**Members Present:**  Robert Johnston, Jessi Westling, Laura Griffith, Sam Borbely, Jo Ann Numoto, Sue Wilson, Kim Hair, Angela Allbritton for Nicki Harper, Brenda Stout, Paul Demple, Donna Sedey, Lori Burns, Kyle Gamroth, Carol Day, Dani Sullivan, Scott Erickson

**Members Excused:** Martin Kury, Carolyn Yeaman, Sherry Mercer

**Members Absent:** Kelly Webb, Jeff Wasserburger, Phillip Shupe, Sunny Goggles, Christy Misplay, Cheri Kreitzmann, Tammy Cooley, Karen Aurand

**Guests:** Eric Fernelius, Program Coordinator/Clinical Supervisor, Natrona County Drug Court; Carol King, Director, Residential Services, Central Wyoming Counseling Center; Joshua Brown, Facility Director, Casper Re-Entry Center; Frank Shablo, Deputy Director, Casper Re-Entry Center; Laura Stack, Probation and Parole; Lauren Kenney, Prison Division Training Program Manager, Department of Corrections; Alicia Young, Court Supervised Treatment Program Specialist, Behavioral Health Division; Cassie Crumpton, Council applicant; Heidi Hoffman, Quality Program Manager, Behavioral Health Division.

1. Rob Johnston, Council Chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. Rob then asked those present in person and via phone to introduce themselves and state who they represented on the Council.
3. There were no modifications to the agenda.
4. The minutes of the March meeting and August conference call were approved.
5. MHSAS Update:
   1. The Council voted to have Rob write a Letter of Concurrence for the Block Grant application.
   2. Carol Day provided an overview of the criminal justice and substance abuse/mental health initiatives including some information on an opioid response grant (SOR) — 4 million dollars a year for the next 2 years. The medication assistance grant that was in place at CWCC and Southwest Counseling just ended, and the State Targeted Response (STR) Grant (recovery supports) end in April, 2019. Carol also discussed the MAT in Prisons program with the Department of Corrections focused on transitioning people back into their communities.
   3. Alicia Young from the Behavioral Health Division provided the Council with an overview of Court-Supervised treatment in Wyoming. These programs combine treatment with courtroom accountability. There are currently 20 programs in Wyoming (14 adult, 3 juvenile, 2 family, and a Veteran’s program). 18 of these programs are funded with state dollars.
6. Sam Borbely and Lauren Kenney provided an overview of the programs for staff and inmates in the Department of Corrections facilities around the state, with a special emphasis on the substance abuse treatment programs. Topics discussed included:
   1. Assessment, case planning and correctional interventions
   2. In-prison substance abuse, mental health and sex offender treatment
   3. Re-entry/transition planning and supports
7. Eric Fernelius provided an overview of the Natrona County Adult Drug Court program, which came into being as a result of the methamphetamine crisis in Natrona County, and serves as an alternative sentencing program for adult, non-violent substance abusing offenders.
8. Over lunch the Council membership listened to a panel discussion with representatives from substance abuse treatment providers, probational and parole, and the Casper Re-entry Center and therapeutic community treatment team.

**Criminal Justice Panel Discussion Questions**

*If an inmate has a mental health illness and/or substance abuse disorder, to what extent is discharge planning done to ensure that mental health and substance abuse services are in place when their sentence is up and they are back in the community?*

*(To CRC reps) What processes are in place to prevent residents from bringing drugs onto the unit and is there room for improvement to ensure that illicit substances do not make it inside? (Have been told by a clinician that they have had multiple clients report that the environment is triggering because of drug usage)*

*What does the transition look like from the re-entry center? Are people released from there to home? Is there any step-down supportive housing available?*

*What sort of job training, case management, and other services are provided at the Re-entry center? Are there any transitional employment programs ran by the re-entry center?*

*How can coordination between mental health providers, the re-entry center, and probation/parole be increased?*

1. The Committee then reviewed the Brochure revision that Lori Burns had developed. It was approved with some changes. Copies of the new brochure will be given to Council members at the November meeting.
2. There was no public comment.
3. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.