

**LAKE COUNTY LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH TASK FORCE  
MAY 11, 2015 MEETING MINUTES  
TWO HARBORS PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Present: Isabella Spencer, Lisa Schreyer, Dolly Wood, Wendi Eliason, Karen Saari, Judie Sarff, Jamie Harthan, Pastor Dean Rudloff, Karen Olson

Absent/Excused: Laura Nechanicky, Faith Clark, Commissioner Jones

Other: Jackie Olson, Barb Caskey with ARDC

Meeting was called to order at 11:19 a.m. by Chair Spencer

- I. Introductions
- II. Motion by Karen Saari and second by Karen Olson to approve today's agenda. **Motion Passed**
- III. Motion by Karen Olson and second by Karen Saari to approve April 13, 2015 meeting minutes. **Motion Passed**
- IV. Motion by Karen Saari and second by Karen Olson to accept the resignation of Jennifer Havlick. **Motion Passed** (someone needs to send Jennifer a letter of thanks for her years of service).
- V. Pastor Dean Rudloff nominated Wendi Eliason as the new secretary of the Task Force. Wendi Eliason nominated Jamie Harthan as co-secretary of the Task Force. A discussion took place about having co-secretaries. Motion by Karen Saari and second by Dolly Wood to have Wendy Eliason and Jamie Harthan be co-secretaries of the Task Force. **Motion Passed**
- VI. Current Projects/Special Events
  - Billie and Jennifer attended a County Board meeting last month. Per Billie, Commissioner Jones said that he was not attending the meetings because he felt nothing was getting accomplished. Pastor Dean wondered when the last time a Commissioner was present at a Task Force meeting. Pastor Dean feels that the Task Force is making progress and that a Commissioner should be in attendance since they are "legislated" to attend and he feels that the Task Force could use more support from the Commissioners. He felt that "they" have to go to a Board meeting to be heard-the Task Force has little motivation to continue if they don't get the Commissioner's support. Billie may attend the next County Board meeting.
  - Barb Caskey said that she looks at a group's strengths, weaknesses, etc., to get a feel for the group and to see how best to facilitate meetings. She doesn't like to look back on the past-she prefers to look forward and try to reduce barriers and make a successful group. Barb asked: How do you put your Mission Statement into Action?
  - Pastor Dean said that the Task Force is a mandated group and they have a Mission Statement (Trisha provided a copy to Barb). He states that the Mission Statement is very clear on what they represent. He welcomes Barb's input and support, as does Billie. Dolly said that there's a Local Advisory Committee (LAC) handbook that she would like to review. Billie will call Shelley White to get a copy of the book. Billie will provide the information to Pastor Dean to present at the June 1st PR sub-committee meeting. According to Dolly, Commissioner Sve said that they are the LAC. If the PR sub-committee can review the LAC handbook prior to the June 8th meeting, they would like to have Barb at the June 8th meeting to look at strategic planning. We will play the June 8th meeting agenda by ear at this point.

- Jamie said that the movie fundraiser was successful, but unfortunately the theater costs were really high, so the actual amount raised for sensory equipment at the library wasn't as much as she had hoped. She felt that a lot of the events in the area are not really geared for children with special needs. She's hoping that the new sensory equipment for the library will help children feel safe and comfortable at the library (and that kids will want to go there). Jamie explained a personal experience that her child had while at the library and how the sensory equipment would've been helpful to her child.
- Motion by Pastor Dean Rudloff and second by Dolly Wood to nominate Jamie Harthan as the Chair of the Children's Services subcommittee and further approves the appointment of the following to the subcommittee: Billie Spencer, Lisa Schreyer, Judie Sarff, Pastor Dean Rudloff, Dolly Wood and Karen Olson as a consultant. **Motion Passed** The first subcommittee meeting will be on June 1st right before/after the PR subcommittee meeting.
- Jamie is going to look into getting Peer Support Training in Two Harbors (or surrounding area). Jamie also stated that there is an Autism Support Group that meets the second Tuesday of every month at the Minnehaha. If you want more info, please contact her.
- Wendy will ask how many kids in the Lake Superior School District are receiving special education.
- HDC articles: where are we at? HDC or Accend should publish an article in the NS Journal once a month (it's free). This will be looked into.
- Brochure discussion: 500 copies were printed to ensure that all of the information is correct (phone # error for the Waterfront Center). Trisha will fix the error. Discussion regarding the budget. Billie states that at the County Board meeting she attended, Commissioner Sve said that LCHHS should print them for free. Billie will double check this information with Vickie at LCHHS. Motion by Pastor Dean Rudloff and second by Karen Saari for 500 more copies of the MH Provider's List. **Motion Passed** Trisha w/ LCHHS will make the change to the phone number and print 500 more copies (it doesn't matter if it comes out of their budget or not).
- Blue "pouches" discussion: at the last meeting, the group decided to wait a month and think about if they wanted to order. Per Billie, Vickie from LCHHS said that she would authorize additional monies if the Task Force used up the entire budget. Motion by Pastor Dean Rudloff to purchase 250 refrigerator magnetic pouches and 250 wallet pouches. A discussion took place and Jamie was not in favor of the blue "pouches" at all. The Task Force was wondering if the PH Task Force (or Community Partners, LVMH, etc.) would be willing to split the cost of the pouches/printing. Motion by Pastor Dean and second by Dolly Wood to table the purchase request. **Motion Passed**
- Per Dolly, Safe Harbor Board and Lodge is closing on June 1st.
- There is a Mental Health Conference at the DECC on May 15th from 8-4. Wendi will be attending, but will be going as a NAMI rep and will be in a booth all day.
- Pastor Dean received a call from Cecelia at HDC about getting all of the Pastor's in the area together. He didn't think there was a specific "group", but other members of the Task Force believes that there is. Pastor Dean will contact Pastor Scott Nelson of the First Baptist Church to see.
- Barb mentioned that if she joins the Task Force for a strategic planning meeting, they should allow two hours. Trisha will book the SRRR for a two hour time in June, just in case.
- Other: Karen Olson cannot make the June 8th meeting and Billie passed out some flyers for distribution.
- Motion by Karen Saari and second by Lisa Schreyer to adjourn at 12:35 p.m. **Motion Passed**

Respectfully submitted by Trisha Jones, LCHHS