

ESAA Minutes, 24 April 2017

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM.

Present at telemed stations were:

Malta - Janice Reichelt, Jennifer Marshall

Billings - MarCee Neary, Andrew Boyer, Phil Richmond, Bill Hodges,

Scobey - Lois LeBran

Glasgow - Bruce Peterson

Lewistown - Janette Warner

Big Timber - Amber Martinson, John Ronneberg

Miles City - Karalee Mulkey, Antonia Klein

Proxy votes to Janice Reichelt were received from Judy LaPan, Sidney, and Brent Morris, Billings. Karalee has proxy from Kristi Mobley.

Minutes from March 28, 2017 meeting were motioned for acceptance by Jennifer and second from Lois and unanimous pass.

Janice said that she requested that Brent put an ESAA business meeting on the schedule for the ESAA Congress on May 23 in Billings. Janice said that since the Congress Day meeting is not scheduled to be over until late afternoon she would like a motion that would allow attendees to have two hotel nights be paid. Lois motioned and Bruce gave second and passed unanimous.

Was discussion about maintaining the website and then Andrew pointed out that we should have more directors present before we decide such matters. Was agreed that this would be discussed at Congress during business meeting. Andrew said that AMDD will not pay for website if for no other reason than AMDD financial support from state is very likely to be drastically reduced.

Janice reminded that everyone has to keep in mind that we really need to keep being very active in our support of efforts for mental health. She feels that we need to consider the need for 19 directors and also the length of terms. These items will be put on the Congress business agenda. She solicited names for people to be directors. Janice said she will term out as a director and therefore ESAA will be looking for a new chairperson. She would like to continue as a director and she thinks that we need to consider how many people are interested in being a director before we put stringent limits on length of term. Antonia said that the bylaws state that a Board member who has completed a term on the board has to take a year off before serving in that capacity again.

Bill said he is not a director right now but would be interested in serving again. Was suggested that Bobbie Becker in Glendive may be interested in coming back to be a director.

Janice said that the next business agenda will be a discussion of the treasury/business administrative contract with LIFFT. Bruce wondered if LIFFT, at Congress, would be ready to present hours worked and give a proposal that included cost and any other services. Janice said she would contact them about presenting such to the ESAA business meeting at Congress.

Janice asked if there were any grant requests and there were none.

LAC Reports

Billings - Andrew said that there have been education efforts around Billings and that there will be no Mayfest in Billings this year.

Miles City - Antonia said that there are some changes that need to be made to the March minutes and she has already sent those corrections. Andrew had 28 folks at his Mental Health First Aid class.

Glendive - The LAC is planning a peer support training for some time in June.

Hardin - Bill said that they had a LAC meeting, the first in some time, and had good attendance. The hospital hosted the meeting. It was expressed that there is need for adult mental health training.

Billings - MarCee reported that Crisis Center hotline numbers were averaging 800 calls per month, which was below average, but all of a sudden in March the number went to 1042 and April continues that above average trend. They are not sure why the jump. The behavioral health response process is moving from Emergency Room to a strictly psychiatric location and there will be new process used for triage and how patients will be handled.

Columbus - Andrew said he is not sure if they met or not in that he could not make the meeting.

Roundup - They are looking at doing Mental Health First Aid and some sort of suicide training or presentation.

Big Timber - Amber said that they had not had a meeting since last ESAA call. John said that there were 28 people in attendance at a Mental Health First Aid session. He was asked if he would be interested in being the chair of ESAA and he stated that he may be interested.

Glasgow - Bruce reported that the planning efforts by CARE Coalition are moving along but no real action yet.

Malta - Janice said there had been no LAC meeting but the hospital administration is working on developing suicide prevention procedure/training and are looking at QRP as part of that process.

Thanks for the grant given to Paula Askel were passed on to the directors.

Lewistown - Janette said that things are going good. She wondered if directors had to reserve their own rooms for Congress or if that had already been addressed. Janice will see that the word gets out as to how that should be handled.

Broadus - Karalee said that a meeting was held at school about dating and potential problems and there will be Mental Health First Aid class in early May. Karalee provided a presentation at the local VFW on suicide prevention.

Scobey - Lois said there has been no recent LAC meeting and the QPR training was well attended. The new doctor in town has been very supportive of efforts to remove the stigma often attached to mental illness. They had a public forum on the topic and they are getting a person trained so that the community has a person who can provide mental health first aid training.

Were no reports concerning AMDD, or the legislature, or from Providers. Antonia said that DPHHS has a travel freeze in place until June 30 so do not expect attendance from state department folks at Congress in Billings.

Bruce gave brief update on status of the eastern Montana jail diversion and crisis response effort. He said there had been a meeting in Glendive with 70 people in attendance. Relevant regional data was presented, info was gathered about what exists in regional counties at present time, presentation of what research showed other rural areas throughout the country are doing, and then input was solicited as to what attendees felt were biggest obstacles to achieving goals and also strengths that are in place. The grant writers are working on producing a report and will gather some of the folks from that first meeting and present recommendations. Bruce is worried if there will be any cost numbers given in the report.

Public Comment

Phil requested that LAC's bring to Congress a copy of any brochures they have produced that explained what the LAC is trying to do in their community.

Janice said she did not see in records where the grant money for the bus sign in Billings had been received and spent. After some discussion Phil reported that the money had been received and spent for that purpose.

At end of comments a motion was made, second, and passed that meeting adjourn at 10:56 AM.

Minutes submitted by Bruce Peterson