

## October 15, 2013 MINUTES FOR THE VALLEY COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH LAC

Present: Colleen Forrester (NCILS), Shelley Romo, Jennifer Chalmers (Action for Eastern MT/Ombudsman), Tyler Edwards (Glasgow PD), Pam Dance ( Social Worker Glasgow Clinic), Dr Robyn Hardie (Psychologist Glasgow Clinic), Pam Lee (FMDH), Melanie Fisher (Mental Health Center), Renee Jones (Victim Specialist for Valley and Phillips County), Barbara Kuester (Consumer Direct), Antonia Klein (Community Program Officer) via speaker phone.

The Valley County Mental Health Local Advisory Council met on October 15, 2013 at 12 Noon in the FMDH conference room. A motion was made by Shelly to accept the minutes from the June 19, 2013 meeting as read; seconded by Jennifer; carried.

Barbara Kuester gave a very good report on the Wraparound program. She is in the Eastern MT area visiting the local LAC's to inform the communities of this service. They work with youth with severe emotional challenges and their families. The children must be Medicaid eligible. Referrals are made through the Children's Mental Health Bureau by calling Libby Carter in Billings at 406 655 7626 or emailing her at [ecarter@mt.gov](mailto:ecarter@mt.gov). Also, if any of us knows of someone who may be a good Peer to Peer Coach to work with these families, contact Libby.

Community Program Officer Report: Antonia went to the Mental Health Oversight Advisory Council (MHOAC) in Helena last week and is happy to report that two new people have joined the group. One is a forensic psychologist and the other is from the Department of Corrections. Also, Andrew Boyer is the new Community Program Officer that will be servicing Billings and the surrounding area.

Colleen stated that the next ESAA Congress will be in Billings May 13, 2014. If anyone would like to attend, let her know. The next ESAA Board meeting will be October 22, 2013 in Miles City.

After further discussion, Colleen will contact Libby Carter to see if she might be able to come to one of our next meetings to further explain how to go about getting a Wraparound program in our community.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be January 21, 2014 at 12 Noon in the FMDH Board Room. (If this changes, there will be signs.) How great to have so many community services represented today!

Submitted by: Pam Lee, RN

