

Behavioral Health Advisory Council (BHAC) Prevention Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda
Date of Meeting: April 15, 2025, at 12:00pm

Attendance

Name	Title
Arely Gray	Block Grant Program Manager
Brent Morris	BHDD
Justin Harris	Section Supervisor
Jami Hansen	BHDD Bureau Chief
Lonni Starcevich	CTC and PATH
Dana Geary	PATH and NAMI
Ashley Moniz	Central Service Authority
Todd Harwell	Technical Assistance Training Center
Lucy	Eastern Mt Community Mental Health
Greg Holzmamnn	Technical Assistance Training Center
Miles Benton	Butte Cares
Jessica Gilbert	Richland County Health Department
Louisa Spector	BHDD
Thomas Risberg	Alliance for Youth
Nicole Hackley	Prevention Support Services
Beth Storey	Prevention and Program Recovery
Tara Williamson	Yellowstone County
Emily Russell	BHDD – PFS Program Manager
Karen Sylvester	South Central Regional Mental Health
Britney Masters	Butte Cares
Colleen Benton	Butte Cares

Agenda

- I. Call to order
 - I. Welcome
 - II. Housekeeping



- Be respectful
- Appreciate everyone's passion to prevention

III. Introductions

I. Approval of minutes

I. N/A

II. Introduction to Prevention Sub-Committee

I. Main focus is SUD Primary Prevention

III. BHAC Orientation Presentation by Louisa Spector

I. Introduction to Behavior Health Advisory Council

IV. Public Comment/Questions

I. Brent – what are some examples of research or focus?

- Arely – How to be more community based?

I. Thomas – Youth advisory board to get input.

I. Keep youth voice

II. Nothing for the youth without the youth

III. Environment scans

I. Visit Convenient stores, hotels

I. Cheap sales

II. What are they selling

III. What are they seeing

II. Arely – future plan is to include youth in subcommittee

III. Jessica Gilbert – work with local advisory council

I. Representation in all schools

I. Communication happens in schools

IV. Megan Bailey – oversight committee with child protection

I. Rural Behavioral Committee

II. Research study – bring youth groups together

III. Independent Living – YODA program

IV. Collaboration – gather data.

V. Jessica Gilbert

I. Resources in communities

II. Community Based at state

VI. Karen Sylvester

I. Youth focus group

I. Parents did not have the information they needed.

II. Distributing folders with information to all parents in schools within 11 counties.

VII. Arely – Who do we want involved?

I. Youth, schools, parents.



- VIII. Tara Williamson
 - I. Human Trafficking
- IX. Brittney
 - I. Clarity of different types of prevention we will address.
 - II. Vital to have the community-based process
- V. **Additional Topics**
 - I. **Presentations**
 - After legislation, meeting about the impact of new laws to prevention
 - Send presentation ideas to Arely at arely.gray@mt.gov
 - II. **Appointed Meeting Facilitator**
 - Interested contact Arely at arely.gray@mt.gov
 - III. **Appointed Minutes Facilitator**
 - Interested contact Arely at arely.gray@mt.gov
- VI. Next scheduled meeting is May 20, 2025, at 12:00pm
- VII. Closing Business / Adjournment