

Our Place Monthly Report

Month Reported: January, 2025

Staffing

Full-Time Coordinator/Manager (name): Mikayla Kapphan CBHPSS

CPSS 1 (FTE, and CPSS status):

CPSS- 2 (PT, and CPSS status):Angel Small PSS

CPSS 3-(PT, and CPSS status): Amy Kriedeman PSS

Volunteer25 Hour week Connie O’Conner-

Narrative

Services Provided

Service Provided	Date	Number Served	Local Area Provider
Substance misuse recovery management	1/25	30	Linda Kinsey Leo Pocha-Wellbriety <u>Mikayla Kapphan PSS, Angel Small PSS, Amy Kriedeman PSS</u> Rewired work book, Recovery by the Week
Behavioral health management/Engagement	1/25	55	Engagement Group Held 9:30 A.M - 10:30 A.M. Clients engage in a recovery-based group setting and discuss individual struggles and successes in recovery and everyday life. Input is offered by peers and peer supporters. We have incorporated using recovery/ empowering question cards to strike conversations and bring up topics in groups.
Gender specific recovery support	7/24	0	The groups we have are set to accommodate all genders for recovery and overall wellness. We do not have a gender specific group at this time b/c there are so few that identify with gender issues. Those that do join,1-2 and not on a daily basis, are very involved in the groups and this is often a topic during the groups for all. The groups at OP are very accepting of lifestyle choices. All are supportive as OP is a judgment free zone. It is often shared...we meet people where they are at in their lives.
Group gatherings	1/25	99	We facilitate two Peer run groups Monday-Saturday. The morning group is always Engagement or talking point cards. The Talking point cards help open up discussion and are recovery based. (empowering questions,

			Overcoming addictions, and coping skill based). Afternoon groups consist of Rewired work book, NA, Wellbriety, and Recovery by the Week, Recovery Through Hollywood.
Action Plan Development for Wellness Recovery	1/25	0	Angel Is WRAP Certified. Mikayla took WRAP and will be taking WRAP 2. We are not able to run WRAP groups until we have 2 people certified in WRAP. Angel will start doing 1:1 WRAP with peers who want to do this.
Wellness Education in Collaboration with identified area providers	1/25	12	Linda Kinsey- Wellbriety- Linda comes here on Wednesdays. She just started back with us this last week so we have only had one group with her in Jan.
Recreational therapeutic activities	1/25	0	It is cold Out side! We have not done any outside activities or clean ups. We have a pool table and corn hole in the new building that peers have been using as well as lots of games and puzzles.
On-site meals and to-go food bags	1/25	100	Helena Food Share 100 emergency food bags, our volunteer brings in meals occasionally, as well as Crock Pot ministries 2x this month, We have had an overwhelming support from the community with cup of soups coffee granola bars and oatmeal etc. for them to eat while they are here.
Application assistance for SNAP and Medicaid	1/25	0	We just got back into a building, We did not help anyone with food stamps or Medicaid this month.
Identification access assistance including birth certificates, State ID, VA, and SSI/SSDI	1/25	3	We assisted 3 people with Birth Certificates and ID this month. Mikayla is trying to get SOAR trained with limited staff it has been hard to complete this training course.
Coordination of transportation for behavioral health and medical services	1/25	15	We have the Van and used it a lot this month when we did not have a building. We have 2 staff approved to drive the van and another one will be approved Feb 6 th . We used the van to go to Gods Love check in with the peers when we did not have a building and to go to the library and take some peers to court and other things they needed to get done.
Volunteer opportunities at the Drop-In Center, other Good Samaritan locations, and other area providers	1/25	2	We have 2 Volunteers. 1 works with us every Thursday and the other comes in when he can.
Native American culture and practices study group	1/25	12	Wellbriety with Linda Kinsey on Wednesdays.

Narrative (please describe any additional services provided, the date provided, number served, and the name or names of local area providers involved, if any):

We have moved into the new place. We are now at 1531 National Ave. in the old ReStore building. We had to leave our old building on Jan 1st and were in the process of getting this building. We had about 2 weeks of mobile Our Place. Then about a week and half of setting up the new building and getting everything approved to open.

While we were without a building we visited Gods Love for lunch and made sure our peers knew we were still here for them. We also visited the Library where a lot of the peers were hanging out everyday. We took a few peers to court or to appointments as needed.

We have now opened up and are trying to get back to the regular schedule with groups and things. We just started groups again the last week of Jan. Linda Kinsey came Wednesday to do wellbriety with peers. We had our monthly Advisory meeting last week as well as we were one of the host spots for the Point In Time Survey.

