

Minutes from Hubbard County LAC Meeting July 9, 2025

In Attendance: Lorie, Kevin, Tom, Emily, Thomas, Kellsey, Olivia, Gayle, Kayla, Kami, Tami, Kali, Angie

Called to order at: 1:03pm

Introductions

Minutes: Minutes Approved, Tom Motion, Lorie Second

Public Education and Training

- Donna Anderson's position is being cut due to SNAP budget cuts. The Cottage is exploring alternatives to offer their own nutrition courses on Wednesdays
- Kellsey will share Nourish and Flourish guides

Drop-In Center Report

Going on a pontoon ride August 5th. Getting ready for the Rummage Sale on July 17th and 18th 9am-3pm. Getting quite a few donations including lots of Christmas stuff. North Shore Trip is still waiting for people to sign up for interest level. Garden is growing well!

Region 2 AMHI

The provider for the month was Sanford Housing Program. Emily shared flyers. They are able to offer support for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Can offer first months' rent and deposit and other equipment.

AMHI Website is LIVE! R2amhi.org

Many providers in Bemidji did have a little damage but are recovering well

Hope House is exploring new discoveries with a robot project

Discussed how federal changes to SNAP and MA may impact consumers

Transportation Report

Jason not present. Contact him with questions or concerns.

There are ongoing concerns with unprofessional treatment of people. This impacts access, and is not ADA compliant. Clients are not able to get through to dispatch and then a practitioner is able to. It is becoming a barrier to accessing services because several providers are hearing those concerns. Tami will email Tom Krueger to bring issues to the board.

Hubbard County Board Report

Approved tracts of land for sale on timber auction. Will have to do a salvage harvest from some other damaged lands- mostly red pine- which may impact timber rotation. Did declare a local emergency due to storms that hit northern county which will allow some additional funding for infrastructure repairs. Approved updates to the Emergency Response. Construction is ongoing at the Courthouse and County Jail. The County is sponsoring a Senior Day at the fair 11:30-2:30 on Friday July 18th. Dog park should be opening pretty soon.

HC MH Report

Small dip in referrals due to summer. With the construction some case managers' office schedules may be changing.

Unmet Needs

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

Action Items

- Vice Chair Nominations
 - o Kevin is nominating himself: Lorie Motion, Tom Second
 - o Motion: Lori Second: Kevin
 - o Kevin is the new Vice Chair of the Hubbard County LAC!
- Secretary Nominations
 - o None. Will revisit next month
- Bylaws
 - o New bylaws signed by all Board Members. Kayla will sign next month and 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 Members asked to come with suggestions or changes to the mission for our next meeting.

Adjourned at 1:50pm

Next Meeting

August 13th at 1:00pm