

Meeting Minutes
Butte-Silver Bow Behavioral Health Local Advisory Council
Held 1-2 pm Wednesday September 20, 2023, via Zoom and in person 125 W Granite.

1. Administrative Agenda Items

- a. Called to order was made and there weren't many people in attendance but there was enough for a quorum.
- b. Roll call
 - i. Our guest were: Jancee Hansen (Native Wellness Center) and Todd Lester (V.A. LSW).
 - ii. Nikki reported there were no member updates.
- c. Approve last month's meeting minutes
 - i. Last month's meetings approved.
- d. Treasurer Report
 - i. There was no report, but she has been absent in the last 4 meetings. Bill sent her a letter but to no avail. At our next meeting we will need to vote in a new treasurer.

Members Present		
Bill Deavel	Pamela Rozen	Kevin Mays
Michael Kays	Sami Lodahl	Nikki Russell
Jana Galarus	Jeremy Hoscheid	
Members Excused		
Emily Lott	Michelle Lewis	Keely Mills
Cindy Rahn	Leighann Knight	Kathy Dunks
Guests		
Todd Lester	Jancee Hanson	

2. Public comment(s) On any Items on the Agenda

- a. None

3. BHLAC Member Updates- Introductions (everyone)

- a. There were 2 members present with 3 new members present: Pamela Rozen (MSH Therapy Manager), Michael Kays (Lived experience/in recovery with Consumer Works at Family Outreach), and Jana Galarus. All made their introductions to the council and were then confirmed.
- b. Sami reported that she attended a 2nd strategic planning meeting about us. 300 million will be allocated for the next five years. She also shared/updated information on BRT. Also, MSH site inspection was mentioned in which she participated and, in her opinion, she noticed incorrect information. It was a very good experience as an advocate for Behavioral Health (BH). Lastly, she

requested to type a few sentences in support of her BH letter for mental health services statewide.

4. **Old Business**

- a. ESSA report- Kevin gave a condensed report on last month's ESSA report in place of Kathy.
- b. Bill mentioned he would be absent for the next SAA conference in Lewistown and that Jeremy would fill in. Jeremy reported that all went well at MSH on Aug 29-30 and that all in all it was a good visit. Funds have been made and appropriated for improvements. They are short on permanent staff/clinicians. The site inspection went well and at next year's they'll be reapplying for CMS certification. The facility was clean, and the patrons were happy. On the Sprat (geriatric) unit there have been sensory gardens put in place that the patients were enjoying. This would be nice to see spread throughout other units as well.
- c. Grant application process update: No report.
- d. On Learning Days Bill reported it would be beneficial to have an educational/fun learning day in the near future. The LAC needs to be more out to the public so input will be more attainable from those we are trying to serve in furthering our cause. Sami suggested having workshops; CPR for example, or maybe having a panel meeting with a Q&A session to follow. It was suggested to form a subcommittee so there would something to be presented on Learning Days/Butte Cares for next month. Also, Sami voiced a community concern about people with mental illness having to wait in the county jail instead of being helped at a crisis center as there are none throughout the state. Bill mentioned it is a statewide concern and committees in Butte are currently working on this very issue and coming up with a game plan to advocate for that particular need. St James also has a crisis team to help place people in appropriate facilities. A crisis model is being evaluated and worked on; however, there is no immediate fix. There are many opinions in Butte on how to remedy this so this will be a process. There was much discussion about Butte losing its crisis house people have sadly been slipping through the cracks or having suffering people being shipped out to other communities. Michael mentioned possibly speaking with the jail on having a special holding room for people w/ mental health issues. Sami jumped on board and offered to help with this.
- e. Bill reported inviting Butte Care to give a presentation to our LAC next month on the goals they have. The only difference between us and them is they are elusively lived experience. Also, there was a question asked about the number of mini grants that are offered. More information on this can be found on the BSB website. It was mentioned in having a possible LAC brochure and this information could be added.

5. **Adjournment**

- a. The meeting adjourned at 2 p.m. If anything, needs to be added to the agenda email Bill.
6. **Next meeting**
- a. The next meeting of the Butte-Silver Bow Local Behavioral Health Advisory Council will be held from 1 to 2 pm October 18, 2023, on Zoom. Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83181075543?pwd=YXlxcFM0Z0N1VHNodkZpQ2t5MDN2dz09>