

Our Place Monthly Report

Month Reported: ^{July} August, 2024

Staffing

Full-Time Coordinator/Manager (name): Theresa Ortega

CPSS 1 (FTE, and CPSS status):

CPSS- 2 (PT, and CPSS status): Mikayla Kapphan

CPSS 3-(PT, and CPSS status): Angel Small

Volunteer 25 Hour week Connie O'Conner-

Narrative

Services Provided

Service Provided	Date	Number Served	Local Area Provider
Substance misuse recovery management	7/24	49	<u>Ramah Community Partner</u> PSS-Wellbriety <u>Mikayla Kapphan PSS, Angel Small PSS</u> Rewired work book, Recovery through Hollywood, Recovery by the Week
Behavioral health management/Engagement	7/24	104	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	7/24	153	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	7/24	24	We are still waiting for a local or virtual training for WRAP. We have been working on getting clients housed, in treatment, mental health help, and physical health assistance. Theresa is trying to get ahold of our contact at the state to ask about WRAP.
Wellness Education in Collaboration with identified area providers	7/24	3	Ramah McDonald CBHPSS and well-briety facilitator. Looking for others to come in and facilitate some groups as well.
Recreational therapeutic activities 2-park events 2-collaborative clean ups with HPD, Parks and Rec. -Anyone going on trips are now signing a waiver of liability.	7/24	Outside groups- 16 Clean up groups 15	The pool table is open every afternoon from 2:00-3:30. This summer we have taken a group to Spring Meadow for wellbriety outside and to cool off during the hot weather. Peers that attended the activity were very engaged to include swimming groups. We have also continued our collaboration with HPD and Parks and Recreation with community clean ups throughout downtown as needed or as seen by our Peers where it is needed. We use this time in collaboration with Judge Peterson in City Court here to also help pay off fines owed in court by our peers who otherwise may not have the means to pay for their fines.
On-site meals and to-go food bags	7/24	100	Helena Food Share 100 emergency food bags, our volunteer brings in meals occasionally, as well as Crock Pot ministries 2x this month.

Application assistance for SNAP and Medicaid	7/24	0	In July there were no applicants for food stamps or medicaid.
Identification access assistance including birth certificates, State ID, VA, and SSI/SSDI	7/24	3	Assisted with birth cert, state I. VA applications are not being referred to our contacts at VA Health Care contacts. Mikayla is still in the SOAR training to help with SSI/SSDI
Coordination of transportation for behavioral health and medical services	7/24	2	Van is here and mobile. We have one approved driver. transportation has been for outing for rec or appointments. Waivers are signed for outings for transportation and group locations by each peer that attends. The Street Outreach position has been hired.
Volunteer opportunities at the Drop-In Center, other Good Samaritan locations, and other area providers	7/24	1	We have one volunteer as of right now and 1 applicant waiting on background check.
Native American culture and practices study group	7/24	1	Wellbriety with Ramah on Thursdays and smudge offered daily if peers would like.

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 continued our community clean ups with HPD and Parks and Recreation. We did two clean ups this month. We also had a meeting with Lieutenant Jayson Zander and our downtown officer Scott Finiccum during a morning group. The officers came down and visited with our peers on the new supreme court ordinance about sleeping outside, public places and encampments on the streets. This meeting went great and the peers were able to ask and receive answers to many questions they had.

With HPD being a little more strict on sleeping and encampments on the sidewalks, we have had a lot of struggles with peers bringing all their belongings and trying to store them here. A longtime peer at OP and on the streets and HPD Helped us move everyone's belongings somewhere safe.

We have had a rough crowd lately. We have been utilizing Scott street SRO officer, from HPD to regulate the problem of those using, or not interested in starting their sorority. Clients in these situations will be asking to leave and not return until they are ready to join OP for its intended purposes . Having Scott around more often has helped keep the peers that are still actively using away.

Our Place Drop-In Center Advisory Board

Date of monthly Peer and Client Advisory Meeting: Thursday July 25th

Number of Peers and Clients in attendance:21

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

Chuck Butler Advisory Board Member

Mark Nay Advisory Board Member

Mikayla Kapphan and Theresa Ortega

Jillian DeAmicis- will be joining the advisory board

Meeting narrative:

The meeting largely consisted of discussion about the Supreme Court ruling of *Grants Pass v Johnson*. How "they" felt the officers have been stern and rough on the streets that the information came out on the ruling.

Theresa talked about clean ups and the collaboration with the HPD and Parks and Rec, the collaboration and new name they are trying to share with the community. We talked about how important it is for us to have these meetings and for everyone to be heard.

Chuck Butler introduced himself and explained that he likes to give back because he respects everybody here. Theresa gave feedback on how the book *Rough Sleepers* put homeless people on the map. Chuck is from Plymouth Church who was one of the leads with the community engagement group after the book was distributed and read. Several of the peers attend some of the community meetings.

A client talked about "nonprofits not helping move, not being able to attend GL to other locations and how Chuck helps when nobody would. He is upset because God's Love 86'd him and he disagrees with them claiming to be Christians when they treat people like garbage".

Mark Nay talked about how we can make Our Place more effective to the peers here. Talked about his former employment with our place and how he wants to continue to help with whatever he can.

Brian talked about his lived experience, how he fights for disabled people's rights at city commission and he wants voices to be heard and put faces and stories out there so that community services know how to help.

Theresa- Explaining how we got the Grant and how it was a heartbreak that we had to move and couldn't do Ruth's Place . How much of a struggle it was to find a new building. Peers were informed about the future move of OP to FP. A peer talked about "making friends with the neighbors when we get to Family Promise".

A peer spoke about being harassed by people and not being able to get into housing.

A peer stated " is grateful for OP, staff helped her with a criminal background, drug addictions, fresh out of prison with no judgment and advocated for her. She faces discrimination and does not want us to shut down.

Theresa assured peers that OP will not be closing down simply moving.

A peer was ticketed for criminal trespassing even though he has a job and is on the housing list. "How are they supposed to pay the tickets that they are getting if they do not have a job or any income?" This will be discussed with officer Scott.

Peer stated: "enough messing up sidewalks peers on streets, they need to be cleaning up after themselves"

This is a Recovery based drop in center and we can not have people using substances on the premises. If you want help in recovery and peer support we are here for you and to support you, but do not come in high or drunk.

Theresa talked about our new building. We will be putting lockers in Family Promise for people to be able to store their belongings.

A peer spoke about the United Way and memberships. Someone will take this task for the advisory committee.

Ask about memberships at YMCA to shower. A peer can decorate the lockers at Family Promise. Talked about having a Cart Parking for our new building.

Showers at Our place in the new building. Planet Fitness gym membership discounts, for showering.

Participant Information

Number of participants served (#): July 351 attended groups. All that signed in was 1044. 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.

- Coleman Community Services
- God's Love
- St. Peters E.R and BHU, Helena P.D,
- Missoula Health and Rehabilitation
- Donald Crawford Job service Helena

Military Status (# Active and # Former): 2

Criminal Justice system involvement (# Pretrial): 15 known

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

Crisis interventions and outcomes (short narratives):

2 peers formerly trespassed.

Number of Community partner education hours: four hours

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