

MEETING:	Eastern Service Area Authority	MEETING DATE:	June 27, 2017	MEETING TIME:	10:00 a.m.
LOCATION:	Eastern Montana Community Mental Health Center	PRESIDENT:	Barb Mettler		
Board:	Bruce Peterson, Karalee Mulkey, Judy LaPan, Kristi Mobley, Phil Richmond, Bobbie Becker, Brent Morris				
Guests:	Antonia Klein, MarCee Neary, Bill Hodges, Nicole Hackley, Holly Ripeneau, Jeanne Vetch, Colleen Forrester, Tyler Edwards, Brenda Kneeland				

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TOPIC	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS	ACTION	Timeline
Call to Order	Barb Mettler	Meeting called to order.	10:00 a.m.
Tele-Site Check-In/Quorum	Quorum met		
Approval of Minutes	The minutes for the May meeting were discussed and Brent moved to approve and Phil gave second to approve those minutes.	Approved	
Treasurer's Report	Treasurer's report was given but Bruce missed the first 15 minutes of the meeting due to the Glasgow telemed room being in use by a doctor and his client. Bruce stated that he did not make sure someone could take notes on his behalf when he is tardy.		
Organizational Business			
AMDD Report	When asked, Antonia did not have any new updates on the status of any budget cuts to mental health and if members had specific questions they can call AMDD.		
LAC Reports	Billings LAC update by Phil Richmond and Brent Morris. Brent stated that they have a lot going on in Billings and he mentioned that peer support efforts can be a very good tool. Broadus Youth Issues report by Karalee and Kristi. Youth Issues will begin to meet again in September, when school is in session.		

<p>Provider Reports</p>	<p>Glasgow LAC report by Bruce Peterson. Bruce reported that the LAC grant received from the ESAA was used to run a mental health awareness announcement on the radio stations in Glasgow and Wolf Point.</p> <p>Glendive LAC report by Bobbie Becker. Bobbie reported that trauma informed care and peer support are being used to address drug abuse problems in the Glendive area. They are pursuing grants and Bobbie felt the Eastern Montana Behavioral Health Crisis Response and Jail Diversion project shows good promise in helping solve the problems. Bobbie emphasized that we need to keep continual communication between all of our various group efforts.</p> <p>Hardin LAC report by Bill Hodges. The Hardin LAC is starting to meet again and make plans for community outreach.</p> <p>Lewistown LAC report by Janette Warner. Janette stated she is having problems finding out what the LAC is doing these days since she does not have contact with Jo, the LAC chair. Janette stated she would like to attend but is not sure how to do that.</p> <p>Miles City LAC report. Jeanne Vetch was present at the ESAA to request the yearly \$300 for the BHLAC.</p> <p>Richland County LAC report was given by Judy LaPan. The Richland County Community Awareness Group is working on suicide prevention awareness to include a walk and a barrel race. Nicole is leading the QPR trainings in Plentywood and Sidney. Youth Aware of Mental Health (YAM) will have trainings in the schools and will be presented by the county extension office. The LAC is continuing to pursue the ACEs training and having Mental Health First presentations. A proposal has been submitted for grant funds to help sponsor the table top exercise planning in late September. The LAC charter has been signed.</p> <p>Community Crisis Clinic Report by MarCee Neary. Marcee reported that it has been very hectic at the crisis center and the numbers of clients seen continues to be greater than expected. With the increase in clients, a</p>		
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<p>MHOAC Report</p> <p>ESAA Funds Requests</p>	<p>shortage of resources is making itself felt. Space is becoming a problem of serious concern and more counselor hours are needed. There will Crisis Intervention Training in September.</p> <p>Southeastern Regional Mental Health Center report by Barb Mettler. Barb is concerned about having enough funds to keep the mental health center going and recent legislative action at both the state and federal levels is cause for worry. One proposal suggested that the present \$18/minute charge should be reduced to \$12/minute. The mental health center would lose \$200,000/year on this single suggestion. Replacing present method with block grants is not going to be sufficient and Barb hopes that final decision will be sufficient to fund at the level that Medicaid currently uses.</p> <p>Bill was appointed by Barb to attend the last MHOAC meeting. Bill is frustrated that they do not meet more often; twice a year is not enough and he feels that there should be quarterly meetings. Bill has made a request to AMDD that they increase the frequency of the meetings. MHOAC is supposed to be a state meeting of reps of local LACs, SAA directors, involved agencies, and consumers.</p> <p>Nicole, on behalf of District II requested that they receive \$3,400 in funds to help with trainings for QPR trainers. The trainers go around the region and therefore would not just serve a single LAC. The program has been very well received in the area. Part of the funds would be used for the QPR booklets and supplies.</p> <p>Tyler Edwards of the Glasgow City Police Department requested that his department receive funds to help increase the use of technology. Police work in conjunction with the Glasgow office of Eastern Montana Community Mental Health Center. The ultimate goal is to get mental health counseling in a more consistent and timely manner and these funds would be used to address updates in technology. Edwards said that 95 percent of the behavioral health cases he deals with need counseling and that help is not always readily available. The request for \$5,000 will be used as a start to addressing the problem but he does not have a specific list of equipment in that he only recently became aware of ESAA grant funding.</p>		
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Judy, on behalf of the Richland County LAC requested funds to help with Mental Health First Aid training. They have in mind an interested person available to attend training in Portland, OR and they would use the funds for that trip, some manuals, and the program in general. The request is for \$5,733. Brent said that Andrew Boyer has purchased some books and they may be available so perhaps the requested funds amount could be reduced. Judy stated they already have some funds available that could be shifted to the request. In response to a question from Phil, the Board was informed that the cost of the Portland trip would be \$3,922. Barb then asked if it were possible to take about \$1,800 out of the request in that other funds and books are available. Judy thought that was a feasible adjustment.

