

MEETING:	Eastern Service Area Authority	MEETING DATE: 8/27/2017	MEETING TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION:	Eastern Montana Community Mental Health Center	PRESIDENT:	Barb Mettler
Board Directors:	Brent Morris, Janette Warner, Bruce Peterson, Bobbie Becker, Jennifer Marshall, Bill Hodges		
Guests:	MarCee Neary, Sharon Hoy, Antonia Klein		
TOPIC	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS	ACTION	Timeline
Call to Order	Brent Morris, Vice President	Meeting called to order.	10:00 a.m.
Tele-Site Check-In/Quorum	Brent did roll call to determine if there was a quorum present. At meeting start time there were only four Directors plus two proxies; but was noted that Bobbie Becker would be late. Bobbie did arrive and quorum was reached.	Since no action could be taken Brent directed that LAC reports be given	
Approval of Minutes	Brent asked for approval of June 2017 minutes from that meeting. Antonia said she needed to organize the minutes to reflect the grouping of reports from providers and LACs. Brent noted that the next meeting will be only one month away but then we will start meeting every two months as was voted in recent meeting.	Approval was tabled until the 26 September 2017 meeting.	
LAC Reports	<p>Billings – Sharon reported that there has been discussion as to effectiveness of the mental health sign on a bus that moves around Billings. Educational information was given to students and others at MSU-Billings and the local unit of Walla Walla University. The next LAC meeting will be on September 14th.</p> <p>Glasgow – Bruce reported that the LAC met recently and discussed the ESAA contract draft, support of the Valley County Crises Response and Jail Diversion Grant, and plans of CARE. The Mental Health Committee of local CARE Coalition will meet in near future to determine next round of radio ads concerning mental health. The ESAA grant given to Glasgow Police</p>		

	<p>Department has generated discussions but no final plan as of this date. Karl Rosston's Suicide Prevention presentation will be provided on September 27 to Glasgow School faculty with a community meeting that evening.</p> <p>Glendive – Bobbie reported that the LAC met on August 15 and they have welcomed two new licensed addiction counselors to the community. She said that more help is needed to address hunger, drug abuse and all children services in their community. There is a real need to get more community organizations involved in dealing with these problems. Antonia suggested that making contact with Youth Dynamics and AWARE may be of benefit. Bobbie worries the federal funding cuts will exacerbate the problems and it seems that most families she deals with have real gloomy outlooks. She hopes that peer support trainings may be of value and that Children's Mental Health Bureau will also offer some help.</p> <p>Hardin - Bill reported that the LAC meeting was held on July 31 and he is very encouraged by the turnout and discussion. He is very hopeful that the group may again become active. He is pleased that for the very first time a county commissioner was present. There were some helpful reports from LIFTT, about legislative contacts, and other timely issues. They have plans to work with Hardin High School to present Mental Health First Aid.</p> <p>Lewistown - Janette reported that it has been a while since the last meeting. She is concerned in that it seems that the only topic ever discussed is addiction counseling while other facets of mental health are seldom mentioned.</p> <p>Malta – Jennifer reported that there has been no meeting for the last three months but they have been working with Public Health Service on suicide prevention and with Malta Schools to have presentations of Paper Tigers. Antonia requested that she be notified of the meetings and be sent minutes as she was unaware that Malta was still having LAC meetings.</p> <p>Miles City – Antonia reported that Miles City has a preliminary sign up of 4 people to take Mental Health First Aid training class scheduled for September 23. The summer film festival went well.</p>	<p>Brent will follow up on suggestion that he make contact with Mary LaMieux at AMDD to visit about the flow of funds and accountability needed for money that is spent by ESAA.</p> <p>.</p> <p>Brent said he would make contact and encourage Bobbi to</p>	
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<p>Provider Reports</p>	<p>Crisis Center – MarCee stated that the Crisis Clinic had 1,075 visits in June, but that number dropped to 700 in July, and while it is too early to get the final number for August it remains a problem that there is not enough space to handle this amount of traffic. CIT training will be presented September 18-22 and there are still spots available. The Clinic is making good use of their student interns by having them give various life skills classes to clients.</p> <p>Billings LIFTT – Brent reported that Billings LIFTT continues to work with Drug Court referrals and there will be a recovery conference on September 16.</p> <p>Glendive LIFTT – Bobbie reported that Glendive LIFTT has Julie MacFarland giving a two day workshop on homelessness in the near future. The Montana Governor’s Conference on Aging scheduled for September will be in Glendive this year. In September there will also be the Veteran’s Stand Down which has shown itself to be beneficial for many veterans in need of assistance.</p> <p>EMCMHC - Antonia provided the report on behalf of EMCMHC CEO Brenda Kneeland in her absence. The Center will now be allowed to do chemical dependency services in the five counties (Dawson, Richland, McCone, Prairie, Wibaux) presently being served by District Two. Three addiction counselors have been hired to serve that area. EMCMHC has submitted a grant to AMDD to help with Peer Support (Recovery Coach) programs in the region. This grant request was made on basis of what was concluded in the Eastern Montana Crisis Response and Jail Diversion Project. Bill said that he is aware that many times people persons who come to the Hardin hospital for physical problems also have some behavioral issues and the hospital staff would definitely benefit from having appropriate trainings in that area.</p>	<p>continue as a director.</p> <p>Bruce said this will be part of follow up that he will do with Mary at AMDD.</p>	
<p>Treasurer’s Report</p>	<p>Bruce gave the Treasurer Report. ESAA has had no revenue and paid no bills in FY 18 up to this date. Brent said that he was ready to send the FY18 year-end report of funds accountability to AMDD. He said that the FY 17 \$35,000 received was spent to zero after he paid \$88.91 to LIFTT for their</p>		

