

## **Minutes from Hubbard County LAC Meeting February 12, 2025**

In Attendance: Emily, Lori, Gayle, Kevin, Tom, Tami, Olivia, Jason, Thomas, Angie, Kayla

### **Public Education and Training**

Day on the Hill February 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>

11 people with lived experiences & 5 staff

Tour of Vail Place Clubhouse, Leave from the Cottage at 10am, Meeting with Senator Utke

### **Drop-In Center Report**

Movie Night tonight!

Ice Fishing on February 17<sup>th</sup>

Cottage open 6 days a week, increased from 16-28 hours a week!

Huge increase in attendance at the Cottage!

### **Region 2 AMHI**

Tax Help: Senior Center in Beltrami County, Senior Linkage, Disability Linkage Line, MAHUBE limited help

Information about Hope House: Community Support Program in Beltrami, similar to the Cottage

- Serving around 100 people
- Offer support to develop a Psychiatric Health Care Directive- legal document
- WRAP sessions: offered by WitW and LCA groups
- All ARMHS workers are able to work with folks to complete the Psychiatric Health Care Directive
- March 22<sup>nd</sup> Art Event Fundraiser at Hope House

Suicide Prevention Conference on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Southshore Hotel in Bemidji: We'll share more info as we get it

### **Transportation**

- Not much to report. New driver Matt is working out pretty well. Ridership is up.
- Looking forward to doing an Akeley/Nevis route. Going to start advertising. Hoping to get interest by Fall/Winter. Need to prove ridership need to MNDot
- Didn't get funding for software
- Also expecting a new bus in the next few weeks
- If dispatch is of, the calls should be rolled over to the evening driver
  - o If this is an issue call Jason at 218-732-2421

### **Hubbard County Board Report**

- Walker Ambulance District approved. Joint effort Hubbard and Cass County
- Accepted bids for Jail Expansion
- Approved Committee Appointments
- First Timber sale went very well- portion of the funds go to county, schools and townships

- During Work Session- learned the Northern Land Trust is going to purchase some of 3M's property. Going to donate to DNR and available for public use soon
- Talked about April 8<sup>th</sup> for County Board Session

### **HC MH Report**

-Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner from Schackman Kramer and Associates named Mitch is here on Wednesdays to consult and support

### **Unmet Needs**

- Staying warm, lack of sunshine, isolation from staying indoors
- Brainstorming new members

### **Discussion of Ideas to Bring to Legislator Meetings**

- Governor's proposed funding/budget is not enough for support what is needed in our area
  - o ARMHS program – supporting and working through PTSD
    - Meeting someone outside of a clinical setting
    - Helping people in their home with skills and meeting them where they are at
  - o Support for the Cottage/ Clubhouse Model – lifechanging!
  - o Medication Management
  - o Lake Country has around 150 active ARMHS clients
    - No cost of living increase in 10 years
    - Budget that in to the reimbursement rate
    - Hard to maintain staff without competitive wages
    - ARMHS services prevent state costs for in-hospital placement
- Support for people getting service dogs: clarify the path to make it easier
- Rural areas have a higher need for services and they are often more expensive due to different
- Increase wages and housing availability for MH workers to encourage them to work in rural areas
  - o Paid internship opportunities in rural areas

### **Next Meeting**

March 12<sup>th</sup>: Emily will be out of town. Kevin will lead the meeting. Review bylaws to share feedback at this meeting.