



**Lewis and Clark County  
Behavioral Health Local Advisory Council**

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LCC Local Advisory Council Mission Statement: *The purpose of the LAC is to assist in the improvement of Lewis and Clark County Public Health Behavior Health (Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorders) services and to review and make recommendations about behavioral health services to the Lewis and Clark Service Area Authorities.*

**Tuesday, January 3, 2023 | 11:30am-12:30pm**

**MINUTES / [Video Recording](#)**

- I. **Welcome and New Attendee Introductions** -*Jolene*
- II. **Approval of Minutes from November 2022**-*Marvin*
- III. **Legislative Forum Overview and Next Steps to prepare for 68th Legislature**-*Jolene*
  - **Overview:** Overview of 2023 MT Behavioral Health Legislative Forum: LCC BH LAC Tri-County reviewed (previously emailed week after Forum in December)
  - **Polling Results (NEW)**

**Three Polling Questions asked with Top results:**

    1. **What is the #1 priority for you or your organization?**

3-way tie with Sustainable Funding, Crisis Response and Stabilization Services and Advanced Medicaid Reimbursement Rate Study followed by Workforce Availability.
    2. **What action step will you take in 2023?**

Collaborate with community partners on legislative priority issues  
Follow the 68th Legislative Sessions
    3. **Which County do you live in?**

71% in LCC  
29% combined representation from both Broadwater and Jefferson County
  - **Next steps for engagement**
  - **Join LAC Legislative & Policy Workgroup & Forum Subcommittee**
  - **Learn more about priorities of interest to you-Watch or listen to hearings, register for updates and sessions at the [MT Legislature Website](#) and you can also setup an account and preference list at [http://laws.leg.mt.gov/legprd/law\\_pref\\_list.check\\_size?P\\_SESS=20231](http://laws.leg.mt.gov/legprd/law_pref_list.check_size?P_SESS=20231)**
    - I've attended a few meetings with the CSAA and other information groups, often a legislative member attends and is looking for information. I've been able to meet the request and provide information as to Rep. Stafman and Senator Keenan on Crisis Response and Stabilization System work over the past few weeks, at their request. They may be looking for more information or public comments and I will share with LAC providers if/ as opportunities are communicated to me.

- Review the brochure we received from the 67<sup>th</sup> Legislature called “**Having Your Say before a MT Legislative Committee**” for public comments guidance for right to speak – post in chat box or find on the LCC BH LAC webpage at <https://bit.ly/BHLACMeetings>
- Review how to provide public comments (share brochure)/visit the Legislature webpage-role play with a colleague or review this YouTube video put together by Matt Kuntz of NAMI (watch 5-min video). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zAsNtBxumCO>
- Bill Drafts in Focus: 988 Draft Bill LC1495/CCBHC HB17 /BH Provider Rate Study
- Q&A

#### IV. **Planning and Action Needs:** -Julie/Jolene

- 2022 LCC Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) – focus area measures and engagement over next 3-years (Julie) Behavioral Health areas include adult and youth mental health, substance abuse and suicide prevention and postvention. Greater CHIP Pillars identified are: Chronic Health, Housing and Behavioral Health. Community engagement with key local data sharing was identified in Strategic Planning Process in 2021. Plan can be found [here](#). New dashboard for ongoing reporting of measures can be found [here](#).
- FY21-FY23 Strategic Plan Workgroup Goals and Objective – options: Extend or New Plan. Extending current strategy and logic model plans was recommended by members thru calendar year 2023. (Jolene)
- 15-Minute Spotlight Speaker opportunities are still available in 2023. Contact Jolene at [jjennings@lccountymt.gov](mailto:jjennings@lccountymt.gov) if interested.

#### V. **Public Comments: Opportunities and Challenges-All**

- Extensive 20-minutes of discussion for public comments-listen to recording for details
- Topics included BH Courts and fees for assessments and more

**Next Meeting: February 7, 2023**

**Spotlight Presentation: LCC LOSS Team with Jess Hegstrom, LCHP Suicide Prevention**

Participation Total: 26

Delegate Voting Members in attendance: Marvin Colman, Drenda Niemann, Jess Hegstrom, Gary Mihelish, Sean Logan, John Nesbitt, Jeremy Hoscheid, Emily McVey, Jadin Van Steenvort, Dennis Nyland, Lona Carter, Julie Bir and Rebecca Hargis

Advocates Included: Teresa Kelley Brewer, Sam Martin, Tracie Dahl, Shannon, Jeffrey Krott, Jolene Jennings