



Lewis and Clark BH Local Advisory Council General LAC Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, March 3

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QUICK RECAP

The meeting opened with introductions of new BH LAC voting member, City Commissioner Julia Gustafson, and a Spotlight Presentation by Steven Fuller from JG Research regarding the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) model and Montana's demonstration grant application. The presentation outlined the nine core services required by CCBHCs, including crisis services, and highlighted challenges such as the need for 24/7 mobile crisis response teams and rural coverage. Following the presentation, the group reviewed results from the Local Advisory Council's self-assessment survey, which showed strong support for in-person meetings and suggested improvements in outreach and representation. The conversation ended with updates from various organizations, including Good Samaritan Ministries' upcoming sock hop fundraiser and Our Place's relocation plans, and information about tax clinics and mental health training opportunities.

NEXT STEPS

- **Steering Committee:** Find an in-person meeting location that is consistently free for “1st Tuesdays” and send out details to the group
- **Steering Committee:** Will sort through the LAC Survey action items that need follow through to design meetings that can help advance the identified priorities.
- **Jessica:** Send out meeting minutes along with upcoming event links, survey results, and JG Research materials.
- **Jessica:** Work on improving the LAC website to make it more user-friendly and accessible
- **Jessica:** Include United Way Spirit of Service information in upcoming communications
- **Jessica:** Send out information about NAMI Montana annual training April 18-19
- **Jessica:** Send out information about May 16th Mental Health Awareness Rodney Street block party
- **All members:** Consider potential new member organizations to recruit (youth-serving organizations, schools, Shodair, Intermountain, PureView, YWCA, VA, NAMI Montana, faith-based and civic groups, chamber of commerce, city and county representatives, ombudsman office).

SUMMARY

Montana CCBHC Grant Overview

Steven presented an overview of Montana's Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) model and demonstration grant application. He explained the nine core services required, the

prospective payment system (PPS), and the need for crisis services including mobile crisis response teams. The current challenge is that no mobile crisis teams in Montana meet the CCBHC requirements yet, particularly the 24/7 availability within specified response times. The state is finalizing a crisis services process and will submit the demonstration grant application by April 1st.

BH LAC Survey Results

Following Steven's presentation, Jessica shared results from a recent Lewis & Clark County Behavioral Health Local Advisory Committee (LAC) membership survey. Fourteen members of the LAC had responded. Key findings included strong community engagement and collaboration, with opportunities for improvement in outreach, in-person meetings, and website accessibility. The group discussed next steps for enhancing follow-through and alignment with the Community Health Improvement Plan. The LAC Steering Committee has discussed resuming in-person LAC meetings, with the first one scheduled for April 7th from 11:30 to 12:30. The meetings will continue to offer a remote option via Zoom.

Public Comments

Mikayla Kapphan (Our Place) announced two fundraising events: a sock hop at the Civic Center on March 7th and a Teriyaki Madness fundraiser on March 16th. She also shared that Our Place is relocating to a permanent location at the Good Sam thrift store, where they will be able to transport clients with Good Sam van, and by bus, and potentially partner with PureView for a telehealth room. Emily McVey (United Way) shared updates on the free tax clinics, Spirit of Service applications due March 13th. Erin shared about NAMI Montana facilitator trainings in April. Jessica shared about the upcoming State of Mind tour in Helena March 23-24.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2026 | [Zoom](#)

3/3/26 Attendance: Chair Jadin VanSteenwort - SPH, Vice Chair Erin Olson - SPH, Past Chair Kayleigh Brown - RBHI, Julia Gustafson – City Commissioner, Linda Kinsey – Helena Indian Alliance, Heather Hundtoft – Boyd Andrew, Vivi Tyler – LCPH, Emily McVey - UW, Heather Irby - MRWH, Jessica Dorrington - LCPH, Vilette Burk - LCPH, Julie Bir - LCPH, Jillian Danesi - CJS, Suzanne Morgan - AWARE, Rachel Jefferies – LCPH, Jakob Miles – LCPH, Alyssa Spies – CJS, Annette Luckett – SPH, Lt. Adam Shanks – HPD.