

Consortium December 15, 2015

Hill County Health Department 12:00 pm

Susan Somers opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees

Introductions conducted

No additions or corrections to previous meeting minutes, accepted

Task Group updates:

Mental Health Awareness updated –

Crystal Laufer reported they are still working on three work forces, trying to figure out days to meet. Meetings are held once month before and after their regular meeting to report back to LAC. The Peer support group is doing well and looking at a few grants to help with funding. Community assessment is doing a questionnaire, Jennifer Jenkins will be pulling and checking to see what they do with the PHQ2 and PHQ9 (assessment for depression questionnaire) and what the follow-up procedure is. Friday at MSU-Northern the Local Central Service Area of Authority meeting, which is held in Helena, will be doing a video conference at Hagner Building 10a-12:30p. Stephain Ironbear will be reporting on what they are doing for the School System with Mental Health and how to respond better with Mental Health. Amanda reported they will be putting together a Behavioral Health resource directory. Mental Health First Aid and Mental Health Youth First Aid will be every other month. Contact Amanda Christofferson at Bullhook to sign up and get information.

Substance Abuse reported by Ron Kling –

Still recruiting people to attend – meetings are 12 noon at Bullhook Clinic. Ron said they have a foot in the door at Northern. Lydia and Ron did a presentation with students during Alcohol awareness month and was asked to come back in February.

Partners and Prevention reported by Amy Ferguson -

Nothing to report – attendance is low, need to re-evaluate.

Old Business –

OPEN Gym – talked to Jessica Kennedy-Stiffarm, will be getting group back together in the spring.

Referral System – Nicole Hungerford reports the only people who are still sending referrals is Health Department. No one is using the system, not sure why others are not utilizing it.

Program Updates:

Health Department – Susan Somers

Susan Somers reports that the Health Department is working on how to get our name out there, what we do and what we offer.

NFP- Susan Somers reports

We have a new full time NFP nurse Megan Wilkie who is doing training in Denver. She will be working fulltime Monday-Friday. Megan be able to start seeing clients as soon as she is done with training.

DES – Dave Sheppard

None to report – Dave was absent

Bullhook Community Health Center– Cindy Smith reports:

New Family Nurse Practitioner starting in February who will be finishing her Psychology Degree and will be a Psychotic Nurse Practitioner by the end of the year. Bullhook Community Health Center received a grant through the Montana Legal Service, which will allow an attorney to travel to different communities helping with different legal services. Working with county Attorney in becoming a certified site for a Montana Child Advocacy Center.

Jennifer Jenkins reports they are trying to get their department up and running. Jennifer Polensky and Jennifer Jenkins are doing a lot of traveling in and out of town. Did on site reviews in Great Falls and Missoula, wanting to do more one on ones in person, not just over the phone. Crystal Laufer reports the LAC is doing well, trying to get NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness) up and going in Havre. Will try to attend the meeting in January. Amanda Christofferson reports they are working with the Dentation Center to provide counseling services up there for addictions and mental health.

NMH – Christen Obresley reports:

Christen Obresley reports they have a lot of new providers. Community has had positive feedback on the Cancer Center and the new OBGYN. If consortium is in need of help from the hospital to contact Christen Obresley, she will get you numbers for the person you would need to contact.

Family planning – Amy Ferguson:

Wanda has her Satellite Clinic in Chinook once a month.

WIC – Nicole Hungerford reports:

Haley Morrelli was hired as the WIC assistant, things are going great. Haley has a Psych. Degree and is working towards her CPA (Competent Professional Authority) for WIC. With Haley being hired WIC will be open Monday through Friday. Nicole said they are focusing on doing more outreach and informing clients on the new income guide lines, which has recently changed. Nicole is still traveling to Chinook and Chester, noticing an increase in clients. Next year WIC will be changing from checks to EBT cards.

Brandon Baney announced he will be leaving, Jenelle Warren will take over beginning in January.

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting March 15, 2016