

Richland County Mental Health Local Advisory Committee Agenda & Action Plan
 Date 11-17-16 Time: 10:00am-11:30am

Members present:

Meeting Agenda

Action Plan

Item or topic to be discussed	Desired outcome	Who	How	Action to Do or <u>Decision</u>	Assigned to Who	Date Due	Action Completed and Date
<i>Introductions</i>	<i>Aware of who is at the meeting</i>	<i>Group</i>					
<i>Update from Eastern Service Area Authority:</i>	<i>Members aware of the results of the ESAA meeting</i>	<i>Antonia/ Judy</i>	<i>Report</i>	<i>Request the LAC funds from the ESAA New Mental Health Bureau Chief: Jo Thompson Continue to look for ESAA membership</i>	<i>Judy</i>	<i>12/31/16</i>	
<i>Montana Healthcare Foundation Grant- BHI</i>	<i>Members up-date</i>	<i>Nancy/ Karen</i>	<i>Report</i>	<i>SHC is now billing for Behavioral Health All people receiving home visits are being screened Approximately ½ of Extended Care patients are screened. Some of the other people served by SHC are screened. The screening is a requirement for annual wellness visits.</i>			
<i>Community Awareness Committee Up-date</i>	<i>Up-date on SHINE event</i>	<i>Tara</i>	<i>Report</i>	<i>No one present from this group</i>			
	<i>Up-date on the MT suicide mortality review team questions posed to Carl Rosston. Also review of report.</i>	<i>Antonia</i>	<i>Report</i>	<i>Mentioned the report and that it can be accessed at www.sprc.org – good information.</i>			

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	<i>Up-date on a table-top exercise.</i>	<i>Judy</i>	<i>Report that the first meeting will be Dec. 13th at 10 AM</i>	<i>Will report at the next meeting.</i>			
<i>Training and Resource Committee</i>	<i>Discussion on ACEs training through Elevate MT</i>	<i>Crisin</i>	<i>Report</i>	<i>Meeting with Elevate MT is November 30th at 1PM in the Community Services Building conference room. Invites will be sent to a board group</i>	<i>Cristin</i>	<i>11/18/16</i>	
	<i>MHFA</i>	<i>Tanya</i>	<i>Report on discussion with Richard</i>	<i>Check with Richard to set up a MHFA training for law enforcement</i>	<i>Nancy</i>	<i>11/30/16</i>	
	<i>QPR RSVP would like to have some done in Daniels, Sheridan Counties.</i>	<i>?</i>	<i>Any trainings scheduled?</i>	<i>There were 4 slots for training trainers: Melissa k., Nicole , Josie, and Crisitn. Crisitn is no longer able to do this . SHC may have someone. Nancy will contact Crisitn. Judy will give names to RSVP program for trainings</i>	<i>Nancy</i>	<i>11/30/16</i>	
	<i>Heads Up Camp - AHEC</i>	<i>SHC</i>	<i>Report</i>	<i>Just a discussion to support these efforts.</i>	<i>Judy</i>	<i>11/30/16</i>	

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<i>Crisis/Diversion Issues</i>	<i>Grants and regional work up-date</i>	<i>John and Jim</i>	<i>Report</i>	<p><i>Grant funds have been received to begin work on getting the unit at GMC up and running. (4 beds). They are looking at various options to get this unit staffed. Start date expected 3/1/17.</i></p> <p><i>Money was set aside to work regionally to develop a plan on how we will handle individuals that are in crisis. There must be alternatives to GMC because they can't handle all the crisis events. Jim would like names of individuals that would like to be involved in this process. Please send him your contact information.</i></p> <p><i>There will be an outside (Montana based) organization that will assist with this process. RFP's are out.</i></p> <p><i>Crisis coverage will change starting 12/1/16. The 24/7 coverage will be regional by phone. Face-to-face coverage will not occur on weekends or holiday but the telephone regional coverage will be available during those times.</i></p> <p><i>They will be available for commitments.</i></p>	<i>Jim</i>	<i>12/15/16</i>	
<i>Other items: Communities In Action Steering Committee up-date and request</i>	<i>Members are aware and are thinking of AmeriCorps Projects</i>	<i>Judy</i>	<i>Report and discussion</i>	<i>Please fill out the forms for ideas for a LAC AmeriCorps member and bring them to the next meeting. Questions can be directed to Cristin or Judy</i>	<i>All members</i>	<i>12/15/16 (next meeting)</i>	

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<i>Member Up-dates</i>				<p><i>Review the membership list and make corrections or add members you think should be part of the LAC</i></p> <p><i>Review the LAC page on the County Website (Under Future of Richland County on main page) and bring ideas of links on other information that should be on the page.</i></p> <p><i>Legislative luncheon will be on Nov. 28th at the ARS conference room at noon.</i></p>	<p><i>All members</i></p> <p><i>All members</i></p>	<p><i>12/15/16</i></p> <p><i>12/15/16</i></p>	
<i>Next Meeting</i>	<i>Group decides on meeting date</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>The next meetings will be on the 3rd Thursdays at 10AM. Next meeting is December 15, 2016</i>	<i>All Members</i>		



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Richland County ElevateMT Affiliation Meeting on 11/30

1 message

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Thu, Nov 17, 2016 at 9:45 AM

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Richland County has an opportunity to join the ElevateMT movement and become a trauma-informed, ACE (Adverse Childhood Experiences) Aware community.

