



Lewis and Clark County
Behavioral Health Local Advisory Council

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Tuesday, October 3, 2023 | 11:30am-12:30pm (actual time 35 minutes)

MINUTE /VIDEO RECORDING

I. Welcome & Introductions-Brandy Vail, Past Chair

- ❖ *Kayleigh Brown, Board Chair out sick today.*
- ❖ *Jolene scheduled at MT Crisis Diversion Summit in Bozeman this week*
- ❖ *Thanks to Julie Bir for managing Zoom Tech today!*

II. Approval of Minutes -Kayleigh

- ❖ *September 2023 Minutes - Todd Tecca and Dr. Jen Preble approved minutes.*

III. Central Service Area Authority (CSAA) General Fund Distribution FY24-Brandy Vail, Past Chair

- ❖ *Amount \$2,400*
- ❖ *Approval for fund use with Strategic Plan Implementation requested/approved on 9.26 by Steering Committee.*
- ❖ *Requested approval from Voting Members for fund use (Additional funds available via Mini grant to providers via CSAA/LAC)*
- ❖ *Signature for funds due by November 1 to schedule for County Commission Signature.*
- ❖ *Approval received for acceptance and use of CSAA Funds to LAC in Chat besides Steering Cmte*
- ❖ *Proposal to use funds for next 3-year Strategic Planning and revision and printing of the LAC Informational Brochure. Q&A-none and approval from members via chat.*

IV. Spotlight Presentation (15 minutes)-Emily

ONE FORM Access to BH Services: MT 988 / MT 211 / Bright App / LIFTS /CONNECT

Emily McVey, United Way of Lewis and Clark Area, Executive Director

- ❖ *History*
- ❖ *211: Help Call Line and Website – County/State/National/International Response 24/7*
- ❖ *United Way’s job for 211 in Lewis and Clark County is to update information to ensure timely assistance to need, food, housing, daycare, legal and more. Please be sure to update your 211 information as a provider of services every year!*
- ❖ *United Way and 211 also promotes [The One Form](#) which gives providers a one-step process to register and update their information at: The Bright App, LIFTS (Linking Infants & Families to Supports), CONNECT Electronic Referral System and 211!*

- ❖ *The LAC BH and Cont. of Care Workgroup is looking into search engines to improve promotion of information and resources like this!*
- ❖ *Q*A...*
- ❖ *What do therapist need for these resources - important question to ask.*
- ❖ *One area of need is “how do we update therapist availability for new clients in real time” ?*

V. **LAC Workgroups-** *Brandy*

- ❖ *Strategic Planning in Fy24*
- ❖ *Communications Workgroup Needed- Info Brochure-Updates before re-printing-looking for re-engagement of this group o help now or in early 2024 with new Strategic Plan.*
- ❖ *Changing time/day for a Communication Workgroup Meeting to initiate updates so LAC can replenish it’s LAC Information Brochures.*
- ❖ *Please reach out to Brandy or Jolene if interested*

VI. **Public Comments/Upcoming Events** -*Jadin VanSteenwort, LAC Vice Chair*

- ❖ *NAMI Conference is October 24-26th*
- ❖ *International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day- November 18th 9am-12noon in Helena*
- ❖ *MT Service Area Authority Summit Review-Jadin*
 - *2 Day Summit in Lewistown discussing behavioral health work (by Local Advisory Council’s and the Service Area Authorities) in their community and learned about different programs, community success and challenges.*
 - *One Program that stood out-HOPE Project for Youth in Schools*
 - *Housing is Healthcare Summit in Helena week of October 10th-Trainings on Housing and some MH*
 - *Out of the Darkness Walk this Weekend for Perinatal MH, Saturday, 10/7 @11am*

Attendance: Brandy Vail, Jadin VanSteenwort, Kami Kirchburg, Jess Hegstrom, Emily Dean, Tom Rolfe, Julie Bir, Drenda Niemann , Lona Carter, Jillian Danesi, Charles Alverez, Emily McVey, Samantha Martin, Todd Tecca, Erin Olson, Jenn Preble, Ali Mullen

[Next Meeting Date: November 7, 2023](#)

[Spotlight Topic: Big Sky Youth Empowerment – Where Teens Get Outside & Grow Inside](#)

Today’s Acronyms:

LAC: *Local Advisory Council, BH:* *Behavioral Health, MT 988:* *Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline & One Form Acronyms-review at meeting!*

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