

Minutes

Butte-Silver Bow Behavioral Health Local Advisory Council

Held from 1-2 pm on Wednesday May 19, 2021 via Zoom

1. Administrative Agenda Items

- a. Meeting called to order at 1:03pm by Bill Deavel
- b. Approval of April meeting minutes
 - a. *Motion made and carried to accept the minutes of the April 21st meeting*
- c. Roll call was conducted, quorum present

Members Present		
Bill Deavel	Nikki Russell	Miles Finlen
Demetrius Fassas	Kathy Dunks	Lyn Ankelman
Karen Sullivan	Ashley McLean	
Members Excused		
Jamie Vanderlinden	Jeremy Hoscheid	
Guests		
Brent Morris	Michael Foust	

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

- a. None

3. Presentation from Montana's Peer Network (MPN)- Brent Morris

- a. MPN is a leader in the Recovery Movement in Montana since 2011 as a peer run non-profit organization offering networking, training, certification, & advocacy.
- b. In 2019 MPN created the Peer Advocacy Leadership Program to work with LAC's and SAA's across the state. All members of our LAC are invited to participate in these free trainings.
- c. Brent asked that we allow MPN to alert their members in Silver Bow County about our LAC and provide information about how to join. Ashley and Bill provided clarity that this would include a mention on the MPN Newsletter, personal phone calls to MPN members, and a calendar listing for our meetings on the MPN website.
- d. Demetrius clarified that MPN members would be welcome in the BSB LAC meetings as members of the public, though to be admitted to membership (as people with lived experience) will require additional steps, as we are a county committee with appointed members.
- e. Some discussion was had about our obligations as a county committee and holding public meetings, as well as what agreeing to work with MPN in this capacity entails.
- f. *Demetrius made a motion to allow MPN to promote the BSB BHLAC to their membership with Lived Experience in BSB County, Karen seconded, motion carried.*

4. Old Business

- a. BSB LAC Email Address- *Demetrius made a motion to create a general “bhlac@bsb.mt.gov” or similar email address to post as a contact point for the LAC, with the responsibility of receiving/responding to this email assigned to the Secretary, Ashley seconded, motion carried*

5. New Business

- a. Adding new Treasurer to Account:
 - a. Ashley was provided contact information for Shirley Gordon, the former LAC Treasurer, that she might be caught up on the books and added as a signer on the bank account.
 - b. Kathy noted that Ashley should ask for Shirley to reconcile the books for the LAC and provide a closing report before handing the responsibility over to Ashley.
- b. WSAA Representative for June 9th 10am-1pm
 - a. Kathy, as the elected representative, will attend this meeting on behalf of our LAC
 - b. Kathy noted that she had not yet been added to the WSAA administrative listserv, but once she is well informed of the meetings, she will notify the LAC if there needs to be an alternate representative for any given month.
- c. Letters of Support/Letters of Intent (LOS/LOI) presented to the LAC
 - a. Bill is a part of the Homeless Advisory Committee- Found a grant opportunity to support the placing of sharps containers around Butte. Grant application required a LOS from the BSB LAC. This LOS was presented to the LAC in an email, but was not accepted for various reasons.
 - b. Karen described the process of the Health Department’s harm reduction efforts which had similar intentions, and the need for a well networked and coordinated effort to address this sensitive issue in Butte.
 - c. Discussion was had around a creating and documenting a mechanism for accepting requests for action or endorsement by the LAC. Discussion will be continued at June meeting and members are asked to be prepared to present ideas for such a mechanism.
- d. Goal Setting for LAC- Tabled until June meeting

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

- a. None

7. Adjournment

- a. Adjourned at 2:02pm

8. Next meeting

- a. The next meeting of the Butte-Silver Bow Behavioral Health Local Advisory Council will be held from 1 to 2 pm June 16, 2021 on Zoom.
- b. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83181075543?pwd=YXlxcFM0Z0N1VHNodkZpQ2t5MDN2dz09>