

Eastern Service Area Authority Board
Meeting August 27, 2013

Board Members Present: Bobbie Becker, Carla Bichler, Jody Ferestad, Colleen Forrester, Mary Jean Golden, Bill Hodges, Esther Kramer, Janice Reichelt, Phil Richmond, Diane Ronneberg, John Ronneberg and Jo Shipman.

Others Present: Kristi Rydeen and MarCee Neary.

WEBSITE PRESENTATION: Carla did an overview of the new website which is: esaamontana.org. Carla is the contact person. Can send bio information and pictures to Carla. Can send to Carla LAC reports. Carla's email is: chccarla@midrivers.com.

TELE-SITE CHECK IN/QUORUM: Have a quorum.

APPROVAL OF JULY 2013 MINUTES: Colleen made a motion to approve the minutes. Carla seconded the motion. Vote occurred. There were three abstentions. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

LAC REPORTS:

BIG TIMBER: John gave the report. Had addictive disorders meeting. Had 20 people there. Has a Community Health Worker who helps with people and medications. Barb from SCMRMHC has contracts for drug and alcohol. Justice Of Peace reported an increase in drugs and a PTSD case. New worker from mental health center is a resource person and doing training at the bars.

BILIINGS: Phil gave the report. Got a new secretary and a new treasurer. A member did a presentation at Family Services program. Talked about getting partners on board (NAMI so far).

GLASGOW: Next meeting is in October.

HARDIN: Bill gave the report. Back in the schools again. Meets again in October.

LEWISTOWN: Mary Jean gave the report. Met yesterday. Had girl from NAMI who wrote the grant for CIT training. Presented grant for CIT training. Curriculum director from the high school was at LAC meeting. Community Health Center representative also was there. Has letter of support written. Wanting to get money for CIT training from Eli Lily for \$20,000. Let Bill know if need a letter of support.

Jo: Wants Bill to send a letter of support.

Bill: Did not received funding from AMDD. Malta did MHFA training with vendor taking an

IOU.

MALTA: Janice gave the report. Did MHFA last Friday and Saturday. DID paperwork for MT Nurses Association. Had great turn out and a very diverse group. Lewistown is really staffing Malta. Thanked ESAA for sponsoring MHFA training.

Jody: Did Montana Nurses Association authorize continuing education?

Janice: Authorized for whole state for next two years.

MILES CITY: Carla gave the report. Hopes after Labor Day to start support group fro survivors and friends who completed suicide. Meeting weekly. Friday September 6th is the kickoff event with Michael Woods from LIFTT as the main speaker. On Saturday September 7th is the Out of the Darkness Walk at 11:00 a.m. This Thursday showing Of Two Minds. LAC has purchased this movie. On September 20th Suicide Prevention Conference is in Helena. Friday night September 6th day view of DVD.

SCOBEY: Esther gave the report. Concerned with strategic planning. Mental Health America on securing the Warmline. Got an extension until 12/31/13. Need volunteers for the Warmline. Community Emergency Fund Grant: Serves five counties in Northeast Montana. Applying for 2014 money. Next LAC meeting is on September 7, 2013.

GLENDIVE: Bobbie gave the report. Trying to get a Living Well with a Disability class set up at mental health center.

AMDD REPORT: Kristi gave the report. Have hired a new Community Program Officer (CPO). Andrew Boyer will start on 09/09/13. Loves the new website. Would like to have a link to AMDD on website. Stand Down is on September 6th in Helena. Had a suicide at the VA. AMDD training link is new. There is \$800,000 going out for peer support. Recovery grants will be out sometime in September. VA grant is out. ESAA Contract is in Deb's hand and hopes it will be out by the end of the week. Has several changes in Central Service Area.

Bobbie: Are we going to continue to have issue of contract not being signed if we are doing the work?

Kristi: Does not know where things are getting hung up.

Bobbie: It is hard to approve applications when you do not know if the money is there. As a board only required to meet six times a year.

Kristi: Wished she could promise that things could go smoother.

Bill: It puts us in a compromised situation.

Janice: Last time I gave report on Summit per Carla. \$800,000 peer support money. Want to give it to 3-5 communities. Want peers to write application. It is a block grant application that is 66 pages long. Tie the medical to the mental.

MarCee: Got a phone call from Peggy Huff of Rainbow House. Asking for communities that want per supports hired write a support letter.

Kristi: Try to collaborate with different people. Peers don't have to write the grant. Hoping to disseminate grant to three communities.

MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDER REPORTS:

MarCee (Crisis Center): Continue to have capacity issues. Winding down jail diversion grant. Very busy month with closing out grants and looking for sources of money. Trying to keep up with demands for crisis services. Has 20 people attending dual recovery meetings. Looking at adding another dual recovery group.

Janice. At Summit meeting found out that 189 is underutilized.

MarCee: 189 is for directly for needs or clients.

Kristi: Tom Nielsen is new clinical manager. He will be at Veterans Stand Down.

Colleen(NCILS): Added seven new people. Have a total caseload of 77 people.

Bobbie (LIFTT): Trying to get everything done for WIPA. Opening quite a few cases.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Bill: Board Member Commitment form, please get it to Colleen.

Phil: Still have the micro fiber grant that Sharon wrote.

Bill: Does not want to review applications at this time..

Mary Jean: Having trouble getting email. To check to make sure have right email of: lewistownpoetry@outlook.com.

If have contact information that changes let Colleen know.

Bobbie: To send Mary Jena an email for her to reply back to.

Bill: Cannot look at further applications.

Carl: How many got deadlines on them?

Bill: South Central application is pending. Did not use the right form. Will not consider until September 24th meeting.

ESAA BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENTS:

Jo, Bill and Carla are recommending Don Wetzel of Billings. He works with all tribes in Montana and works with reservation schools. Also recommending Barb Mettler who is CEO of South Central Montana Regional Mental Health Center.

Jody: Does the bylaws allow Mental Health Providers to be board members.

Jo: Yes they do.

Carla: More than ½ have to be consumers or secondary consumers.

Jo moved that we accept Don and Barb as board members. Bobbie seconded the motion. Vote occurred. There were two abstentions. Motion carried.

Montana Mental Health Trust application is due on September 6th.

FY ESAA OBJECTIVES:

Bill: Website is something we want to be proud of. Seeking alternative funding avenues and collaborators. Congress meeting in May 2014 would be more of a conference than a board meeting.

Phil: Get into specifics.

Bill: Billings would be an appropriate location for Congress (6-7 hour conference). Make is more of an information session on May 13, 2014 from 9-4.

Bobbie: How many people does the Mansfield Center hold?

Jody: Can hold 100 or more. Would we have to have teleconference ability?

Bobbie: Negotiate room rates and the room.

Mary Jean: Original idea to recruit people that would try to come. Got a lot of people in the community involved.

Phil: Suggest we have partners in Billings. Then expand it out to other areas.

Mary Jean: Providers were able to pick up points.

Bobbie: This board to hold members accountable. Each board member to work on getting five people there. Everyone needs to be invested.

Carla: Need to be more deliberate.

Phil move to have the May 13, 2014 Congress in Billings. Bobbie seconded the motion.

Carla: Start with Billings then.

Jody: Challenge everyone to come back in September with who to have come to the Congress.

Mary Jean: How will people get there?

Bobbie: Have enough board members to carpool. Need to get consumers and secondary consumers there.

John: Have \$300.00 to fund person from LAC going.

Voted on motion. Motion carried.

Next meeting is on September 24th.

Meeting was adjourned by Bill at 11:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Forrester

ESAA Secretary