

Mental Health & Addiction Services Center

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MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Present: Mary Cameron, MHC; Kate Croft DSVS; John Lewis, Journey Recovery; Pam Hellerud, Youth Court; Jean Atherly, Tobacco Prevention, BBC; Barb Mettler, MHC; Therese Picasso Edwards, RLACF; Sage Henderson, RLACF; Sheila Boggio, School Nurse, BBC; Erica Polson, RN, BBC; Josh McQuillan, CC Sheriff; Roberta Cady, RN, CC Public Health; Diane Dimich, Red Lodge Citizen; Summer Peterson, LCPC, MHC; Nicole Lohof O'Shea, Carbon County Citizen; Ralph Dawson, Fromberg Police Chief; Pete Critelli, RLPD.

Mary Cameron, called the meeting to order. Introductions were made. MH and Journey Recovery and ACT Program reports were distributed.

John Lewis, BS, LAC, Reviewed the Journey Recovery Addiction Treatment and ACT reports. (attached). There was discussion about how valuable consistency in office hours, scheduling ACT classes and treatment has been in meeting the Mental Health, ACT and Chemical Dependency treatment needs of Carbon County residents.

Barb Mettler, MHC, discussed legislative cuts to MH funding and changes that the MHC made as a result. The most recent cuts to funding and reimbursement rates have not taken effect, but are slated to start January 1, 2018. Barb will send the details to Mary and the information will be distributed to anyone interested. Barb will send information to Mary about applying for a \$300 grant from Eastern Service Area Authority – (ESAA) to defer costs for Local Advisory Council meeting expenses. (esaamontana.org)

There was discussion of the possibility of losing the Carbon County Office of Public Assistance.

There was discussion about the need for a local person to assist clients with Social Security Disability applications and appeals. Barb pointed out the SSI/SSDI OUTREACH, ACCESS AND RECOVERY (SOAR) website (info attached). Free training is available on the SOAR website.

Sage Henderson, VISTA, RLACF, discussed the programs she is proposing to the Community Foundation Board (information attached). Included are a mentoring program for adults with special needs, high school mental health classes, Behavioral Health Guild, Community MH Alliance.

The next meeting of the LAC will be Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 9:30 am at the Carbon County Personal Services building, 10 Oakes Ave South, Red Lodge. We will conduct Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) suicide prevention training. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Submitted by:

Mary C. Cameron, Secretary, MHC