

November 15, 2016 Minutes for the Valley County Mental Health LAC

12:00 Noon FMDH South Wing Meeting Room

Present: Colleen Forrester (NCILS), Bruce Peterson (Valley County Commissioner), Mary Hughes (NE MT Mental Health Center), Pam Lee (FMDH), and Antonia Klein (CPO Miles City via speaker phone).

Minutes from the August 16, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Bruce made a motion to accept; seconded by Mary; carried.

No one knew of a date that had been set yet for another Youth Mental Health First Aid Training.

No update on Room 109 at FMDH.

Mary reported on the movie PAPER TIGERS that was shown on 9/29/2016 by CASA. There were few in attendance, but there was representation from Mental Health and the school system. This movie is now available at the local library for check-out.

Mary also reported that they are still looking to fill the CSCT therapist position in the schools. There are 8 students in this program and there is a behavioral interventionist on staff.

CPO report: Antonia said that she has been spending much of her time doing audits for the statewide SDMI waiver program. Discussion followed as to how what is available here that is similar to this and how we could get this program into Eastern MT. Antonia encouraged contact with Marsha Armstrong, the state Medicaid Program Officer. Mary will look into how what we have here differs from this program and get back to Antonia.

Discussion as to what we may be able to do to get more community involvement with the LAC: perhaps a community presentation or a meet and greet (with food) to inform the public what the goals and purpose of an LAC are and why it is important to have a community educated on mental health issues; perhaps setting up another MH First Aid or QPR training; perhaps a short, regular radio spot highlighting various mental health issues. Antonia informed us of YouTube videos called Ted Talks that may give ideas for this.

Bruce reported that he has talked to Roubie Younkin, the Valley County Extension agent. There is a training in Bozeman this spring for youth awareness of mental health related issues. He will talk to her more on this.

Mary distributed a handout on The Crisis Intervention and Jail Diversion Plan for Behavioral Health in Eastern Montana. There will be a consultant hired to develop a strategic plan to address the regional needs.

Next ESAA Board meeting is November 22, 2016. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be February 21, 2016 at 12 Noon in the FMDH south wing meeting room.

Submitted by Pam Lee

