathy Dunks)
      a. It was a short meeting due to the chairperson (Tyler Steinbeck) being sick. Confirmed the representation from each of the newly elected LAC Representatives, and was a good opportunity to meet the other stakeholders, including a representative from AMDD.
      b. NO WSAA meeting in August (Next meeting in September)
   b. WSAA Congress meetings are open to all stakeholders (not just WSAA Board members/LAC Representatives)
   c. There were few applications for the WSAA Grants, with everyone that appropriately completed an application receiving an award. Kathy encouraged us to think about what the BSB BHLAC might apply for in the future, as access to these funds is fairly easy.
      a. Kathy Dunks- CCCS Inc has been approved for an extended license for the SMART Program to open another office on W. Park St. in Anaconda. MIP & ACT as well as LAC Counseling
      b. Miles Finlen- Open Access at WMMH located at 81 W. Park from 9am-11am M-F. This gives the ability for walk-in traffic to be assessed and referred to relevant services.
      c. Nikki Russell- Established a 501c3 called White Buffalo Healing Lodge at 305 W. Mercury Street. Partnership with LAC, Mental Health Professional & a Native American spiritual practitioner. Additionally, on the first Monday of every month at 6pm at 305 W. Mercury Street, the Soul Based
Recovery group meets focusing on addiction recovery using Native American traditions.

d. Bill Deavel- MPN is rolling out a 3 day training called “Beyond Incarceration” to educate CBHPSS on the DOC systems and better equip them to work with justice involved individuals.

e. Karen Sullivan- Tribal Matching Grant was reauthorized, which includes the Jail Diversion Grant allowing BSB to work with CCCS Inc to deliver services. SAMHSA has renewed their grant which provides a case manager /care coordinator at the detention center, as well as a portion of crisis response team.

f. Kathy Dunks- Shodair Hospital has been unable to find staff and so they have stopped admitting individuals under the age of 10. Kathy has met with folks from St. James, AWARE, and Youth Dynamics Incorporated (YDI), and have developed a way to have these children seen at St. James. Conversations around using Discovery House in Anaconda for temporary housing for these kids who are unable to go home.

5. Public comment(s) On Any Items Not on the Agenda

6. Adjournment
   a. Adjourned at 2:03pm

7. Next meeting
   a. The next meeting of the Butte-Silver Bow Behavioral Health Local Advisory Council will be held from 1 to 2 pm August 18, 2021 on Zoom.
   b. Join Zoom Meeting
      https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83181075543?pwd=YXIxcFM0Z0N1VHNodkZpQ2t5MDN2dz09