

June 19, 2013 MINUTES FOR THE VALLEY COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH LAC

Present: Colleen Forrester, Shelly Romo, Amy Tipton, Jennifer Chalmers, Esther Kramer, Pam Lee, and Antonia Klein (via speaker phone).

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

Esther and Colleen reported on the Mental Health First Aid training that was held in Glasgow on June 7th and 8th. 17 people came the first day and 12 the second day.

Esther brought a newspaper article which told of the MT Suicide Memorial Quilt exhibit in Miles City which is on loan from the MT Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. This quilt exhibit is meant to raise awareness and prevent suicide by placing "a face on suicide". There are 33,500 suicides that occur each year in the US.

Esther also reported on the Mental Health Oversight Advisory Council (MHOAC) meeting in Helena on May 23. If you wish a copy of these informative minutes, you may email Esther at ekramer@nemont.net.

Amy reported that there will be an ASIST training in Wolf Point June 25th and 26th and this has been approved for nursing CEU's.

Pam reported that the Glasgow Clinic is involved in a pilot program out of UM and a social worker and psychologist will be coming here in September. It may be similar to the program Amy is under.

Antonia Klein, Community Program Officer, reported of her activities. Informed us that Custer County Community Health Center and the Public Health Department have merged and they are hoping to develop a behavioral health component to add to their list of services.

There will be a Mental Health First Aid training in Miles City this weekend and an Out of Darkness Walk is scheduled for September 7th.

Antonia will be the acting coordinator for the Medicaid Waiver program until a new person can be hired.

A monthly film festival has been started in Miles City, featuring a movie on some mental health aspect. After the movie is shown, she facilitates a discussion. This past film was Out of the Shadows, by Susan Smiley, a recent Harvard graduate. They were fortunate to have her call in during the conversation time to take questions. Their next film is the Story of Luke. The goal of this project is to reduce stigma surrounding mental health issues.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be October 15, 2013 at 12 Noon in the FMDH telemed room which is across from the Board Room.

Submitted by: Pam Lee, RN

