



Madison County Mental Health Advisory Council

Supportive Housing Survey Results July 2020 Summary

1. Do you know of someone who lives in Madison County now or in the recent past who had to go to another county to find a supportive housing facility? **227 responses**
 - Yes **33%** [Work group observation: A considerable number of people know someone. Madison Valley and VC %s are lower, at 27% and 20% respectively.]
 - No **67%**

If yes, how far did he or she have to go? **73 responses**

 - Less than 50 miles **21%**
 - 50-100 miles **62%**
 - Over 100 miles **18%**

2. Does Madison County need its own supportive housing option for individuals who have just been discharged from an Emergency Department (ER) after experiencing a mental health crisis? **226 responses**
 - Yes **57%** [Work group observation: Pretty significant %. However, VC % is lower, at 50%.]
 - No **11%**
 - Don't know **32%** [Work group observation: A lot of Don't Knows.]

Please elaborate: **50 responses: Sampling of comments --**

 - **Depends on the numbers.**
 - **Depends on numbers. More than temporary housing, they are almost certainly going to need supportive services that are rare in Madison County and transportation to get to those services. [Work group observation: If we had all the services, would we have to have a house? Is transportation service we should explore?]**
 - **More taxes.**
 - **Biggest target is teenagers, primarily female ages 12-19...They need a safe environment for 3-5 days. Shodair doesn't have room.**
 - **ED offers only an acute fix...If a patient is just discharged, they go home and then end up back in the ED. Supportive housing would reduce the risk of them being re-admitted. They would have help (e.g., medical help and housing assistance) for taking the next step. [Work group observation: Frequent Fliers/Revolving Door problem]**

- It could serve as a buffer time between two extremes that could help people assess their needs. Plus, being discharged doesn't mean that one is all better...mental health is sneaky.

3. Does Madison County need its own supportive housing option for individuals who have just been discharged from an Emergency Department (ER) after experiencing a drug or alcohol overdose? **227 responses**

- Yes **57%** [Work group observation: Close to Yes number above. Still don't have an idea of The Numbers. Ruby Valley & Madison Valley %s are higher, at 61% and 63% respectively. VC % is lower, at 50%.]
- No **14%**
- Don't know **30%**

Please elaborate: **41 responses: Sampling of comments –**

- Need NOT be forced to go back to an environment and friends who are also abusing substances. Need good nutrition. Need supervision to avoid or reverse a subsequent OD.

4. Does Madison County need its own supportive housing option for individuals who are participating in an outpatient drug or alcohol addiction treatment program? **217 responses**

- Yes **54%** [Work group observation: Ruby Valley & VC %s are much higher, at 74% and 83% respectively.]
- No **20%**
- Don't know **26%**

Please elaborate: [not tabulated]

5. Does Madison County need its own supportive housing option for individuals who are victims of domestic abuse? **227 responses**

- Yes **74%** [Work group observation: Very high. Ruby Valley & Madison Valley % are even higher, at 82% and 79% respectively.]
- No **6%** [Work group observation: Zero "No" responses from VC]
- Don't know **20%** [Work group observation: A lot of Don't Knows]

Please elaborate: **31 responses: Sampling of comments –**

- There are domestic abuse shelters in Dillon, Butte, and Bozeman. Maybe Madison County could collaborate with the Community Support Center (CSC) in Dillon. We (CSC) take Madison County residents now, as we consider all of Madison County to be in our service area. Yet, transportation can be a barrier. Having something short-term for Madison County residents that is more accessible would limit the barriers (to someone getting help). CSC has access to pediatric sexual assault examiners/nurses.

6. Does Madison County need its own supportive housing option for individuals who are homeless? **225 responses**

- Yes **49%** **[Work group observation: One of two options where Yes is not a majority response. Madison Valley % is higher, at 58%. VC % is lower, at 30%.]**
- No **24%**
- Don't know **27%**

Please elaborate: **32 responses: Sampling of comments –**

- **They should go somewhere else.**
- **They should find a job, probably in a bigger place.**
- **I don't think homeless people stick around here long, because of our inclement weather in the winter. They usually just pass through. We may see a couple of people a year in the ER; they may live out of their car with no plan as to where they are headed next. It's not a hot issue. A larger town like Missoula gets more homeless people because they have more services. Many have mental health issues and are reluctant to seek out medical care.**

7. Does Madison County need its own supportive housing option for individuals who have just been discharged from jail, the State Hospital, a mental health crisis stabilization facility, or a treatment center for behaviors pertaining to a mental illness and/or addictive disorder? **227 responses**

- Yes **44%** **[Work group observation: Second option where Yes is not a majority response. Madison Valley % is higher, at 52%. VC % is lower, at 30%.]**
- No **22%**
- Don't know **33%** **[Work group observation: VC % is higher, at 60%.]**

Please elaborate: **32 responses: Sampling of comments –**

- **Re-entry into the community can be very difficult.**
- **I believe this is truly a need. And I think there could be funding options.**
- **Home may not know how to deal with individual.**

8. **[Work group recommendation: Disregard, question was confusing.]** If you said Yes to any of Questions #2-7 above, on a scale of 1 to 6 please rank the situations in terms of their urgency (1= least urgent; 6= most urgent)

- Mental health crisis
- Drug or alcohol overdose
- Outpatient addiction treatment program
- Domestic abuse
- Homeless
- Recent discharge from jail, etc. for behaviors related to mental illness and/or addiction

9. **[Work group recommendation: Disregard, question was confusing. However, a few comments may be worth highlighting.]** Do you see a difference in the supportive housing needs of local youth (minors) vs. local adults?

