Montana Warriors Forward (MWF) Stakeholder Coalition Meeting

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Agenda

1. **Introductions**
2. **Program Overview**
3. **CCBHC "SMVF-ready" Certification Initiative**
4. **Safer Communities Montana Statewide Expansion**
   - Stakeholder Update – Lincoln County, Kelcy Meyers, Lincoln County Health Department
5. **MWF Partner Updates**
   - VA
   - MVAD
   - MTNG
   - VNN
   - Safer Communities Montana update
   - MT988
6. **Q&A**

MWF Priority Areas

Priority Area 1 – Identification and Screening

Priority Area 2 – Promote Connectedness and Improve Care Transitions

Priority Area 3 – Lethal Means Safety and Safety Planning

Goals of the MWF Stakeholder's Coalition



BUILD A COALITION OF INDIVIDUALS AND AGENCIES INVOLVED IN SUPPORTING SMVF IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.



SOLICIT IDEAS FOR EXPANDING THE PROGRAM'S REACH AND IMPACT.



ASSIST PEER SUPPORT SPECIALISTS AND COACHES WITH BUILDING SMVF SUPPORT UNITS IN UNDERSERVED COUNTIES AND TRIBAL COMMUNITIES.

HB118 Grant

- Grants awarded ($500K) to organizations conducting suicide prevention activities in line with evidence-based best practices.
- Past grantees have conducted work in all three of the MWF priority areas.
- **Dynamic Recovery** in Great Falls was awarded a grant this year, focused on veteran suicide prevention, providing training for healthcare providers, peers and on lethal means safe storage.

Safer Communities Montana Statewide Expansion

- Contract with Lewis and Clark County to…
  - Provide safe storage site starter kits
  - Provide safes and locks to partner agencies
  - Provide mobile lethal means safety training
  - Provide SCM toolkits
- Provides a total of $545,053 from State General Fund appropriation and Federal Bipartisan Safer Communities Act funds.

What is a CCBHC?

A Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) is a federally-designated clinic model that provides a comprehensive, integrated array of mental health and substance use disorder services regardless of ability to pay or insurance status.

Created by the Excellence in Mental Health Act (2014), CCBHCs must meet SAMHSA certification criteria across six domains and nine required service types. They operate as a new provider type under a Prospective Payment System (PPS) in Medicaid.

SAMHSA's 6 Certification Criteria

1. Organizational Authority & Governance
2. Needs Assessment and Staffing
3. Availability & Accessibility of Services
4. Care Coordination
5. Person & Family- Centered Care Plans
6. Quality Improvement & Data Reporting

CCBHCs are required to…

- Provide comprehensive, **high-quality, community-based behavioral health** (BH) care.
- **Serve anyone** who requests care for mental health or substance use regardless of their ability to pay, place of residence, or age –this includes developmentally appropriate care for children and youth.
- **Get people into care quickly** with the services they need, when they need it -including providing crisis services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Meet people where they are, with a range of comprehensive BH services and supports. **Providing access to a continuum of care** so people who need care do not have to piece together behavioral support they need across multiple providers.

