

Minutes

Butte-Silver Bow Behavioral Health Local Advisory Council

Held from 1-2 pm on Wednesday, July 20, 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 June meeting minutes
 - a. *Motion made and carried to accept the minutes of the June meeting*
- c. Roll call was conducted, quorum present
- d. Treasurer's Report- Treasurer excused, no report given

Members Present		
Bill Deavel	Cindy Rahn	Jamie Vanderlinden
Demetrius Fassas	Nikki Russell	Leighann Knight
Vicky Stallman	Chad Lacey	
Members Excused		
Jeremy Hoscheid	Kristie Matule	Emily Lott
Kathy Dunks		
Guests		
Melanie Williams	Michelle Lewis	Shelby Whelan
Keely Mills		

2. Public comment(s) On any Items on the Agenda - None

3. Presentation- None

4. BHLAC Member Updates

- a. Emily Lott- New Member; Behavioral Health Coordinator for BSB (absent from meeting)
- b. Cindy Rahn- Moved to Butte from Michigan 2.5 years ago, was very active with harm reduction initiatives in Michigan as a result of a family member's addiction, and looks forward to engaging more deeply with behavioral health initiatives in Butte.
- c. Kathy Dunks- Matt Kuntz, a reporter, has requested information about the "mental health crisis" in rural Montana, his email will be forwarded to BHLAC members for followup if they would like to provide input for the article.
- d. Bill Deavel- Brandn Green has finalized report on SIMS mapping effort, will be attached to email with minutes.

5. Old Business

- a. September Recovery Month: MT Tech Wellness Fair.
 - i. Demetrius Fassas provided vendor contact information to Tara Kloker at MT Tech that she might recruit vendors for a Wellness Fair

- ii. Tara will be sending out information about the September 9th event next week. If you are interested in having a table at the event, reach out to Tara at tkloker@mtech.edu
- b. Scholarship available for cover mental health medication,
 - i. Tabled for August meeting
- c. ESAA Update
 - i. Bill Deavel attended to present a grant for \$1500 to sponsor the Suicide Prevention Conference in Butte. The grant was approved
- d. Survey for Wellness Fair vendors Circle of Life
 - i. A survey was sent to all of the vendors who were present at the May 18th asking questions regarding the appropriateness of the Butte Plaza Mall as a venue, and determining if vendors would host tables at a Saturday event.
 - ii. Only 6 responses, but all have given positive reviews of the Mall venue and have expressed willingness to table at a Saturday event in May 2023. Demetrius will follow up with other vendors to gain more feedback for next month's meeting
 - iii. Bill Deavel suggested that we invite food trucks to the next Wellness Fair
- e. State Hospital (Jeremy Hoscheid)
 - i. Tabled for August meeting
- f. CPS Picnic
 - i. CPS put on a BBQ event for foster children and families on July 19th.
 - ii. The BHLAC funded the event with \$150.
 - iii. Butte 4C's, Youth Dynamics, and We Care all had tables at the event, with a good turnout from Foster Program participants.

6. New Business

- a. Andrew Bell (Kathy Dunks)
 - i. Tabled for August meeting
- b. Grant Application for community funding from BHLAC through WSAA-ESAA
 - i. Bill Deavel asked that the BHLAC develop an application for our community to request funding from the BHLAC, general consensus was that this is a needed tool.
 - ii. Leighann Knight volunteered to revise the ESAA grant application for the BHLAC's
- c. Adding one more member with lived experience to the BHLAC
 - i. The BHLAC bylaws allow for up to 15 members, maintaining at least 50 percent of the LAC as individuals who have lived experience, having received services regarding mental illness and/or substance use disorder, or their immediate family members.
 - ii. The BHLAC bylaws indicate a quorum is made up of minimum of 5 LAC members, with 50% being representatives that have lived experience of behavioral health conditions.
 - iii. At present the BHLAC has 12 members, with 6 being people with lived experience. Adding an additional member with lived experience would

make it easier to reach quorum, though it may make decision making more cumbersome.

- iv. General consensus was to wait until the next LAC meeting to vote on this.
 - v. Both Keely Mills and Michele Lewis expressed interest in joining the BHLAC.
- d. 10th Annual Conference on Suicide Prevention on Friday, July 22nd
- i. 8am-5pm on Friday in the Butte High Auditorium
 - ii. BHLAC has a table as an event sponsor
 - iii. Bill Deavel 8am, Nikki Russell, Vicki Stahlman
 - iv. Volunteers need to register for the event
 - v. Flyer will be included with the minutes

7. Public comment(s) On Any Items Not on the Agenda- None

- a. Keely Mills- WeCare Butte: Provide case management for residents in BSB and Deerlodge who are Medicaid recipients with a Mental Health diagnosis. Would like to join the BHLAC to help fill gaps in services. We Care is interested in hiring a Peer Support Specialist.
 - i. Jamie Vanderlinden mentioned that SWMTCHC sees a large gap in ability to provide mental health support in-home to medicare patients. Potential solutions are referrals to A+ Healthcare or other local in-home providers
- b. Melanie Williams- Representing the Alheimers Association in Kaela Imm's stead. Have a help line that provides access to Masters level clinicians, available at 800-272-3900. Want to educate on signs and symptoms of dimensia and alzheimers. Is participating in the BHLAC meetings to provide resources and information. Alheimers Association provides informational sessions regarding early identification of alheimers and dimensia for any organization that would be interested. Reach out to meawilliams@alz..org
- c. Shelby Whelan- Represents Zero to Five Initiative for Butte 4-Cs: Parents for Parents is their current project and which been gaining support and reach. This is a peer support model, pairing experienced parents with parents new to the system that are preparing for their first court hearing. Any questions should be directed to Shelby at shelby@zerotofive.org 406-723-4019
- d. Michele Lewis- Represents Montana Independent Living Project as a Peer Support Specialist and would be interested in re-joining the BHLAC as a person with lived experience.

8. Adjournment

- a. Adjourned at 1:56pm

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 August 17, 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=YXlxcFM0Z0N1VHNodkZpQ2t5MDN2dz09>