

S. C. MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Hosted by:

Tri-County Community Mental Health Center

1035 Cheraw St., Bennettsville, SC 29512

October 6, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The October 6, 2017 meeting of the South Carolina Mental Health Commission was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Dr. Alison Evans, Chairperson, at the Tri-County Community Mental Health Center, 1035 Cheraw St., Bennettsville, SC and Ms. Crystal McLendon provided the invocation.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Dr. Evans, Chair, welcomed Mr. Cliff McBride – Board Member, Ms. Gloria Phelps, and Ms. Sarah St. Onge.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion by Ms. Beverly Cardwell, seconded by Ms. Sharon Wilson, the Commission approved the agenda for today's Business Meeting.

All voted in favor to the above motions; all motions carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Ms. Sharon Wilson, seconded by Ms. Beverly Cardwell, the Commission approved the Minutes from the Center Presentation on August 4, 2017.

On a motion by Sharon Wilson, seconded by Ms. Beverly Cardwell, the Commission approved the Minutes from the Business Meeting of August 4, 2017.

On a motion by Ms. Beverly Cardwell, seconded by Ms. Sharon Wilson, the Commission approved the Minutes from the Business Meeting of September 8, 2017.

All voted in favor to the above motions; all motions carried.

MONTHLY/QUARTERLY INFORMATION REPORTS

Mr. Mark Binkley presented the items listed under Monthly/Quarterly Informational Reports, copies of which had been provided to the Commission. He stated that there have been two (2) arrests by SLED, with one being a former BHA at Harris Psychiatric Hospital and the other a contract RN. Mr. Binkley stated that SCDMH has a screening process in place for contract personnel, but there was no negative background information found for the arrested RN.

DEPARTMENTAL OVERVIEW AND UPDATE

School-Based Services

Mr. Geoff Mason introduced Ms. Allison Farrell, the new School-Based Program Manager. Ms. Farrell discussed a handout which outlined the SCDMH School-Based Mental Health Program, copies of which had been provided to the Commission. She stated that SCDMH is a national leader in School Based Mental Health Services and provides mental health services to students in the schools they attend. Ms. Farrell stated that the SCDMH School-Based Mental Health Programs are currently located in six hundred forty-one (641) schools across the State, which represents approximately fifty percent (50%) of the South Carolina public schools. She stated that services were expanded to include an additional eighty-one (81) schools in 2017, with the Charleston/Dorchester area having services in all fifty-three (53) of the local schools. An expansion is planned for 2018 which will add services in twelve (12) additional schools across the State.

Mr. Magill stated that a portion of Logan Funds will be used for School-Based Services research. He stated that SCDMH will continue to seek financial assistance from The Duke Endowment and Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

Forensic Waiting List Update

Mr. Alan Powell stated that as of today, there are thirty-two (32) on the Forensic waiting list, with six (6) out on bond, leaving a total of twenty-six (26) in detention centers. There has been a substantial improvement compared to there being sixty-two (62) on the waiting list in July. He stated that there were seven (7) successful hearings held in Richland County. Ms. Versie Bellamy stated that there are currently eighteen (18) on the waiting list for restoration and ten (10) for the Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program (PRP). The first pod of Lodge E, consisting of ten (10) beds, has opened and nine (9) of the beds are currently occupied. It is expected that the second pod of Lodge E will open in November.

Community Mental Health Statistical Report

Mr. Geoff Mason presented the items from the Community Mental Health Statistical Report, copies of which were provided to the Commission. Mr. Magill suggested that reviewing other tools for measuring progress may be appropriate.

Bull Street Update

Mr. Mark Binkley stated that September 30th is the anniversary date of the commencement of the contract between SCDMH and Hughes Development and that approximately \$ 1.25M was due to SCDMH this past September 30, 2017. He stated that as on September 29th, there were three (3) closings totaling \$ 1.3M. One of the closings was for an eleven (11) acre parcel that is located at the corner of Bull Street and Colonial Drive. Mr. Binkley expressed his appreciation to Mr. Alan Powell for his assistance with the closings. Mr. Magill stated that closings are expected in the future for the Babcock Building and the USC Medical University campus.

Waiver of Medical Care Account

Mr. Alan Powell presented an approval request for the waiver of a patient's outstanding balance of \$ 885,537.44, a copy of which had been provided to the Commission.

On a motion by Ms. Beverly Cardwell, seconded by Ms. Sharon Wilson, the Commission approved the request to grant a medical waiver to waive the patient's outstanding balance.

All voted in favor to the above motion; all motions carried.

Carve-In Update

Mr. Mark Binkley stated that SCDMH has collected the majority of payments for the claims for billed services for last year from four (4) of the five (5) MCOs, with minimal rejections. Mr. Magill stated that SCDMH's goal is to strive for uniformity among all of the MCOs.

Financial Status Update

Mr. Mark Binkley highlighted certain information on the SCDMH Financial Report, dated August 31, 2017, copies of which had been provided to the Commission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Magill stated that Commissioner Beverly Cardwell attended the forum recently held in Rock Hill. He stated that the community was challenged at the forum to assist with ideas in developing Crisis Stabilization Services in the Rock Hill area. Additional forums are scheduled for October (Beaufort), November (Spartanburg), and December (Orangeburg). Dr. Evans stated that the Legislative Board Training is scheduled for October 13, 2017 at the SCDMH Central Office.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:10 a.m., on a motion by Ms. Sharon Wilson, seconded by Ms. Beverly Cardwell, the Commission adjourned the Business Meeting and entered into Executive Session to receive legal advice concerning pending and threatened litigation. Upon convening in open session at 11:20 a.m., it was noted that only information was received; no votes or actions were taken.

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NOTICE/AGENDA

A notice and agenda of the meeting were sent out to all individuals and news media who requested information, in accordance with State law.

ATTENDANCE

Commission Members:

Dr. Alison Evans, Chair
Ms. Sharon Wilson

Ms. Beverly Cardwell
Ms. Louise Haynes (via phone)

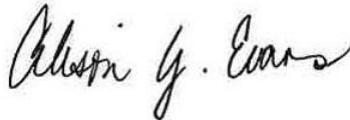
Staff/Visitors:

Christian Barnes-Young
Lindsay Williams
Cliff McBride
Shawna McLellan
McKayla Gorman

Sarah St. Onge
Vivian Tinker
Geoff Mason
Alan Powell
Allison Ferrell

Mark Binkley
Versie Bellamy
Melba Arthur
Dr. Kimberly Rudd

APPROVALS



**Alison Y. Evans
PsyD, Chair**



**Terry Davis
Recording Secretary**