

May 16, 2017 Minutes for the Valley County Mental LAC

12:00 Noon FMDH South Wing Meeting Room

Present: Colleen Forrester (NCILS), Bruce Peterson (VC Commissioner), Shelly Romo, Sheryl Burnham (Region 1 CSPD director/Hinsdale school counselor), Pam Lee (FMDH) and Antonia Klein via speaker phone.

Minutes from the February 21, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Bruce made a motion to accept; seconded by Shelly; carried.

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training—Sheryl is working on setting up another training. She will work with the schools in the area to select the best dates possible.

Bruce reported that a couple of months ago a group of about 70 people from eastern MT met to discuss the mental health issues that exist in our part of the state. The grant writers in attendance came up with a written response entitled EASTERN MONTANA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE AND JAIL DIVERSION. If you wish to read this, contact him. Two weeks ago, a group of about 15 met to continue the discussion. FMDH's room 109 as an option for communities, training to further the peer support concept, and telemedicine were just a few of the recommendations presented.

Bruce and Colleen presented a progress report on the mental health component of the Valley CARE Coalition. There have been PSAs done on the local radio station targeting mental health issues that have been read by local teenagers and will play through May. The plan is to do this in Wolf Point also. The group is looking into social media options to get the word out to a broader audience.

Antonia reported that on June 21, 2017, there will be a Trauma Informed Peer Support Training 101 in Glendive, MT at the Eastern MT Community Health Center. For more information, refer to montanapeernetwork.org.

The parent Eastern MT Community Mental Health Center in Miles City has a new CEO-Brenda Kneeland. She starts this coming Monday, the 22nd.

ESAA CONGRESS is in Billings May 23, 2017 at the Red Lion Hotel and Convention Center. Bruce will attend.

Pam announced that she will be retiring from FMDH the end of the summer; Lynn Lipszyc will be the new FMDH representative on this LAC.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be August 15, 2017 at 12 Noon in the FMDH south wing meeting room.

Submitted by Pam Lee