

Eastern Service Area Authority Board Meeting  
November 26, 2013

Board Members Present: Bobbie Becker, Carla Bichler, Jody Ferestad, Colleen Forrester, Mary Jean Golden, Bill Hodges, Esther Kramer, Rev. Karalee Mulkey, Janice Reichelt, Phil Richmond, Diane Ronneberg, John Ronneberg, Carl Seilstad, Jo Shipman and Barb Mettler. Bill was the proxy for Judy Lapan.

Others Present: Andrew Boyer, Kristi Rydeen, Matthew Eisen and MarCee Neary.

President Bill Hodges called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

Quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2013 MINUTES: Janice made a motion to approve the minutes. Bobbie seconded the motion. Vote occurred. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

FUNDING PROJECTS FY 2014

Global Health Equity foundation application was presented by Matthew Eisen. Let's Talk Miles City is a community based media project. To continue with play production, fund play to be taken out ins spring (March 2014).

John: Is this the same play that they put on at MSU Billings?

Matthew: Yes and no. Let's Talk Miles City was part of the Let's Talk Billings event last Friday (November 22<sup>nd</sup>).

Phil: What is the amount of application? Has he considered other funding? Likes to fund pilot programs.

Matthew: It is for \$2,500. Always doing ongoing funding including. Have received funding from other sources.

The most significant amount (\$1200) will go to Custer County District Counselor-Scott Rapson who oversees the play performances and the after-school club. The Project Director and Project Coordinator will receive \$250 for assisting Rapson, and the monthly web hosting and updates will be \$330 for 12 months. Supplies Cost (play flyers, DVD duplication and distribution) \$270 and Travel (mileage for play travel and food for performers) \$450. Total Project Costs: \$2,500.

Bobbie: What would be the target communities?

John: How much is Global Equity Foundation getting for running the program?

Matthew: Zero-none goes to Global Equity Foundation. Providing in kind support of \$3,500. Targets are teens, teens families and caregiver in rural areas and social media websites. Trying to focus on Native American populations. Working with Scott Rapson. To send DVD out to various communities in Eastern Montana. Have a contact in Colstrip. Once the word gets out there will be lots of

opportunities.

Discussion occurred.

Bill: We have about \$8,500 of \$15,000 that can be awarded. Suggests that we have Matthew or Scott Rapson present at the conference in May.

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

**BILLINGS LAC PROPOSAL:** Phil presented the application for microfiber cloths to promote their message for the purpose of combating stigma.

Carla; What venue will they be handed out?

Phil: Hand out anywhere can get the message out.

Bobbie made a motion to approve the Billings application. Esther seconded the motion. Vote occurred. There were three abstentions. Motion passed.

Phil: LAC has a free newsletter. To send message to Colleen if want to get on newsletter list.

**BILLINGS MHC APPLICATION FOR MCGUIRE CONFERENCE:** Barb presented the application. The conference was held on September 26 and 27, 2013 and ran a deficit. Would appreciate any help.

Bobbie: Why did you run into a deficit?

Barb: The cost of speakers was higher than planned.

Bobbie: How many attended?

Barb: The number that attended was 100.

Esther: It was a very worthwhile conference to attend.

Discussion occurred.

Mary Jean made a motion that we approve application for \$3,000 from Billings for McGuire Conference. Esther seconded the motion. Vote occurred. There were four abstentions, five yes votes and five no votes (tie). Jody will do a tie breaker and change her vote to yes. Now there are six yes votes and four no votes. Motion passed.

Barb: Thanked ESSA for their support.

**COLUMBUS APPLICATION:** Bill presented the application for Advance LapScan 4000 for PTSD program.

Carla made motion to approve Columbus application for \$650.00. John seconded the motion. Vote occurred. Motion passed.

## LAC REPORTS:

**BIG TIMBER:** John gave the report. John sent minutes to Carla. Mental Health office is increasing their work. Have information on Mental Health First Aid Course. Sheriff reported having a couple of tough situations in last month. Also had tough ambulance calls. Have a new Chaplain that went to CIT Training. The Justice of Peace is handling mental health clients. Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) would be a good program for Big Timber. Had Carl Eby talk about Veterans and Medicaid issues.

**BILLINGS:** Phil gave the report. Had a good group. Had two people from Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch. Talked about newsletter and how to get it distributed. Have a new website. Discussion occurred on reporting form for minutes. Gave kudos to secretary for using reporting form for minutes.

