



## **An entity of Good Samaritan Ministries**

### **End of month report for June & July 2022**

Hello everyone,

I'd like to apologize for the late entry here for June, the month seems to have gotten away from me, as happens from time to time. During this time of conversion as we move toward a recovery and resource center we have found that with our updated schedule we have less foot traffic from people wanting to just "hang out" all day but much more people engaging in groups. We find that the interactions with those coming in and working on their recovery and using resources have been more productive and successful. As we continue to help people get back on their feet we have also discovered the changes we have implementing are giving those we serve better and more opportunities to connect with resources that are helping them move forward with their lives.

It is said that nothing we go through will ever be wasted if we choose to help others through our experience. This is exactly what our peer supporters do each day, helping those in need by using their personal experiences to not only connect with them and build those relationships but also helping guide them through their process of regaining things they have lost. It is through this process that we see lives restored, hope renewed, and self-confidence rebuilt, and I am grateful for being a part of that process and to watch our staff as they do this important work.

We would like to congratulate Alton Talley on taking his Peer Support Certification class and furthering his knowledge and abilities. Alton joined us in June and has done a great job building the relationships with our clients needed to help make the changes as we move back toward being a recovery-based resource center. We continue to strive to be an asset to our community and serve the most vulnerable population.

We continue the training of our personnel with the help of Brandy Vail and Montana's Peer Network as we move forward with our recovery-based groups. The success in wrap-around services with GSM, C4MH, MSH as we work together to help provide as many services as we can for those in need continues to grow and make a difference in people's lives.

For the months of June and July, Our Place has operated at full capacity and our hours of operation remain Monday through Saturday from 9AM to 3:30 PM.

Here are our numbers for the month.

- **Client count: June 634 and July 589**
- **Targeted Peer Support hours provided: 88.5**
- **Veterans served: 18 in June and 23 in July**
- **Jobs found: 6 in June and 8 in July**
- **Emergency food packs given out: Between the street outreach program and Our Place we handed out 115 in June and 110 in July. (These were the packs donated by food share)**

\*Case Management consists of assisting with paperwork for our consumers, taking them to meet with different community entities, being present when they are filling out lease paperwork, filling out case management packets for the Permanent Supportive Housing Vouchers, following up with any required documents and keeping files for clients, as a per support...a fantastic combination for success!

**Treatment:** OP has been focusing on people suffering from addiction, we have utilized Rimrock, MCDC, Boyd Andrew and Instar Community Services.

**On the Peer Support side,** we offer support one-on-one to Peers who are experiencing a crisis. Personally, I mentor at least one person a day, sometimes more. This is not professional counseling, but more a sympathetic and experienced ear to help them work through their problems, while coming up with appropriate solutions or options

We continue to work with United Way, Good Samaritan, and St. Paul's Methodist church to offer the homeless community showers which take place each Tuesday from 9am until 12pm. This program remains successful, and we average between 8 to 14 showers each week. We are truly grateful to have these connections in the community.

Thank you for your continued support in our efforts.

Sincerely,

Todd Tecca

Manager

Our Place Drop In Center