

January 21, 2014 MINUTES FOR THE VALLEY COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH LAC

Present: Colleen Forrester (NCILS), Melanie Fisher (Mental Health Center), Pam Dance (Social Worker Glasgow Clinic), Dr. Robyn Hardie (Psychologist Glasgow Clinic), Bruce Peterson (Valley County Commissioner), Shelley Romo, Jennifer Chalmers (Action for Eastern MT/Ombudsman), Antonia Klein (Community Program Officer) via speaker phone.

The Valley County Mental Health Local Advisory Council met on January 21, 2014 at 12 noon in the FMDH conference room. A motion was made by Melanie to accept the minutes from the October 15, 2013 meeting as read; seconded by Dr. Hardie.

Colleen said that the next ESAA Congress will be in Billings May 13, 2014. Please let her know if anyone is interested in going. She is still working on the minutes from the last ESAA Board meeting that was held on November 26, 2013. She will send everyone a copy of the meeting.

Antonia informed us that Carl Rosston is now a Certified Mental Health Instructor. He will be in Miles City on April 1, 2014. Antonia has developed a brochure for people who do not have training in Mental Health. She also reported that there were a number of homeless people in Miles City. Scott Rapson will be taking training for Youth Mental Health First Aid. She stated that Don Wetzel Jr. is able to teach ASIST trainings, also Mental Health First Aid Training. (Mental Health First Aid Training has been changed from a two day class to an eight [8] hour class.) There will be a 2 day Crisis Intervention training in Billings this coming spring. It will be taught by MarCee Neary and Jody Ferestad.

Bruce questioned the use of the Room 109 and did the LAC support the hospital for having the room. Dr. Hardie said she had the support of the LAC. They are trying to make changes in the room such as a new bed and will be changing the metal screen over the window to something different. They are trying to make the room safer and more inviting. There is not another hospital near that has a Room 109. MACo Winter meeting is set to be held in Feb in Billings. They will be setting priorities for the 2015 legislature.

Libby Carter may be able to come to Glasgow in April. Libby is involved with the Wraparound program.

Colleen and Esther will be in Miles City on January 28, 2014.

The next meeting will be on April 15, 2014 at 12 noon in the Conference Room.

Submitted by: Shelley Romo