

Minutes from Hubbard County LAC Meeting August 13, 2025

In Attendance: Lorie, Kevin, Tom, Emily, Thomas, Kellsey, Olivia, Kayla, Erika, Joan, Angie, Dixie, Jason

Called to order at: 1:00pm

Introductions

Minutes: Minutes Approved, Lori Motion, Joan Second

Public Education and Training

Nothing to report

Drop-In Center Report

Had rummage sale and it went well. Went on a pontoon ride- on Big Mantrap Lake and are going again August 28th- sign up at the Cottage. Picnic happening that day as well. Kevin will send details around to people who are interested

Region 2 AMHI

Discussed Housing Stabilization program including Homebase closing due to federal cuts. Does not cut people's housing, more the supports/case management. National Night Out celebrations throughout the Region. School supplies resources with MAHUBE. Talked about the Needs Assessment with the larger group. Shawn shared information with everyone about Lake Country Associates

Transportation Report

Submitted budget for 2026 and will find out what approved for in October. Hiring a part time dispatcher. Will change the hours to be noon to 6 to cover the evening. Couldn't forward to driver due to Union limits. Getting buses DOT inspected. Have 3 full time and 4 part time drivers. Will have three buses open for regular ridership, one will be transporting preschoolers. Spoke with City of Akeley two weeks ago and gave information to pass around. Folks encouraged to let the City of Akeley, Nevis and Laporte know they are interested in a route. Have to show the need to get it approved for DOT.

Request from Joan to have notices posted of when the special trips or when the bus is going to be closed.

Hubbard County Board Report

First draft of budgets. Want to stay under 7% in the levy, right now it is over. The 2nd floor of City Hall is done, can still go into first floor even though it is under construction. Pickleball tournament to fundraiser for the Park Rapids Area Community Center was approved by the city to be hosted at Heartland Park. Law enforcement center may not be totally done until 2027. County 1 should be done by the end of October. Roundabout on County 40 is done- working on lighting concerns due to resident feedback. Deep Lake Park improvements and development - Archeological survey approved- received first grant for phase one and getting quotes for demo work. Putting a frisbee golf course at Ferris Park. Considering another apartment building.

HC MH Report

Anticipating things to ramp up with referrals with schools starting and the fall season. Getting lots of referrals from the jail.

Unmet Needs

Homebase helped people get into apartments and helped with budgeting and other case management. Help with furnishings and initial navigation or transition to other apartments. Landlord navigation and advocacy. – connect with legal aid instead to know your rights – ARMHS workers at LCA are preparing to support housing skills

Look into having legal aid join us and know what is available?

Ongoing: Housing, Nutrition, Transportation, Federal Cuts to Medicaid and SNAP

Action Items

- Secretary Nominations
- Bylaws
 - o Kellsey will print and send the updated bylaws to everyone
 - o Worked on developing the mission statement for our bylaws
 - o **Current Proposed Statement is: People working together to promote mental health in our community by identifying needs, connecting to resources and empowering change**
 - o Mission approval: Kevin Motion Lorie Second to approve mission statement.
- Needs Assessment
 - o Do multiple choice for issues
 - Transportation
 - Housing
 - Homelessness
 - Nutrition
 - Employment/Jobs
 - Crisis Response
 - Crisis Beds
 - Law Enforcement support
 - Lack of health insurance or Mental health services not covered
 - Physical health/medical issues
 - Disability
 - Drop-In Center
 - Medications
 - ARMHS
 - Peer Support Specialists
 - Psychologists
 - Qualified Mental Health Staff
 - Program Waitlists
 - Other: Please explain
 - o Solutions: Leave as fill in the blank
 - o Anything else you want to add?

- Ideas to promote it
 - Share it on Facebook
 - ARMHS workers and County Staff
 - Put it on the Blabber or other
 - Put the website and QR code
- Kevin will create a flier
- Reach out to local agencies and have them encourage their clients to fill it out

Adjourned at 1:52pm Lorie Motion, Joan Second

Next Meeting

September 10th at 1:00pm