

**Mental Health Overnight Advisory Council (MHOAC)**  
**Best Western Great Northern Hotel**  
**Date: February 3, 2016**

**Council Members Present:** Christine Bates, Bill Hodges, Melinda Mason, Dorothy McCartney, Chris Glines, Representative Carolyn Pease-Lopez, Senator Roger Webb, Donna Zook, Sydney Blair, Andy Hunthausen, Glenda Oldenburg, Bruce Brensdaal, Andrea Lower, Barb DeBree, Susan Bailey-Anderson

**Guests:** Dennis Nyland, Mental Health Ombudsman, Scott Malloy, Montana Healthcare Foundation,

**AMDD Staff:** Julie Prigmore, Bobbi Perkins, Cindy Dallas

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Chairwoman Christine Bates

**Review Previous Business:** Motion to review/approve minutes with no corrections. Motion passed by Zook/Lower. (Minutes approved via email after the meeting)

**Addictive and Mental Disorders Division Update**

**Bobbi Perkins, Bureau Chief, Chemical Dependency Bureau**

- Bureau Staff Update
  - Linda Kinsey, Treatment Specialist. Previously worked in the Directors Office with Medicaid Issues. Prior to that was the Director of Fort Belknap Treatment Center.
  - Billy Reamer, Prevention Manager. Responsible for the Primary Prevention activities within the SAMHSA Block Grant.
  - Christine Steele, Prevention Program Manager. Moved to Montana from Connecticut, experience with Drug Free Communities Grant ; Oversees the Partnership through Success Grant which is a discretionary primary prevention grant through SAMHSA to address underage drinking, binge drinking and prescription drug abuse.
- Just submitted the block grant
  - Finalizing the report from the last 2 years
  - Started new block grant year. Total grant is 4.8 million; 1.3 million to be spent on prevention.
  - Fifteen percent of block grant dollars to be spent on co-occurring.
  - Tobacco compliance SYNAR. Individuals who look 18 or younger are sent into purchase tobacco. If the business passes the compliance check, they receive a letter and a certificate. If they sell to the individual, they are in violation of MT Law and are fined.

- Starting the same program for alcohol. If the business is in violation of selling alcohol to underage consumers, the fine is much higher than the \$25 fine for selling tobacco to underage consumers.
- Children's Mental Health Bureau work closely together and have a couple of grants together. First is Treatment for Co-occurring youth with severe emotional disorder and substance abuse. The second is for transitional aged youth between 16 and 25 years old.

**Glenda Oldenburg, Administrator, Addictive and Mental Disorders Division**

- Distributed a handout that was presented to the Children & Families Intern Committee in November. Handout reviewed current and new programs, funding for these programs, and outcome data where available.
- Will be presenting to the Children and Families Intern Committee in March and will update the information at that time.
- A Request for Information will be mailed out the end of February to all community Stake Holders asking for help in ways to establish more Mental Health Group Homes for GBMI population. Individuals will need to be in the group home for a year. Need to transition them out to make room for additional folks coming out of the hospital. Currently have 7 who are eligible for probation and parole.

**Scott Malloy, Montana Healthcare Foundation Behavioral health Initiatives**

- The Montana Healthcare Foundation makes strategic investments to improve the health and well-being of all Montanans. MHCF envisions a measurably healthier State through improving access to quality and affordable health services, evidence-based health education, research and analysis, improving the upstream influences on health and illnesses, and informed public policy. MHCF is committed to upholding this promise to the residents of Montana and being governed by the guiding principle that everyone benefits from better health.
- The Montana Healthcare Foundation was created in 2013, and came into existence as result of the sale of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Montana to a private corporation. In accordance with State law, the assets were transferred to a charitable trust to be managed for public benefit. The Foundation is a permanent resource for Montanans. Rather than spending the money in the trust over a few years and then dissolving, the Foundation will spend the income from trust investments (roughly 5 percent of the total value of the trust each year), and provide a stable, reliable resource supporting health for Montanans.
- Foundation focus areas
  - Behavioral Health
  - Foundation has an Integrated Behavioral Health initiative starting in 2016 as well that focuses on planning and implementing integration of care.
  - American Indian Health
  - Partnership for Better Health
- Foundation provided grants in 2014 and 2015 and information on grants and awards are on website [www.mthcf.org](http://www.mthcf.org)

- Encouraged members to sign up for their newsletter at [www.mthcf.org](http://www.mthcf.org)
- Foundation currently working on Baseline report for integrated behavioral health that will provide assessment, benefits, challenges, and opportunities
- Foundation recently announced 2016 Call for Proposals
  - Two-step proposal & rapid response proposals went out February 2, 2016
  - CEO discretionary grants re also available throughout the year and these are on an invited bases only

### **Bruce Brensda, Administrator Housing Division, Department of Commerce**

Information provided on Federal Housing Programs for low income people.

- Distributed a “Table of Contents” of programs and where to find information
- Encouraged people to go to the website at [housing.mt.gov](http://housing.mt.gov)
  - Click on “Resources” and download the Housing Resource Director
  - Tab for Renters which has resources available for renters
- Dept. of Commerce and DPHHS have several partnerships on grants/programs
- National Housing Trust is a new program funded through profits from Fanny May loans. This program targets low income renters.
- Home Program/Community Development Block Grant is a resource for communities to access to help with housing projects.
- Section 8 has a waiting list. Trying to refine the process so it is not so cumbersome, so that when an individual gets a Section 8 voucher, they can secure a property and be ready to go.
  - Average wait list is 2 years for Section 8
  - Rent is based on income.
  - Need to be recertified annually.
  - Convicted felons are not eligible for Section 8
  - Individual vouchers go with the person
  - Some vouchers stay with the program
- Housing for Rural Communities and on the Reservations are a challenge
- Several properties around the state need extensive rehabilitation

### **Service Area Authority Report**

#### **Western Service Area Authority – Chris Glines**

- Distributed the WSAA Legislative Priorities
- Reviewing their bylaws to be in-line with AMDD
- C. Glines to provide Glenda with information on the Commitment Process and how treatment is paid for by counties.

### **Eastern Area Service Authority – Bill Hodges**

- Attended the SAA Summit in Helena on January 14, 2016.
- Several LAC in the East seem to be struggling with burnout.
- Congress is May 17, 2016 in Billings.

### **Central Area Service Authority – Andrea Lower**

- Distributed their work plan for this calendar year, which also has a list of priorities (in no specific order)
- Congress will be April 2, 2016.
- Membership has decided to have meetings more educational, and have a speaker scheduled for a different topic each meeting.
- Broadwater and Jefferson Counties each started new LACs.
- Blaine County now has 2 LACs.

### **Subcommittees Discussion**

- Will revisit subcommittees during the spring meeting. Several in favor of dispersing with subcommittees, while other members think they should continue. Tabled until spring meeting.

### **Future Agenda Topics**

- MHOAC needs to establish their 3 priorities
- What populations are being served, where are the gaps?

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

ACEs training will be February 4, 2016 at 9:00 am. Training will be at the Best Western Great Northern, in the same room as today's meeting.