

May 19, 2015 MINUTES FOR THE VALLEY COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH LAC 12 PM FMDH South Wing Meeting Room

Present: Melanie Fisher (EMCMHC), Bruce Peterson (VC Commissioner), Robyn Hardie, Psy. D (FMDH), Pam Dance (FMDH), Pam Lee (FMDH), Colleen Forrester (NCILS), Malcom Horn (Rimrock Foundation).

Minutes from the January 20, 2015 meeting were reviewed. It was noted in the second paragraph from the bottom that the training would be held April 14th and not the 4th. With this correction noted, Bruce made a motion to accept the minutes; seconded by Robyn; carried.

Congratulations to Dr Hardie on successfully passing exams and the various other steps in getting her Doctorate of Psychology!

Youth Mental Health Training—Colleen handed out flyers for the one May 27th in Miles City. Discussion was held about getting a training in Glasgow. Youth Dynamics sponsored a training here earlier this year, but because it was during the school year, teachers were not able to attend. Melanie will make contact with the HS principal to see if this might be something we could get for the teachers, with possible accommodating dates, etc.

Colleen mentioned the FMDH's Health Fair this past November and how she liked the format of this. She is hoping to be involved again at the next one.

Safe Talk training held here on April 13. Joan Nye and Dr. Harr from Billings were the presenters. The following day, there was a workshop for Survivors of Suicide Loss and Professionals (training to facilitate suicide loss bereavement support groups). Melanie expressed the desire to have another training here in the future as these were so beneficial.

There was an Addictions Workshop here yesterday, held at FMDH. Malcom Horn from Rimrock Foundation was the presenter. This was for professionals and was well attended. This will hopefully be repeated next year.

Colleen reviewed a list of 18 priorities that were identified by Congress (statewide mental health) and it is hoped that the top 4 will be selected and presented to the next Legislative session. She will attach this list to these minutes. If you have any thoughts on this, please contact Colleen to offer input.

Melanie will get in touch with nursing medical supervisor at FMDH to see about doing some education with the nursing staff on the complicated commitment process.

Next ESAA Board meeting will be May 26, 2015. The next LAC meeting will be on August 18, 2015 in the south wing conference room (old board room) of FMDH at 12 Noon.

Submitted by: Pam Lee, RN