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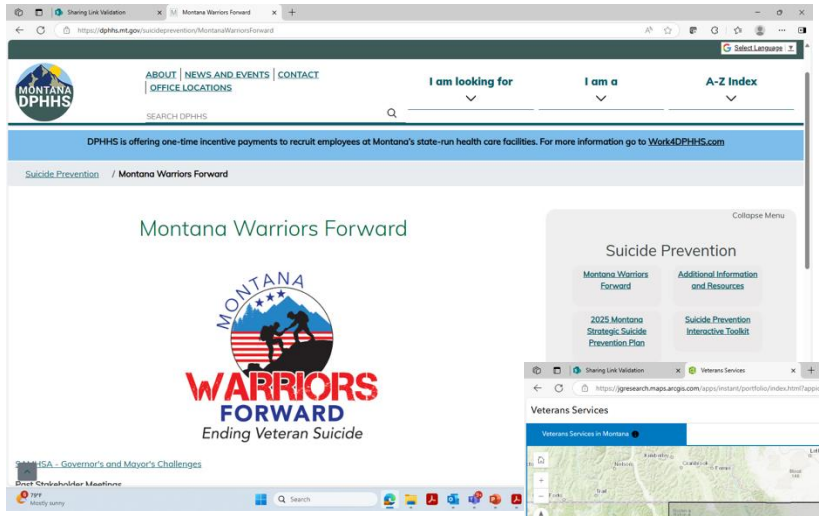
- Provide **care coordination and other enabling services** to help people navigate BH care, physical health care, social services and other systems individuals are involved in to ensure access to care and services
- Employ **interdisciplinary teams** (medical and BH) and patient-centric approaches
- Be **community-based and collaborate** with other services, providers, and programs to improve access to care and community resources

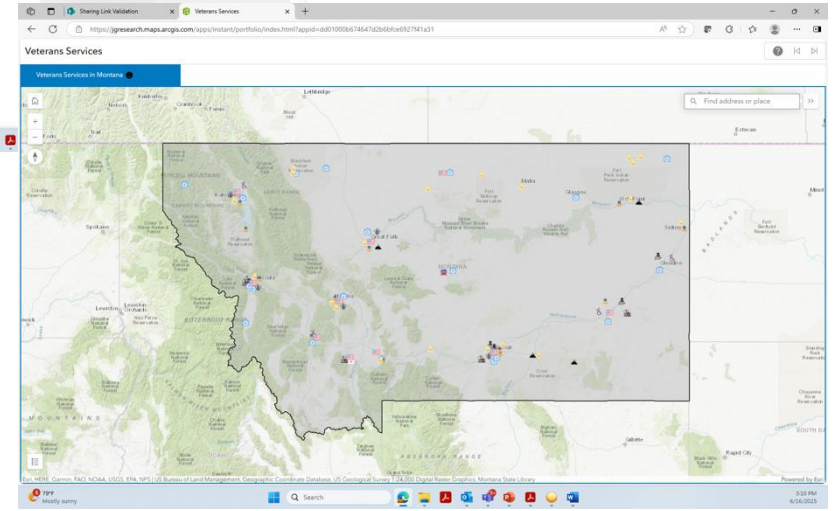
CCBHC “SMVF-Ready” Certification

- CCBHCs are required to be prepared to provide baseline tailored service to SMVF under their existing contract. This would involve training and participation above ana beyond their contractual requirements. **It is voluntary.**
- Will be modeled on Indiana’s “Indiana Community Challenge”
  - Comprised of six sections
    - Coordination meeting compliance (with Montana Warriors Forward)
    - Identification of Military Members and Veterans
    - Training Requirements (for all personnel)
    - Staffing and role compliance intake
    - Veteran liaison knowledge and implementation (For veteran liaisons)
- Participating CCBHCs will receive certification from Montana Warriors Forward ana will be able to display a sticker.

MWF Webpage and Resource Map

- Partners and stakeholders
- Resources and toolkits for VSOs and peers.
- Interactive map of SMVF resources





Way Forward

- Safer Communities Montana Safe Storage Initiative outreach
- MT988 Challenge coin outreach.
- CCBHC “SMVF Ready” Certification Program.
- RFP for 2027 HB118 initiatives. (Listed on the State eMACS system. Will be posted in Spring 2027.)
- Next Protector’s Summit? Event support.

What you can do

- Attend coalition meetings and provide feedback from the field.
- Invite other stakeholders in your area to participate. (Please send me their contact information.)
- Connect with 211 to update SMVF serving resources in your area.
- Encourage peers in under-served areas to establish SMVF support units.
- Be on the lookout for the HB118 and SB95 Grant RFP, if your organization is/or would like to be working on one of the three priority areas.

Conclusion



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