

Eastern Service Area Authority Board  
Meeting July 30, 2013

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

Others Present: MarCee Neary and Barb Mettler.

Tele-Site Check In occurred and quorum was established.

President Bill Hodges called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 2013 MINUTES: Colleen made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections on page 1 and page 6. Esther seconded the motion. Vote occurred. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

To stick with fourth Tuesday for our meetings. There will be no meeting in December.

LAC REPORTS:

BIG TIMBER: John gave the report. Talked about \$275,00 reduction in funding at SCMRMHC. Hope it does not affect the satellite offices.

GLENDIVE: Adam gave the report. Pete Bruno has some meeting going. Antonia has been meeting with group in Glendive. The new mental health facility is working out in Glendive.

HARDIN: Bill gave the report. Had LAC meeting. Has trouble getting consumer participation. Barb talked about what is going on at SCMRMHC. Chemical therapists are working with 8-10 students. To have more consistent Mental Health Services in the school system. Did have two adolescent suicides in Big Horn county.

MILES CITY: Carla gave the report. LAC met in the beginning of July. Out of the Darkness Walk is on September 7<sup>th</sup> at Wibaux Park. On September 6<sup>th</sup> at VA Auditorium, Michael Woods, Independent Living Specialist from LIFTT will be giving a talk. Let's Talk Miles City is going to do a day view of the video. Doing Mental Health Film Festival once a month. To show Of Two Minds next month. Updating the Resource Directory.

SCOBEY: Esther gave the report. LAC met the first Saturday of July. Gave out Congress Report. Have a letter from Dan Aune regarding doing the warmline on 08/09/13. Esther to asking Dan about applying to Otto Bremer Foundation. Does not know it is just a matter of funding or not able to get staff. Reviewed health phone list which is in the hospital newsletter.

Bill was introduced in the House to require MHFA training for teachers. In early August Bozeman is doing CIT Team Training (Train the Trainer).

BILLINGS: Phil gave the report. Working on job description of LAC members for recruitment. Has a function they are going to in August. Pushing to get a history of the Billings LAC.

AMDD REPORT: Carla gave report on SAA Summit from talking to Janice. AMDD has \$800,000 and is looking for applications. Wants to see some representation from ESAA to request some of these monies. Working with missing support group had in Billings. Use transit bus to pick up persons with mental or medical needs and take them to do something healthy (healthy support group). Can email Janice to submit ideas for the money.

Bobbie: The state would want to have a needs assessment.

Carla: The socialization outing would connect with other people.

Bobbie: Suggest collaborating with Area Agency on Aging. They have volunteers set up.

Bill: Suggest contacting Antonia to set up a conference call to have a committee work on this.

Carla: The deadline for the AMDD grant is October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Bobbie: Frank Lane should be able to provide information on mental health usage for the application.

Bill: Wonders if it is Mental Health Block Grant funds.

Carla: To send Janice an email.

Phil: Where is the money coming from? What is it suppose to be used for? If want to get on the bus implies there is some place to go. Suggests contacting Council on Aging.

Bill: Without having an AMDD representative conjecturing what will happen.

#### MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDER REPORTS:

MarCee (Crisis Center): Jail Diversion grant is winding down. Statistics are eye opening. Helping folks to have less visits to the jail system. Looking for funding. Hopes to continue Jail Diversion. May look at Mental Health Trust funding. Actually starting alternative sentencing programs on 08/01/13. Looking for options to keep people with mental illness out of jail.

Bill: Maybe some funds from AMDD could be a source. MHOAC recommends where \$900,00 goes. Can advocate for distribution and allocation of funds.

MarCee: People have helped are not only Yellowstone County residents. 35% of people served has decreased visits to jail significantly. 20% of those have never been incarcerated again. Able to take clients in provide them services. Each person has their own care plan.

Phil: MarCee did not get the agenda or the minutes. Jail Diversion Program: Still having suicides in the jails. No program for those in outside towns. Need to find funds. Jerry Jesse if come up with \$250,00 can set up a program tomorrow.

