

Regional Local Advisory Committee (LAC) Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 17th, 2025

6:00-7:30pm

Introductions and organizational updates

In-person:

Danielle Wadsworth

Heather Stanley

Janet Karnes

Kathy Hallbeck

Virtual:

Brad Vold

Rachel Zetah

Jason Burkle

New business:

- Region V+ AMHI update
 - Certified Peer Specialist Training: May 5th-16th
 - Peer Specialist Training being hosted by Region V+ AMHI
 - Training is free for attendees
 - Deadline to register is April 18th
 - Drop-in Center//Legal Aid Events
 - Justice North visited Petals of Peace Drop-in Center in Aitkin County and Open Arms Drop-in Center in Crow Wing County to educate individuals on Legal Aid services and support individuals with their specific needs
 - Next up is Legal Services of Northwest MN is visiting the Hope Center in Wadena County
 - Consumer and Community Partner Survey
 - Please take the Consumer survey or Community Partner survey if you have not already done so. You will find the links for the survey below:

Consumer Representative Survey link (available in English and Spanish)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RX7X6K3>

Community Partner Survey link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RXDPRDD>

- Community events/outings
 - May 29th Todd County is having their Mental Health Awareness event at River of Life Church
- State Local Advisory Council
 - Working to update the LAC Guidebook
 - Hosting an event with Wellness in the Woods on May 21st
 - Commissioner Relationships recommendation to wait till Fall

Workgroup updates:

- **Succession Planning**
 - Document storage to capture important Regional LAC documents and information
 - Document storage would allow more than one Regional LAC member to have access to information
 - Working on a plan for the Chair, Vice-chair, Treasurer, and Secretary

- **Awareness/Event Planning**
 - Website:
 - The Region V+ AMHI recommends utilizing their contract with Strateligent to build out the LAC webpage to work for our Regional LAC
 - There could be a separate calendar
 - There could be a prominent link added to the home page to assist in directing people
 - There could be a domain name purchased that would direct people to the LAC webpage in a google search
 - Facebook:
 - A lot of individuals without laptops or computers use Facebook on their phones
 - This would be a great tool for outreach
 - Storage: Event items
 - Morrison County Drop-in Center

- **Rebuilding relationships with County Commissioners**
 - Advised to hold off on reaching out to County Commissioners until Fall