**BROADUS:** Karalee gave the report. Hopes to get back in the swing of things.

**GLENDIVE:** Bobbie gave the report. Met with Karen Schneider. Glendive has an active LAC. Pete Bruno is part of it. Plans on finding out if meeting in December.

**HARDIN:** Bill gave the report. Had LAC meeting in November. Had a school counselor attend who reported on what is going on in the high school. Recently had a suicide in October and multiple homicides. Karl Rosston to come after January 1, 2014. Suggests that Karl present at conference in May.

**GLASGOW:** Colleen shared email from Libby Carter. I would love to attend if possible your meeting in April. However if you can roll with me until I have a better handle on my new duties it might be best to have a plan B in place. So by phone for sure, but for sure if I can swing it I will come to Miles City in April. Let's keep in touch. Thanks a million. I stay in touch with Antonia so she can also know what I am up to. Thanks for inviting me I am honored.

**LEWISTOWN:** Jo gave the report. The Drug and Alcohol person sent in a report. Drug and alcohol use it up. ESAA had gotten contract money from the state. MACo is trying to get money for mental health. Mental health takes a lot of charity care. Richard Opper head of DPHHS and others have been touring mental health centers around the state.

**Mary Jean:** LAC met. To ask for \$300 to have a luncheon for those who have shown up and been speakers at LAC.

**MALTA:** Janice gave the report. Research is now at the level of LAC. Healthnet with a PACT team. The feds are putting out a goal to reduce psychotropic meds in the elderly. Did go on state tour with legislators.

**MILES CITY:** Carla gave the report. Asked for a roundtable discussion regarding transportation when having mental health crises and transporting to out of town facilities. Opportunities for MHFA and ASIST training. Looking at possibly sending Scott Rapson to attend Train the Trainer for Mental Health First Aid Training for Youth. No one has yet attended Suicide Support Group.

**SCOBEY:** Esther gave the report. Had monthly meeting in November. Received word that grant for 2014 has been approved. Esther is QPR certified until 2016.

**John:** Sheriff Tronrud is on Lily monies board. Have issue with \$550,000 for mental health programs. Will be accepting new applications for the coming year. Life of the trust is to be three to three and a

half years. Taking applications.

Carl: Is there any way to get successful applicants to Bill or Colleen?

Carla: Isn't it listed on the Lily website?

Bill: Would like to have Sheriff Tronrud come to January meeting.

Carl: Did Lewistown get funding for CIT?

Mary Jean: Yes we did.

SIDNEY: Bill reported that Judy had IT conflict. Gave Bill her proxy. Has been very busy.

AMDD REPORT: None.

#### MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDER REPORTS:

MarCee (CRISIS CENTER): Got Mental Health Center grant for capacity at Crisis Center to hire needed staff. The center is full every night. Secured grant for facility upgrades (\$8,000). Got Crisis Services grant. Met with Richland County over the phone. Grateful for gifts given recently.

Barb (SCMRMHC): Incredibly busy. Has been in newspaper recently. Been battling with Veteran's Administration (VA) over funding. Had to get Senator Jon Tester involved. Doing Christmas drives for Homeless and PACT Teams. Has a new physician on board-Dr. Kolan. Have open appointments for people needing medications.

John: Suggests that Sidney and Williston go together to create a Crisis Center.

MarCee: 70% of the Crisis Center's funding is through mil levies. Oil companies have Community Impact Monies.

Bobbie (LIFTT): Keeping busy working on cases as they come in..

Colleen (NCILS): Current caseload is about 90 including the six new ones. Had a booth at FMDH Health which was on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Had Suitability Interview for WIPA Project with Special Investigator.

#### CPO REPORTS:

Antonia: Been working with the LAC's. Finished up psychiatric brochures. Been working with Judy Lapan and sent her information. Also been working on housing.

Andrew: Continue to shadow other CPO's. Getting ideas for LAC's. Did a vendor booth at Youth and Transition Conference. Did Mental Health First Aid training.

ESAA CONFERENCE/CONGRESS: Date is May 13, 2014.

Jody talked to Billings Hotel and Convention Center. Bill sent to Jody an email with possible topics including: Dan Aune, AMDD, Mental Health Court, Breakout booths during lunch, Mental Health Law. Wants to have hospital represented. Start drafting invitations that are to be sent in January.

Bobbie: For booths are we going to start getting commitments now?

Jody: There are three major rooms for breakout sessions. To have vendors around the perimeter of the room. Would like to use only two rooms. Wants to have 10-15 vendors.

Discussion occurred.

Bill: Let us know if you need help.

Meeting was adjourned by Bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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