

Monday, July 13, 2015

Lake County Local Mental Health Task Force

In attendance were: Billi Spencer, Terry Wasnick, Judie Sarff, Karen Saari, Pastor Dean Rudloff, Dolly Wood, Pete Walsh, Lisa Schreyer, Karen Olsen, Janie Harthan and Wendi Eliason; Both Jackie Olson and Ben Mcguire will be here today.

Open meeting

Welcome; introductions; looked at minutes; Pastor Dean made a motion to approve minutes with second from Karen; motion carried.

Update on LAC meeting attended by Dolly and Wendi

Local Advisory Council Best Practices Regional Event; included was a forum for discussion, roles and responsibilities, meeting structure, engagement and leadership, and issues to consider for future.

Old/new business

Clarified what a LAC is; explained further about subcommittee and children's committee; a place in the meeting for what's new with providers; mentoring; when person fills out application to be on LAC, it has been decided that they will be mentored; stipend for mileage still being offered; seen as an incentive for secretary position; explanation for LAC into mental health task force never totally explained; Pete will discuss funding with Vickie and Mr. Jones in opportune time; when we did our resource guide promoting wellness, we were stifled by the cost- only 1000 were printed at an exorbitant cost.

Terry shared her story with us; Jodi from Wellness in the Woods wants to come up; would like to QPR; networking; has a degree in marketing; will be presenting at the homeless coalition conference at the DECC; looking to attend national training in wellness recovery.

Pastor Dean: would like to be able to get to a place where we can invite speakers for us and open it up to the public; radio spot for speakers on Tuesdays at noon; can be taped.

What about fundraisers? Told we cannot do a fundraiser because we are not a 501c; have a barrier in getting the word out; How can we be more effective? If an item is donated, can we hold a raffle?

Report from Jamie: proceeds from Tastefully Simple party was donated to Mason's fund; would like sensory sensitive materials; frustration of public events not being accessible to all kids with all disabilities; how do we make happen? What do we want to work on? After we decide, then go in that direction; perhaps getting a few people to attend workshop; cannot talk to these people until September; wants chairs for the library; activities too.

Would like to bring in speaker from AEOA transportation to answer question brought up in subcommittee; sounds like Pastor will be getting an article from AEOA as well.

Discussed having a health fair either October 10 or 17; need a location.

Joint meeting takes place in August; Task force meeting will meet as usual. Pete will not be able to attend- his mom is turning 95 that day.

Hoping to have Kim Lutes speak in September; She is a Mental Health Minnesota Client Advocate; when she comes up, she will be needing mileage reimbursement.

Will discuss fair at next meeting.

Best practices: two separate organizations; 1 children's and 2 adult's; look at combining in the future.

Waterfront Center did really well at Heritage Days; about \$150.71.

Upcoming events: dental event on Friday and Saturday at the DECC; LAC in Duluth at Harmony Club at 3 on Tuesday.

Meeting adjourned at 1 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Wendi Eliason.