Tina Eblen from Childwise Institute will be coming to Sidney on November 30 to explain this opportunity to interested parties in our community, and I invite you to join us in learning what this could mean for Richland County. We will meet with her in room 201 of the Community Services Building at 1 PM on November 30.

If we choose to become an ElevateMT affiliate as a community, ChildWise will train 10 Richland County community members to be ACE presenters. Childwise will also walk us through what it means to be trauma informed businesses, agencies, and citizens.

I think it is important to have representation from all sectors in our community working together on a project that will impact all children in our community. Please join us on November 30 to learn more, and feel free to extend this invitation on to anyone else who would like to attend.

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November 9, 2016

Via Mail

Judy LaPan, Department Administrator
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Dear Ms. LaPan:

I am the public benefits staff attorney at Montana Legal Services Association (MLSA), a non-profit, statewide law firm dedicated to providing free legal services to low-income Montanans. As the public benefits attorney, I help people with issues that arise with their food stamps, Medicaid, cash assistance, WIC, and other government benefit programs. I am reaching out to county health departments because there is likely some overlap between the community you serve and the community I serve.

Here at Montana Legal Services Association, we advocate for people in order to enforce and/or defend their legal rights. But we also educate people about their legal rights so they can know when they can contact us for help. This is particularly true in the area of public benefits, because oftentimes people do not think of their benefits in terms of a "legal" issue. We want to change that, and so we are reaching out to our community partners, like you, by circulating the enclosed flyer "How to Recognize Legal Issues in Public Benefits." Our hope is that the information in the flyer will help county health workers think of Montana Legal Services Association as a referral source the next time you are working with individuals who have encountered legal issues in regards to their public benefits.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Simon
Staff Attorney
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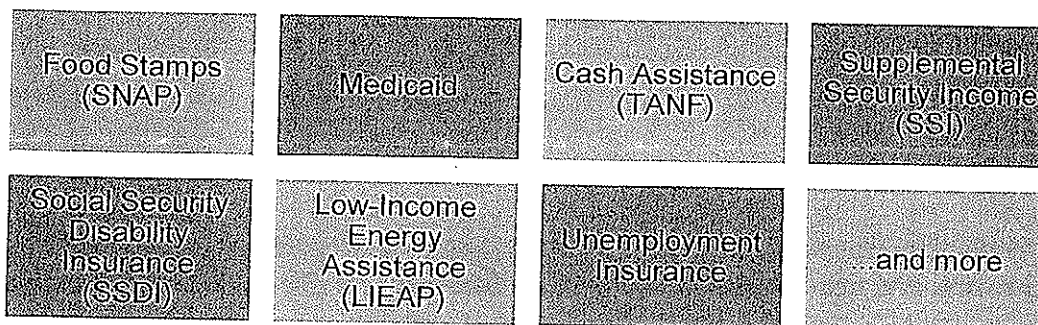


How to Recognize Legal Issues in Public Benefits



Montana Legal Services Association (MLSA) has a full-time attorney dedicated to helping people with civil legal issues that arise in the area of public benefits. The following is a guide to help you recognize legal issues in public benefits when you encounter them.

What are public benefits?



Montana Legal Services Association helps people who have:

- Applied for benefits and been denied
- Applied for benefits and received no response
- Lost their benefits
- Had their benefits reduced
- Experienced some other kind of negative action in regards to their benefits

If you are unsure of whether someone has a public benefits legal issue, ask yourself:

- Did they receive a notice in the mail from the government? (Usually from the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Montana Department of Labor and Industry, or U.S. Social Security Administration)
- Are they having trouble understanding a notice they received from the government?
- Have they applied and been denied for benefits?
- Have they applied for benefits and received no response or a delayed response?
- Have they been told to repay an overpayment of benefits?
- Have they been accused of making intentional misrepresentations or omissions when reporting income and household members?
- Have they been denied or disqualified from a benefits program?
- Have they requested pre-authorization or reimbursement for a drug, procedure, or equipment from Medicaid that was denied?
- Have they been denied reimbursement of travel expenses to medical appointments?
- Are they a nursing-home resident facing eviction?

Montana Legal Services Association can assist with all of these scenarios, and more. If you know someone who has a public benefits legal issue, encourage them to apply for help online at www.mtlsa.org or call our Helpline at (800) 666-6899 Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. We also provide free legal information and forms at www.montanalawhelp.org. We strive to give legal advice to all eligible clients, however, due to the number of applications, we cannot provide full representation to everyone who applies, but we may be able to provide information and advice.