



**Minutes
Butte-Silver Bow Mental Health Local Advisory Council
June 24, 2019**

1. Administrative Agenda Items

- a. The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. by Chair Miles Finlen.
- b. Roll call was conducted:

Roll Call		
Dave Boyd	Lucy Ednie	Miles Finlen
Shirley Gordon	Katrena Heagwood	Eileen Joyce
Lindsey Kambich	Ed Lester	Molly Molloy
Dan Olsen	Jon Olson	Carol Ross
Karen Sullivan	Lori Yelenich	
Excused		
Danette Melvin	Jim O'Neill	
Guests		

- c. The minutes of the March 25, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Molloy moved to approve the minutes, and Ms. Kambich provided a second. The minutes were approved.

2. Public Comment(s) On Any Items on the Agenda

- a. None.

3. New Business

- a. Treasurer's Report – Ms. Gordon reported that the LAC's checking account at US Bank holds \$1,231.11. Ms. Kambich serves as a co-signer on the account with Ms. Gordon.
- b. Western Service Area Authority – Ms. Sullivan provided some background on Service Area Authorities throughout the state and the Western Service Area Authority. Ms. Sullivan said the Butte-Silver Bow LAC has been unable to send a representative to WSAA meetings for some time. Ms. Molloy said the SAA's do have funding that can be distributed to LAC's.

- c. Review of the LAC's original four goals – Mr. Finlen led a discussion regarding the LAC's long-time goals; it was decided that establishment of new goals would require a separate meeting or several meetings:
- i. Montana Peer Network – the LAC decided that this likely will be an ongoing objective. Mr. Boyd said that he would work on having a peer support from the SMART program speak to the LAC next month
 - ii. Youth crisis facility – the LAC decided that this goal was beyond the LAC's grasp, and that a community- and state-wide collaboration would need to occur for this to become reality on a local or statewide level. The closure of the Acadia Montana Treatment Center in Butte was discussed; Ms. Molloy relayed that most center residents were from out of state, and that the impact of the closure would be more economic in nature. Ms. Molloy said, to her knowledge, AltaCare, Acadia's in-school system, will continue operations
 - iii. Housing for low-income people with mental illness including permanent and emergency housing – Ms. Sullivan said the city's Diversion/Coordinated Entry System has been effective in keeping safe at-risk populations, including homeless individuals and families. During the winter of 2018-2019, the system, along with Action, Inc., was able to assist 142 families with rent and/or deposits; 167 families with motel vouchers or bridge housing assistance; 96 individuals with bus tickets to shelter; more than 100 individuals with warm clothing and supplies; and several people with more than 120 gas vouchers. In the Diversion/Coordinated Entry System, people are diverted away from homelessness and then coordinated into a variety of services, including housing. Through the collaborative Southwest Montana Continuum of Care Coalition and the reopening of the Butte Rescue Mission, housing issues, including for those with mental illness, are being addressed
 - iv. Enhancing recreational activities and drop-in center access in the evenings and on weekends – Mr. Finlen said that Western Montana Mental Health Center continues to operate its drop-in and open access programs. Funding cuts and reorganization have precluded the addition of recreational activities and access hours. The YMCA continues to offer reduced fees for people with mental illness; Mr. Olson relayed that people, who must have a note from their caseworker, pay \$20 for the first month and \$10 monthly thereafter. Transportation on the Butte-Silver Bow Transit System is available for free
 - v. All agreed that a comprehensive resource guide for mental health services would be valuable, and that the Butte-Silver Bow LAC website could feature such a guide
 - vi. Ms. Molloy recommended that future goal-setting for the LAC likely should occur in sessions outside of the monthly LAC meeting. All agreed. She added that goal-setting potentially could occur in conjunction with goal-setting by the Community Action Team

4. Presentations

- a. None.

5. Reports

- a. Southwest Montana Community Health Center – Ms. Molloy reported that the CHC has developed a fruitful partnership with the SMART program. Its Medication Assisted Treatment program has grown rapidly, with almost 20 clients and an expectation for more very soon. The CHC’s Amber Dayhuff is now a psychiatric nurse practitioner, and will start accepting patients in about a month. Ms. Molloy said primary care and behavioral health services have been established in Anaconda – the CHC expanded to Anaconda because its Butte clinic was seeing many patients from Anaconda, Deer Lodge and Philipsburg. Ms. Molloy said she will soon have available a presentation on secondary/vicarious trauma and will make it available to the legal, law enforcement and healthcare communities, and others.
- b. Community Action Team – Ms. Sullivan said the CAT, among other things, continues to work on building a multi-tiered system of supports for adults in the community. This comes following development of such a system for youth.
- c. Big Sky Behavioral Health Summit – LAC members were reminded that the Big Sky Behavioral Health Summit will be held at the University of Montana-Western campus in Dillon Oct. 3-4. Summit theme is “Face to Face with Trauma.” LAC members discussed sending some members to the summit, and Ms. Sullivan said she would place this matter on the LAC’s July agenda.
- d. In addition to his appearance at the Big Sky Behavioral Health Summit, retired California Highway Patrol Sgt. Kevin Briggs will be in Butte (location to be announced) Sept. 30. Mr. Briggs is the “Guardian of the Golden Gate Bridge;” during his career at this location in San Francisco, each month he dealt with four to six suicidal subjects, multiple collisions and other law enforcement calls. He is highly trained in crisis intervention, leadership, and suicide intervention and prevention.
- e. The play Every Brilliant Thing will occur in Butte on Tuesday, July 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Orphan Girl Children’s Theater. The play is put on by Grandstreet Theatre in Helena, which received a grant from Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Montana to bring the play to several towns throughout Montana. It is a show about mental health and suicide and has been well-received.
- f. Southwest Montana Continuum of Care Coalition – see above.

6. Public Comment(s) On Any Items Not on the Agenda

- a. None.

7. Adjournment

- a. Mr. Olson moved to adjourn the meeting, with Mr. Lester providing a second. The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

8. Next Meeting

- a. The next meeting of the Butte-Silver Bow Mental Health Local Advisory Council will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday, July 22, 2019 at the Butte Public Library, third-floor conference room.