LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Who we are and what we do
OUR MISSION

The purpose of the LAC is to assist in the improvement of Lewis and Clark County public mental health services and to review and make recommendations about Lewis and Clark County’s public mental health services to the Lewis and Clark County Commissioners, as well as provide input and recommendations to State of Montana’s Mental Health Oversight Advisory Council (MHOAC) and the State of Montana’s State Administering Agencies (SAA) serving the community.
The Lewis and Clark County Commission will appoint no more than twenty-four (24) members on the LAC. The LAC membership will include consumers and/or family members of consumers to equal 50% of membership.

1 County Commissioner or their designee
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1 provider of adult mental health services
1 provider of child mental health services
1 representative from Criminal Justice legal staff (Public Defender, County Attorney, City Attorney)
1 representative from St. Peters Hospital
3 representatives from Lewis and Clark County Schools
1 representative from PureView Health Center
1 representative from Lewis and Clark County Public Health.
1 representative from Law Enforcement
OBJECTIVES

Examine gaps in child and adult services and recommend solutions when gaps are identified.

Identify potential additions to services within Lewis and Clark County for recommendation to the County Commissioners.

When identified, analyze and discuss local problems experienced by Lewis and Clark County service providers, advocacy groups, public officials and the general public.

Facilitate accurate and timely communications between the LAC and MHOAC and the regional SAA.

Assess the effectiveness of Lewis and Clark County mental health services and suggest ways of making services more effective.

When identified, serve as a catalyst and facilitator in solving Lewis and Clark County mental health service problems.

Recommend strategies for organization and coordination of mental health services in Lewis and Clark County, when identified.

Work with mental health providers to provide education to the Lewis and Clark County public on mental health issues.
WORKGROUPS

Subcommittee 1 - Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of community mental health services

Subcommittee 2 – Community outreach and communication of LAC objectives

Subcommittee 3 – Identify gaps in community mental health services and make recommendations for additional services, as needed