

August 15, 2017 Minutes for the Valley County Mental Health LAC

12 Noon FMDH South Wing Meeting Room

Present: Colleen Forrester (NCILS), Bruce Peterson (VC Commissioner), Shelly Romo, Pam Lee (FMDH), and Antonia Klein (Community Program Officer) via speaker phone.

Minutes from the May 16, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Bruce made a motion to accept, seconded by Colleen, carried.

Bruce talked about HB 130....the county has put in for this grant and the following was noted as areas that these monies would be used for: Room 109 at FMDH, more available trainings, use of peer support, and a nurse practitioner at the jail. He noted that the nurse practitioner at the jail has thus far been working out well.

Valley CARE Coalition Update. Colleen noted that there was a booth at the fair. Bruce noted that Valley County Health Department got a \$20,000 grant and part of this will be used for a program on suicide prevention coming to Glasgow. There will be a session held for local educators at a PIR day on September 27. At 6 PM that evening there will be a presentation open to the public. In the plan, also, is for a new walking path and more radio spots on mental health related issues.

Bruce got a copy of the draft of the ESAA contract. This should be able to be finalized soon. Colleen noted that the ESAA meetings are now every other month instead of monthly. Bruce noted that Valley County will be the new fiscal agent for the ESAA. The ESAA board will also need to work out something to help determine which LACs are active in the region and therefore would be eligible for monies from the ESAA for local projects. Bruce and Colleen feel that the money our LAC gets would be used to do more radio spots, given the last set was a success.

Antonia gave a good description of the Thrive Program (computer based therapy program) and the Youth for Mental Health Awareness (peer program in the schools which is being piloted this coming school year at various sites across MT). The local Extension Offices are a part of these. Bruce says Roubie Younkin, our local agent is aware of these programs, but doesn't know where she is with them yet.

Bruce announced that the Glasgow Police Department got a \$5,000 grant through the ESAA to work with the local Mental Health Center to update technology and make counselling sessions more readily available, such as via Skype or other avenues. Tyler Edwards, from the Glasgow PD, is the local contact.

Meeting adjourned. Next ESAA meeting is on August 22, 2017. Next LAC meeting will be Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 12 Noon in the FMDH south wing meeting room.

Submitted by Pam Lee