Brent, on behalf of LIFTT requested \$5,000 to help LIFTT with their operation. There has been an influx of out of state folks coming to the region and that seems to be an explanation for the increase in the demand for their services, and increased services means increased costs.

Barb, on behalf of SRMHC had requested \$2,000 but that she was pulling that request in light of the number of requests for the remaining funds in the ESAA budget. MarCee noted that ESAA has to allot all the DPHHS funds before the end of the fiscal year which is June 30. Antonia stated that while the grantee does not have to expend the money by June 30, they must provide documentation that the funds were eventually spent for their intended use.

The amount of funds available for grant requests was discussed and comments were made about how to best use the remaining funds. After the discussion, both Richland County and LIFTT removed their requests with the intent to re-request in FY2018. Brent moved and Phil gave a second to give \$1,850 to District II for QPR training efforts. Motion passed.

Bobbie moved with Bruce as second to send \$5,000 to the Glasgow City Police Department. Edwards said he was aware of the lack of specifics in his request but he assured the directors that he would be active in holding meetings and use the funds as soon as possible.

New Business

The Glasgow Police and District II grants will nearly exhaust the funds available for FY2017. There was a suggestion that any funds remaining be used to prepay some constant expenses, such as the webmaster.

There was one bid for the financial agent for the ESAA and that was from Bruce on behalf of Valley County. Bruce stated that after discussion with Valley County folks, he would like to have the county be paid \$2,200 per year to process funds for the ESAA. Bruce noted that this would free up an additional \$3,000 for the funds requests. Valley County will do this for one year and then the ESAA and Valley County will evaluate to see if the bid covers all costs, or perhaps is even too much for the time required. The administrative assistant to the Valley County Commissioners, Ruth Dowell will follow through on claims and deposits and have documentation for the money flow. Brent moved and Judy gave a second in support of the Valley County bid and it was passed with no opposition.

Phil suggested that since Brent was taking over the Vice President position that we need a treasurer and he said that often the secretary filled both positions. Phil pointed out that there is a definite advantage to having the agent and the treasurer in the same town and with that in mind he suggested that Bruce become treasurer of the ESAA. Brent agreed and with no further comments Bruce agreed to do both jobs.

Barb suggested having fewer meetings, such as every other month. Phil stated he was opposed and MarCee said that if we do fewer meetings we have to remain diligent as to the goals and purpose of the ESAA. After more discussion, Bruce moved that the ESAA have six or fewer meetings per year and Brent gave second. Bobbie stated that the Board should try it and then evaluate. She also suggested that perhaps we go back to having more active committee involvement. Barb stated she would put the level of committee activity on the next agenda. Antonia stated that there should be a look back to review how the committees functioned and noted that the executive board should be ready to do more prep work in lieu of the monthly meeting if we are not going to meet as often. Vote was taken and passed unanimously that the Board would hold six or fewer meetings per

<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>year. Bobbi Limberhand was brought up for vote to become a member of the ESAA Board of Directors. Brent spoke on her behalf and gave the highest recommendation. Bruce moved and Judy gave second and passed unanimously.</p> <p>Barb stated it was important that the ESAA give recognition to Brent for the great job he did in organizing a successful Congress meeting. Many comments of agreement followed.</p> <p>Barb said that the next meeting will be in August and that the executive board will meet in July. Executive Board members are Barb, Brent, and Bruce. The main subject will be setting of the FY2018 budget but other items will also be discussed.</p> <p>Meeting was adjourned.</p> <p>Tuesday, September 26, 10-12, EMCMHC</p>		
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