

Lake County Local Mental Health Task Force
Monday, August 11, 2014 at Agate Bay Bldg.

Attendance: Pastor Dean Rudloff, (Citizen), Faith Clark, (Agate Bay Chemical Health), Laura Olson (HDC Employment Connection), Steve Wagner, (HDC Employment Connection), Dolly Wood, (Citizen/ Consumer Advocate), Lisa Schreyer, (Consumer), Pam Brumfield, (Region III AMHI, Arna Rennan, (Socially Active Seniors), Karen Saari, (Waterfront Center), Billi Spencer, (Chair), Karen Olson, (HDC), Vickie Thompson, (LCHHS), Judie Sarff, (Accend Services), Wendi Eliason, (Family member).

Introductions were made. Mentioned by Laura Olson and Laura Nechanicky that they were not receiving minutes. Motion made by Pastor Dean, seconded by Karen Saari to approve minutes. Motion made by Laura Nechanicky and seconded by Laura Olson to approve the agenda. Addition to the agenda will include the fair committee.

Presentation by Pam Brumfield, Region III AMHI.

Pam was asked to serve as coordinator of the Birch Tree Center, a place to serve people with people in crisis. Hoping for a holistic feel, recovery for various cultures, more inclusive. Rule 36 awarded service provider. Trying for a one smooth transition, instead of various ones; mental health initiative includes 6 counties and 3 tribes; was awarded mobile crisis grant to do crisis services; question about number of beds, there are 13; how long can one stay – up to 30 days. Goal is to link people to whatever is necessary to gap the crisis to other services. Designed to take any insurance, no referral needed. Hope to open in November.

Presentation by Arna Rennan for Socially Active Seniors.

Arna has been active in SAS about two years; SAS goes back to the 1950's; in process of change; age focus on 55 and older; hoping to reach those with the loss of a loved one, loss of health or purpose, and isolation depression; have two events a month; staying connected, something to look forward to; networking; stimulating and educating; collaboration with other organizations; meaningful activities. Question about joining – no cost, outings are affordable. Question about group sizes; various sizes. What about those with limited capability- they do what they can do.

Various reports:

Karen Saari: Fair is August 14th – August 17th; Busy working on fair stuff; two new people; no trips planned for this month. Question about garden – going well.

Pastor Dean: Pretty well set for fair; hoping to have representation from both NAMI and Human Services. Super One, being touted as sponsor, is providing water; set up will take place on Wednesday; will have list of providers enlarged; will have applications available for interested persons for Task Force, still hoping for providers to talk about themselves in Chronicle or Journal. New website set to launch this week.

Karen Olson:

No updates; a couple of therapists coming from the Duluth office to fill in for Ed.

Judie Sarff: Mental health in schools coming. Two certified peer specialists hired – based on need.

Faith Clark: MAIDS training – state and tribes coming together. New type of synthetic drug known by both names, Molly and 2CI. Question about prevention – comes down to culture, part of growing up.

Steve Wagner: Voc Rehab up here on a weekly basis – Sonia Viennes coming;

Discussion of resource manual funding; Incomplete information provided – hope to work with county to have funding in the future. Do not want Pastor Dean's efforts to go unrecognized.

Upcoming meetings – August 20th joint meeting; September 8th - Mental Health Task Force meeting.

Laura N. made motion to adjourn meeting and Karen O. seconded it. Meeting adjourned.