

MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING – March 17, 2014, 12:00pm

Board members present were: Bob Faw, Bill Wallace, Susie Mosness, Dan Tronrud, Andrew Boyer, Diane Ronneberg, John Ronneberg, Jennifer Davis, Joel Brosten, and Chelsie Fuchs

Susie Mosness called the meeting to order.

Jennifer Davis, MHC-LCPC, reported on being the new mental health therapist for Big Timber and is coming on Mondays and Tuesdays every other week for now. She has been getting to know her clients the last few weeks and she started a Facebook page for the Big Timber MHC. Jenn also commented on the possibility of someone from the Mental Health Association having a booth at the Health and Wellness Fair that takes place in May. She is unable to attend, but would really like to get the exposure. She also reported on her experience as a mental health counselor from working in Columbus at the Mental Health Center for two years and spending five years with YBGR in their school based program before that.

John Ronneberg-ESAA and Ambulance Crew, reported ESAA will meet next Tuesday to square away where there are going from here. They currently have three grant applications being looked over for possible funding. They are still looking at putting on a Mental Health First Aid course for Big Timber. Andrew Boyer gave some helpful information in support of that and who they could contact. John also stated that Al Buerkle with the high school is still working on getting the kids of Lets Talk from Miles City to come and do a suicide prevention this spring. Since December and January the ambulance calls have dropped quite a bit. March has been fairly steady thus far.

Diane Ronneberg- Lutheran Church, thanked Sheriff Dan for being the speaker at the Ladies of Faith Luncheon. A lot of the listeners did not realize how involved Dan was with mental health issues and how prepared this community is to deal with them.

Dan Tronrud- Sweet Grass County Sheriff, reported on the suicidal female that was assisted off a bridge here a few months ago. She is now in Helena at the Florence Crittenton House where she will stay until after she has her baby. He also reported on the individual that they have been dealing with on Stephen's Hill and he has passed away due to exposure. Dan stated that the Ladies of Faith Luncheon went very well and they had a large turnout. One of the main messages was on how they would like to prevent rather than respond. The Mental Health Trust Fund received \$1.5 million from the class action suit against Johnson and Johnson for a mis-prescribed drug. He has a board meeting for the MH trust at the end of this week to continue setting criteria and dollar amounts to be able to close the board out in three years.

Andrew Boyer- CPO for AMDD, reported that his supervisor Kristi Rydeen has parted ways with AMDD and they are interviewing now to fill her position. They received around 40 applicants and are hoping to really narrow it down to someone that will represent the position well.

Susie Mosness- Sweet Grass County Commissioner, reported that she has a Mental Health Governing Board Meeting next Friday to begin going over things for MACCO and upcoming legislation.

Joel Brosten- Lutheran Church Pastor, commented on the Jake Stene benefit and how even in lousy weather so many people came and supported this family and their upcoming medical bills. He also commented on how community oriented the Sheriff's Department is here.

The next meeting will be held on **July 22, 2014** at noon in the Commissioner's Office.

Submitted by: Chelsie Fuchs, Big Timber Secretary