- Yes
- No

If Yes, please describe: **Sampling of comments –**

- **It is just as real for youth as for adults. Making it local is one less trauma for a young person. If young can stay connected to local community, it is less stigmatizing, less traumatizing, and healthier than an adult.**
- **Youth require a different approach and treatment modalities for effective change outcomes.**

10. If one or more supportive housing facilities were to open up in Madison County, what length of stay would you generally recommend? **210 responses**

- One month or less **30%**
- Up to three months **44%**
- Up to six months **16%**
- Longer **5%**

Please explain your recommendation: **80 responses: Sampling of comments --**

- **Depends on why/reasons/case by case/person and need.**
- **We can't expect people to get better in a short amount of time. Longer stay means less of a chance of a person relapsing or failing.**
- **Try to give enough time to perhaps stabilize behavior.**
- **Important to ensure that people have a place to go afterwards. Sustainability piece. CSC in Dillon (for domestic abuse situations) has no set limit – maybe a week, maybe a month.**
- **We're not talking about a facility where someone can get better.**

11. Would you be concerned if there was a supportive housing facility in your neighborhood/community? **218 responses**

- Yes **50%** **[Work group observation: Overall, Yes responses are evenly split with No responses. Madison Valley % is much lower, at 37%. VC% is much higher, at 80%.]**
- No **52%**

If yes, what would be your concerns? **121 responses [included several people who answered No above]**

- Increase in crime **65%**
- Increase in drug use **60%**
- Increase in traffic **36%**
- Decrease in property values **39%**
- Create a burden for the county to maintain, staff, and provide security **64%**
- Other _____ **23 responses:**

Sampling of comments –

- **Yes or no depending on the type of supportive housing.**
- **Concern is difficult to access. If it is for domestic violence or mental health then no – but for substance abuse or release from jail – then we need to consider the impacts on neighborhoods.**

12. A network of community support services should be readily available to a supportive housing facility. Check below the ones you consider to be most important. **213 responses**
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical services | 64% | ** |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mental health counseling | 81% | ** |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Addiction counseling | 70% | ** |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peer support | 42% | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Security | 55% | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Resident manager | 45% | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food pantry | 37% | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parenting classes | 32% | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assistance in identifying permanent housing options | 58% | ** |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assistance in identifying job possibilities | 58% | ** |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assistance in applying for social service programs (e.g., Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income-SSI) | 46% | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Academic tutoring | 21% | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basic Life Skills (e.g., cooking) | 44% | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | 39% | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | | 12 responses |
13. Would anyone you know benefit from supportive housing? **221 responses**
- Yes **31%**
- No **68%** **[Work group observation: A lot of people don't know someone. Still, they believe it would benefit our community (See question below).]**
- Please elaborate: **35 responses**
14. Would a supportive housing facility benefit our community? **219 responses**
- Yes **64%** **[Work group observation: Madison Valley % is higher, at 73%. VC% is lower, at 60%.]**
- No **23%**
- Please elaborate: **69 responses: Sampling of comments –**
- **If we have individuals in our county who need these services, they should be able to get them within our area.**
 - **Need a town larger than Twin Bridges, perhaps Ennis.**
 - **I don't like the word facility. No big building. Best if it's a small private apartment or motel room for one individual or family. There won't be a huge population all at one time.**
15. Do you have any additional comments or suggestions? **30 responses**
16. Demographic information:
- a. What Madison County community do you live in or near? **220 responses**
- Alder-Laurin **8%**

- Big Sky 5%
- Cameron 1%
- Cardwell 1%
- Ennis 27%
- Harrison 2%
- McAllister 5%
- Norris 1%
- Pony 4%
- Sheridan 32%
- Silver Star-Waterloo 2%
- Twin Bridges 10%
- Virginia City 5%

Ruby Valley: 114 responses

Madison Valley: 73 responses

Virginia City: 10 responses

[Work group observation: No surprises here. Responses pretty evenly dispersed throughout the County.]

b. How long have you lived in Madison County? 214 responses

- Less than 1 year 4%
- 1-5 years 25%
- 6-20 years 48%
- 20 years or longer 24%

[Work group observation: >70% have lived here more than 5 years.]

c. What is your age? 218 responses

- Under 18 <1%
- 18-30 6%
- 31-64 52%
- 65 or older 41%

[Work group observation: Age distribution reflects higher % of older County residents, than what 2018 Census estimates would suggest.]

17. Personal/Professional/Civic Information: 192 responses

a. Check any that apply.

- Health care provider (e.g., doctor, nurse) 16%
- Counselor (e.g., mental health, addiction) 5%
- Part of the local law and justice system 3%
- EMS or Fire Department 20%
- Clergy 3%
- Teacher or school administrator 10%

- Social service provider (e.g., local food pantry, Women-Infants-and Children [WIC], Community Resource Center, Action Inc) 8%
- Low-income housing administrator 1%
- Mayor, Town Council member, or County Commissioner 6%
- Member of a veterans group 15%
- Member of AA 4%
- Member of a local civic club 10%
- Participant in a local senior center 11%
- Other: _____ (e.g., Retired) _____ 30%

[Note: Several people checked more than one category.]

b. Do you have any data that may be pertinent to the need for supportive housing in Madison County?

- Yes 7 individuals [See summary of their data.]
- No

If yes, please provide your contact information so that we may follow up with you.

Name: _____

Email: _____

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