The community has been amazing bringing furniture to us, as well as books, puzzles, games. Terri Russell brought us a pool table. We really are enjoying our building!

We have not been as full as we usually are. Peers are slowly trickling in and we are seeing more people everyday but has been kind of a slow start. I think a lot of it has to do with the weather and we are a lot farther away then we used to be from downtown. Hoping to see the numbers grow and people to find out where we are!

Our Place Drop-In Center Advisory Board

Date of monthly Peer and Client Advisory Meeting: Thursday January 30th

Number of Peers and Clients in attendance: 14

Number of Peers and Clients for which transportation was coordinated for Advisory Board attendance, if needed: 0

Narrative (please describe meeting or attach meeting agenda and minutes)

Advisory Board Members:

Brian Coplin Advisory Board member

Mikayla Kaphan and Theresa Ortega

Jillian DeAmicis- will be joining the advisory board

Ryan Galliher: Street Outreach Coordinator

Meeting narrative:

Mikayla went over some Rules at the new building, No sleeping outside of the building. We must all be off the property by 3:30 pm.

We talked about the possibility of closing down at 3pm due to staffing and we would let the peers know if and when this would happen.

We will be doing transportation to get some folks over here during the week. We are working on a schedule to make that work. We would have one pick up spot and one drop off spot in the morning and afternoon and will keep peers updated on that.

We talked about peer storage, This is something the peers have always spoke about needing that would help them and Mikayla is working on something that would accommodate that need.

We will be getting back on track with groups doing 2 a day. We have had a very busy month getting the building set up and trying to get everything in order.

We opened the floor for the peers to talk about their needs wants and concerns:

Peers spoke about Gods love and wanting them to treat them like they are Humans, not laugh at them or mis treat them because of the situation they are in.

Peers spoke about a need for a PO Box system. Ryan said HRDC had a PO Box system that they used. Ryan said we could look into doing something like that.

Peer said we should have a mental health resource party to help bring awareness to mental health needs in the community especially for the unhoused.

Peers brought up issues with using Gods Loves address as a mailing address and they send it back. Mikayla stated that they can use this address as an address and we would make sure they can get their mail.

Peers spoke about creating an Our Place facebook page for outreach to the community, and the needs of OP.

Peer spoke about VOC rehab for groups. Mikayla said that was on her list of places to call to do groups with the peers on life skills.

Peers spoke about doing more recovery groups, spiritual groups.

Peers spoke about getting a housing navigator or coordinator to help them navigate through getting a house.

Lifeline program to get a free phone and what the website was.

Peers spoke about black mold at Gods Love, how they are treated horrible at Gods Love by some of the staff there. It makes them feel very depressed more then they already feel.

Bike shop behind Little Cesars gives away free bikes to the unhoused.

Peer spoke about wanting a program that is open to helping men get their children back. There are more resources for women then men with children.

Peer spoke about a friend of his who could teach us a foraging.

Peers are struggling with transportation having a reliable mode of transportation. A lot of times when they schedule a bus it does not even show up or they just cancel the ride with no warning. Express employers gives bikes out if you are working through them. Ryan stated that it is a lot of talk about the transportation issue and hopefully the city will come up with a better system soon.

Sunshine Taxi will bill Medicaid for transportation to doctor appointments.

Foodshare is not going to be giving out dog food or cat food anymore.

Peers wondering when and if OP will be able to give rides to food share. Due to staffing and having to have 2 staff here at all times we are not able to have one staff take people in the Van to food share but we are hiring for another staff member and will make that a priority when we are able too.

Participant Information

Number of participants served (#): January 99 attended groups. All that signed in was 125. We are working on repeat visits and one time only peers.

Referral Sources (where were they referred?):

- Many Rivers Pure View Health
- VA Health care
- Hud/ Vash, Helena Housing
- Charles Goodman Peer Support Specialist VA
- St. Peters Health
- Helena Indian Alliance
- Friendship Center
- Y.W.C.A.
- RCM
- God's Love
- St. Peters E.R and BHU, Helena P.D,
- Missoula Health and Rehabilitation
- Mt counseling services

Military Status (# Active and # Former): 3

Criminal Justice system involvement (# Pretrial): 20 known

Co-occurring disorder status (#): 30 self identified

Crisis interventions and outcomes (short narratives):

Number of Community partner education hours: 1

Outcomes from Satisfaction surveys: Not completed yet.

Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday 8:30 A.M - 3:30 P.M and Saturday 8:30 A.M-2:00 P.M