

July 15, 2014 Minutes for the Valley County Mental Health LAC

Present: Colleen Forrester (NCILS), Melanie Fisher (Mental Health Center Case Manager), Bruce Peterson (County Commissioner), Pamela Dance (FMDH), Robyn Hardie (FMDH), Jenny Chalmers (Action for Eastern MT) and Antonia Klein (DPHHS Community Program Officer).

The minutes for the April 15, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Melanie made a motion to accept minutes, seconded by Robyn: carried.

Colleen's LAC email list is in disarray due to the new computer in her office but working to get it updated.

The proposed treatment center for Eastern MT discussed. Bruce reported that the committee was positive, with the waiver system, an increase to \$8,000 in mental health trust fund, House bill 130-131, MACo committee feels that the Governor is supportive. Antonia wants more services in Eastern Mt, knowing that there will be costs involved.

Antonia gave an overview of what she does and some of the events going on in Miles City (The Out of the Darkness ,films about mental illness and ASIST training). Antonia talked about the MHOAC. Judy will send the ESAA note for the report of Congress.

Mental Health First aid was talked about and Melanie and Robyn are interested in hosting the training at FMDH in September. Mental Health First Aid for the elderly was also discussed.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be October 21, 2014 at 12 noon in the FMDH Board Room.

Submitted by: Jenny Chalmers