

## Region 2 AMHI Meeting Minutes

4/7/2025

**In Attendance:** Kellsey Firehammer, Jamie Halverson, Emily Utech, Brad Vold, Anne Lindseth, Monica Yeadon, Richard Huth, Teri Savoie, Danielle Turner, Shawn Anderson, Joseph Cook, April Miller, Lori Schlinkert, Amy Ballard, Ashlea McMartin, Halen Groenke

### Introductions and Updates

**Coordinator Update:** Kellsey shared she will cover her updates later in the agenda.

**Beltrami:** Anne shared that they have been impacted by some of the federal funding cuts. They have seen a loss of some funding in the public health area and behavioral health area. They are also monitoring the department of health layoffs that were announced last week.

**Clearwater:** Jamie shared they have made an offer to fill their open Adult Services position.

**Hubbard:** No updates for Hubbard County Social Services. Emily shared their LAC was invited to the county board to share what they do.

**Lake of the Woods:** Amy shared they had a successful outreach bingo night. They used that opportunity to promote the 988 number and suicide prevention information.

**Blue Cross:** Brad shared they are monitoring the federal funding situation with medicaid.

**Headwaters Alliance for Suicide Prevention:** Have developed some sub-committee groups. They are looking to bring back the run, walk, skate for suicide prevention.

**Hope House:** Robin asked Kellsey to share that they have a save the date for their open house which will be May 21<sup>st</sup> 11am-1pm.

**Lake Country Associates:** Shawn shared they have hired a dedicated staff to manage the cottage.

**Medica:** Teri shared a reminder that they have programs available for clients to access such as mental health, families etc.

**PrimeWest Health:** Danielle shared no updates.

**Sanford:** Ashlea shared they have reactivated their IRTS license. They have 4 residents at this time and can serve up to 7. They have also filled a position on their Adult ACT. If anyone wants to be on the mailing list for the Sanford Behavioral Health Newsletter they should reach out to Ashlea.

**Shackman Krammer and Associates:** Joseph shared they have a new med provider opening in Park Rapids. They will be meeting with Wellness in the Woods to discuss possible collaborative opportunities.

**Stellher:** Lori shared they have lost some crisis funding so they are looking to rearrange some things to be sure they can continue to cover it.

**United Way:** Halen shared Bemidji Pint night is 4/9/2025 at Bemidji Brewing to raise funds for the radiothon to end child abuse.

**Wellness in the Woods:** Monica shared they have had significant funding cuts to their warm line. They have had to reduce staff but they are staying open. They are hosting their first fundraiser walk May 31<sup>st</sup>

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in Eagan. They have hired a staff to cover the northwest 8. Richard shared he will be presenting at Hope House on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Team Building or Mental Health Story Sharing**

Emily led the team building activity of sharing a story or accomplishment before the age 18.

### **Community Needs Forum**

Kellsey attended the statewide AMHI meeting. She shared the state is pursuing legislation to change the AMHI funding to direct payments rather than reimbursement. MHIS staff are working on the system to make improvements. They are encouraging providers to contact their help desk if they experience issues. They also shared direction on how AMHI funds can/can't be used in regards to uncompensated care.

Discussion was had about the entities in the group putting together a resource sheet about their entity and what they do. There was also discussion about having an in-person summer meeting.

Blackduck is having a resource fair for the Shade Store employees in Blackduck, which is closing. The store is closing so they are having this to provide the employees with resources and job opportunities.

### **Subcommittee/Workgroup Development**

Website Workgroup: Kellsey shared the first page of the website and explained what the different tabs will include. She also shared the final logo design.

Mental Health Awareness month is May. MN Department of Health shared a mental health awareness toolkit. There was discussion about what organizations are doing for MH Awareness month. Lori shared that the Clearbrook Gonvick school is doing a presentation and will be doing a mock crisis call. April is taking over the HASP facebook page and will be sharing information and resources. There was also a suggestion to run some of the information in local newspapers.

### **Finance Update**

Kellsey shared 10% of the allotment has been spent so far.

### **Provider Spotlight**

Stellher was not able to share this month so they will present in May.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held May 5, 2025 at 1 pm 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the community service center at Beltrami County. Agency spotlight for April will be Stellher and the ice breaker will be led by Brad Vold.

Submitted by Jamie Halverson