#### WEBSITE/ UPDATE:

Carla gave the report. Hoping by the next meeting to work out logistics and to get the website up. Had emails from Ang. The CSAA website has a variety of bios. If have a head shot can send it to Carla. Going to need the physical addresses of the telemedicine sites. Carla to get this information from Sue Cranford. Bill and Phil have submitted photos to Carla of Eastern Montana for the website.

Bill: Appreciates Carla's efforts on the website.

BOARD RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE: Carla gave the report. The committee has looked at Amy Tipton's application. Committee met and discussion Amy's application. They recommend Amy being approved to be on the board.

Phil: Where is the nearest telemedicine site for Amy?

Bill: It is in Poplar.

Esther made a motion to approve Amy Tipton as a board member. Colleen seconded the motion. Vote occurred. Motion passed.

Bill to email Amy to let her know she is on the board. Two other people that are being considered. Donny Wetzel and Barb Mettler. Donny is an ASIST trainer and works with the reservation on the Eastern part of the stats. Brings a Native American perspective. Works with youth. Let him know where the telemedicine sites are. Was invited to attend next month's meeting.

Phil: Try to recruit someone from Columbus.

Bill: Should meet as a committee again. Barb M. represents 11 counties.

END OF FISCAL YEAR REPORT: Bobbie gave the report. Pulled together a budget for FY 2014 (07/13 to 06/14). Increase to Website Development is from \$600 to \$1,400. Made adjustment to travel for Summit, Congress and Board which will now be \$10,000. Education and Awareness line item is \$16, 20. Administrative: \$1,630 (\$830 for insurance, \$300 for supplies and \$500 for telemedicine). Currently do not pay for telemedicine. Website

Development will be \$1,400 (\$65.00 domain name and 12 months at \$111.25).

Bill: Front loaded \$300.00 to website development.

Bobbie: LIFTT administrative fee remains the same. We made minor changes to the budget. ESAA Final Report was completed. Bobbie to email me the ESAA Final Report to email to the board.

Bobbie: Biennial Report is coming up next year.

Carla made motion to approve FY 2014. Adam seconded the motion. Vote occurred. There was one abstention. Motion passed.

Jo: Came on late. Mary Jean is next to Jo.

FUNDING APPLICATIONS FY 2014: Bill presented Hardin satellite office application. Asking for \$650 for PTSD training, equipment and teleconference training. Seeing an influx of a lot of PTSD mannerisms. Does not have televideo equipment. Curriculum is outdated.

Carla: Are you familiar with the program?

Barb: The program is used throughout the country. It is incredibly effective with trauma. It is a movement program that replicates REM sleep.

Jo made a motion to approve this application. Bobbie seconded the motion. Vote occurred. Motion passed.

Phillips County Community Care Coalition application: Asking for \$1,750.00 for Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training. Grant applicant and Janice both had deaths in their families.

Mary Jean: Could we leave it up to the executive officers to make a final decision?

Discussion occurred.

Uncertain about the date for the MHFA training.

Mary Jean made a motion to have executive officers if funds are available and get a date to fund the application. Carla seconded the motion.

Phil: Having problems with applications that are not complete.

Jo: Sees no problem with giving money.

Phil: Is questioning the application. Is it alright to submit an application with no date.

Voted on motion on page 4. There was one opposition. Motion passed.

Bill: SCMRMHC Lisa Wetzler for MHFA training. Believes the training has already happened. Did call Lisa and left a message. Lisa was in Washington, DC

Barb: Lisa plans on resubmitting the application.

Bill: Montana Mental Health Trust would be a good program for MHFA train the trainer.

Bobbie: On initial application can have an outline of the trainings she will do. Have two sites to present at. Needs to be specific on population to be served by the project.

Discussion occurred.

FY ESAA OBJECTIVES:

Bill: What would we like to accomplish this fiscal year? Have a functional and operational website. Fully charged board. Do we have 90% attendance ratio at board meetings? Identify three stakeholders/ collaborators. Congress/Convention: Well charges advocacy, 30-45 minutes for each break out session.

Discussion occurred.

Do we want to secure the Mansfield Center for May 2014?

Bill: To contact Jody about possibility of doing Congress next year in Billings.

Next meeting will is on 08/27/13 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting was adjourned by Bill at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Forrester

ESAA Secretary