AMDD was hoping that ESAA would offer some comments on the draft and get back to her. Bruce said that he was fine with what he saw and said that if no one had any comments we should move to accept as is. There being no comments Bobbie made that motion and Bill gave the second and passed unanimously.

Proposed Budget

The proposed FY 18 budget was sent to everyone on mail list. A line item on the proposed budget deals with yearly SAA Congress expense. There is proposal from Helena that there be just one Congress for entire state. The proposed budget allocates no funds for presentation of a Congress. Jennifer thinks that no matter who is hosting the Congress the costs should be split between the three SAA regions and therefore we should probably have some funds in the budget for that occurrence. Brent suggested that since logistics of doing a single Congress are not yet finalized we should approve the proposed budget and make adjustments later in the year once the final Congress decisions have been made. Bill stated that he thinks that the West and Central regions tend to talk more money and logistics at their Congress meeting while the East has gone more for education and information.

Bobbie moved to accept the budget, Jennifer with second and passed unanimous.

Brent invited discussion as to who are the active LACs in our region. He had included a list of LACs with the agenda. Following are the LACs with primary contact person(s):

- Big Timber- John Ronnenberg
- Billings - Brent Morris, MarCeeNeary, Barb Mettler
- Broadus- Rev. Karalee Mulkey, Kristi Mobley
- Columbus- Barb Mettler, Andrew Boyer
- Glasgow- Bruce Peterson
- Glendive- Bobbie Becker
- Hardin- Bill Hodges
- Lewistown- Janette Warner
- Red Lodge- Barb Mettler, Andrew Boyer
- Roundup- Barb Mettler, Andrew Boyer

<p>MHOAC Report</p>	<p>Malta- Jennifer Marshall Miles City- Brenda Kneeland, Antonia Klein Scobey- Lois Leibran Sidney – Judy LaPan</p> <p>Jennifer said we need to confirm addresses and names of contact person. Antonia stated that an LAC should receive no funds unless they have been meeting regularly and sending minutes into the ESAA. It was mentioned that we have a couple of inactive LACs returning; Glendive and Hardin, so we would have to use other criteria to determine if they are active or not, and receive funds or not. All the above listed LACs seemed to meet approval as to being considered an active LAC.</p> <p>It seems there is the potential for an LAC to start in Circle but if we do not hear from them we should not be sending funds. Bobbie said she hopes that something in Circle may develop.</p> <p>Bruce asked if he should automatically send \$300 to each listed LAC. This was suggested by Brent who said it would be much more efficient than asking each LAC to fill out an application for a grant that is automatically approved. There was agreement that it would be more efficient but was some question as to accountability, documentation, and if an LAC is really active or not. There was suggestion that the money could be sent if there were minutes available that could be considered to be proof of viability of that LAC.</p> <p>Bruce said that he could send a memo to all LACs telling them that he would send \$300 if he received minutes from recent meetings or a good rationale that will allow him to send those funds. Jennifer said we should have a time frame for this and she suggested that November 1st would be reasonable date. There was consensus and Bruce will make notification of this discussion and will use the November 1st date.</p> <p>Bill reported that the recent MHOAC meeting, at which he was elected vice president, was interesting and productive. There was lengthy discussion about the function of MHOAC, its mission, and trying to answer the question “Who are we?” Outreach, legislative contact, and involvement in</p>		
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Next Meeting

yearly SAA Congress were also on the MHOAC agenda. There will be a two day training session on October 4 and 5.

Brent adjourned the meeting until we next meet on Tuesday, 26 September.

Minutes submitted by
Bruce Peterson

While not part of meeting I am wondering if the following list is correct and complete. Please let me know if there are corrections to be made.

List of Board of Directors, with their LAC affiliation

- Barb Mettler- Billings, Roundup, Red Lodge
- Bill Hodges- Hardin
- Bobbi Limberhand- Lame Deer
- Bobbie Becker- Glendive
- Brenda Kneeland- Miles City
- Brent Morris- Billings
- Bruce Peterson- Glasgow
- Janette Warner- Lewistown
- Jennifer Marshall- Malta
- John Ronnenberg- Big Timber
- Judy LaPan- Sidney
- Kristi Mobley- Broadus
- Lois Leibrand- Scobey
- Rev Karalee Mulkey- Broadus

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