

## Minutes

### Butte-Silver Bow Behavioral Health Local Advisory Council

Held from 1-2 pm on Wednesday, January 18, 2022 via Zoom and  
in person at the Silver Bow Center, 125 W Granite Street

#### 1. Administrative Agenda Items

- a. Meeting called to order at 1:04pm by Bill Deavel
- b. Approval of December meeting minutes
  - a. *Motion made and carried to approve the December meeting minutes*
- c. Roll call was conducted, quorum present
- d. Treasurer's Report- \$1,180.37 in the account, Bill has the \$400 from the ESAA that needs to be deposited(Treasurer not present to give report)

Members Present		
Bill Deavel	Vicky Stallman	Emily Lott
Demetrius Fassas	Nikki Russell	Leighann Knight
Jamie Vanderlinden	Jeremy Hoscheid	Cindy Rahn
Kathy Dunks	Keely Mills	
Members Excused		
Michelle Lewis	Chad Lacey	Kristie Matule
Guests		
Kendra Carlson	Jana Galarus	Lia Fransisco
Todd Lester	Sami Lodahl	

#### 2. Public comment(s) On any Items on the Agenda

#### 3. Presentation- None

#### 4. BHLAC Member Updates

- a. Nikki Russel- Southwest Montana Community Coalition for Pregnant and Parenting People has started in-person support groups at Alpenglow Clinic with great reception from the community, anyone that falls into that is pregnant or parenting is welcome to attend.
- b. Nikki Russel- Listening sessions with the homeless population in our community are beginning. If anyone is interested or could recommend participants in participating or knows individuals that would be interested, please reach out to Nikki at [nikki@mtpeernetwork.org](mailto:nikki@mtpeernetwork.org) or 565-3655
- c. Nikki Russel- HeART of Recovery online groups for Pregnant & Parenting Women on Thursday nights need support <https://mtpeernetwork.org/events/>
- d. Kathy Dunks- Crisis Response Team has been funded for 2023 for 12 hours/day 7 days/week. Will be hiring a care coordinator to assist with placement in treatment and follow-up with CRT clients.

- e. Kathy Dunks- Bills in the legislature threaten funding for emergency care to children that are not covered by Medicaid. She encouraged us to give testimony.
- f. Emily Lott- Will be sending an email about how to engage with our legislators during the current legislative session.
- g. Demetrius Fassas- Recovery Residences Alliance of Montana is a newly formed organization that certifies Recovery Residences across the state according to the standards set forth by the National Alliance of Recovery Residences. SB 94 is a new bill that will establish laws governing recovery residences, there are FHA concerns with the current draft of the bill, and if you would like more information, please contact Demetrius at [demetrius017@gmail.com](mailto:demetrius017@gmail.com)
- h. Bill Deavel- 8 hour Peer Coaching Class on February 16<sup>th</sup> for people interested in becoming Peer Support in the Silver Bow Center. Send referrals for participants to Bill at [bill@mtpeernetwork.org](mailto:bill@mtpeernetwork.org)

## **5. Old Business**

- a. Community Action Team Update – Emily Lott
  - i. “One Pill Can Kill” is a 6 month campaign in search of stories of people who have lived experience relating to the opioid epidemic.
  - ii. SUD Strategic Planning- will likely begin meetings in the next month
- b. ESAA Update- Kathy Dunks
  - i. Much discussion about speaking to legislators with regard to new programs and the direction of funding from the state.
  - ii. ESAA Board members are very active in the legislative session
- c. May (Mental Health Awareness Month) Wellness Fair Planning
  - i. Demetrius spoke with the GM of KXLF/KBZK about co-locating with the Mayfair and got a negative response.
  - ii. Demetrius will call the Civic Center directly to see if we can use the Annex during Mayfair.
  - iii. Jamie brought up the idea that a family event in conjunction with the Wellness Fair.
  - iv. *Motion made and carried that the LAC focus our attention on planning a Wellness Fair for May, and not a conference.*
  - v. Interested parties for assisting with Wellness Fair planning: Cindy Rahn, Jamie Vanderlinden, Nikki Russell, Kendra Carlson, Jana Galarus, Kathy Dunks, Keely Mills, Leighann Knight and Todd Lester.

## **6. New Business**

- a. Election of Officers- minimal discussion, topic tabled for February meeting.

## **7. Public comment(s) On Any Items Not on the Agenda-**

- a. Lia Fransisco and her husband Tim founded a new recovery home in Butte called Hope and Refuge which will serve up to 5 men. [hopeandrefugehousing.org](http://hopeandrefugehousing.org)

- b. Todd Lester- Community coordinator for MT VA. The VA Clinic is new to Butte and is interested in more community participation. Interested in how the VA resources can bring more benefit to BSB.
- c. Kendra Carlson- Prevention specialist with Butte Cares, participating
- d. Sami Lodahl- Interested community member with lived experience and pursuing her Peer Support Certification. Interested in any ways that she can participate in BSB's Behavioral Health community.

**8. Adjournment**

- a. Adjourned at 2:00pm

**9. Next meeting**

- a. The next meeting of the Butte-Silver Bow Behavioral Health Local Advisory Council will be held from 1 to 2 pm February 15, 2022 on Zoom and in person at the Silver Bow Center, 125 W Granite Street      Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83181075543?pwd=YX1xcFM0Z0N1VHNodkZpQ2t5MDN2dz09>