

S. C. MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING
SCDMH Administration
2414 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201
November 3, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The November 3, 2017 meeting of the South Carolina Mental Health Commission was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Dr. Alison Evans, Chairperson, , in Conference Room 320 at the SC Department of Mental Health Administration Building, 2414 Bull Street, Columbia, SC.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Dr. Evans welcomed Janie Simpson, Brandi Barnhill, Sarah St. Onge, and Kathleen Warthen.

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.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR FOR UNEXPIRED TERM

Dr. Rod Rutledge submitted his verbal resignation as Vice Chair from the S. C. Mental Health Commission as of December 31, 2017. Dr. Rutledge expressed his appreciation of the opportunity to work with an excellent, professional staff at the Department. He stated that the focus of the Commission and the Agency's leadership has been first and foremost on patient care in the communities and taking care of vulnerable individuals. He conveyed special thanks to Commissioner Buxton Terry for his continued commitment to meeting the needs of patients. Dr. Evans thanked Dr. Rutledge for his years of service and dedication.

Dr. Rod Rutledge made a motion to nominate Ms. Sharon Wilson, seconded by Ms. Beverly Cardwell. The nomination was accepted by Ms. Wilson.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Ms. Beverly Cardwell, seconded by Dr. Rod Rutledge, the Commission approved the minutes from the Center Presentation of October 6, 2017.

On a motion by Ms. Sharon Wilson, seconded by Mr. Beverly Cardwell, the Commission approved the Minutes from the Business Meeting of October 6, 2017.

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

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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.

DEPARTMENTAL OVERVIEW AND UPDATE

Forensic Waiting List Update

Ms. Versie Bellamy stated that progress is continuing on measures to improve the admission and discharge of forensic patients. She stated that the waiting list has decreased by seventy-two percent (72%) since May, 2017 and that the average length of stay has decreased by twelve percent (12%). The wait list for the PRP (Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program) has decreased. There are currently ten (10) patients in Lodge E, and it is projected that the next pod will be open by the end of November. Ms. Bellamy stated that the START NOW training began on October 2nd and the first round of training has been completed.

Bull Street Update

Mr. Mark Binkley stated that there are no closings scheduled at this time. It is expected that the Energy Plant parcel will close in the near future. Mr. Binkley stated that quarterly meetings will be held with Hughes Development to stay abreast of its plans. Preparations are being made to break ground for the Senior Living Facility in the area which the Hall Cottages were located. He stated that foundational work has begun for the townhouses and it is projected that some of them will be available in six (6) to nine (9) months. The City of Columbia is currently developing a twenty (20) acre park. A contractual payment in the amount of \$ 3.7M is due from Hughes Development in September, 2018.

Housing Update

Ms. Michele Murff stated that a fixed price bid solicitation has been issued by S. C. Materials Management Office (SCMMO), which will allow for the funding of different housing options across the State. She stated that the maximum amount to be spent on each unit is \$ 25K. Projects that are sought are those with matching funds comprised of multiple funding sources that are obtained by developers. Ms. Murff stated that no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of each development will be designated for mental health residents. Two (2) proposals were received by SCMMO in August and have been added to the Qualified Provider List (QPL), including one from NHE (Greenville) and one from the Charleston County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (CCHRA), a public/non-profit organization. An internal project approval process has also been established by DMH. Mr. Magill commended Ms. Murff for the PowerPoint presentation given at the Legislative Board Training in October. Ms. Murff will be sharing a copy of the PowerPoint presentation with the Commission Members.

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Financial Status Update

Ms. Noelle Wriston highlighted certain information on the SCDMH Financial Report, dated September 30, 2017, copies of which had been provided to the Commission. It was noted that DMH is receiving billing payments for four (4) of the five (5) MCOs in a timely manner.

Approval of Easement

Mr. Mark Binkley presented an approval request to grant a permanent electrical power easement to Duke Energy Progress, LLC, for the new Santee-Wateree Mental Health Center.

On a motion by Ms. Louise Haynes, seconded by Ms. Sharon Wilson, the Commission approved the request to grant an easement to Duke Energy Progress, LLC.

Inpatient Peer Support

Ms. Versie Bellamy gave an update on the introduction of peer support specialists in the Division of Inpatient Services. She stated that Bryan Psychiatric Hospital and the Division of Inpatient Services (DIS) met with Ms. Bonnie Pate of S. C. Share in August and position descriptions were developed and prepared in September. On October 17th, Mr. Lloyd Hale began providing peer support services at Bryan Psychiatric Hospital two (2) days per week and staff training will begin on November 6th. Following the establishment of Peer Support Services at Bryan, staff training will be held at Morris Village and Harris Psychiatric Hospital. Ms. Bellamy expressed appreciation for the assistance that has been provided by Dr. Robert Bank and Ms. Deb Blalock.

Veteran Home Art Project/Community Relations Initiatives/New DMH Website

Ms. Melanie Ferretti stated that Mr. Brian Cripps started the Veterans Home Art Project and by 2010, there were approximately three hundred seventy-five (375) pieces of art, valued at about \$ 80K, donated to the Veterans Victory House. The donated artwork includes oil, acrylic, watercolor paintings, photographs, and mixed media and adorns the hallways and community areas. The Veterans Home Art Project was well received and was expanded to place artwork at the Campbell Veterans Nursing Home and C. M. Tucker Nursing Home – Stone Pavilion. Between the three (3) facilities, there are currently approximately nine hundred (900) pieces of art, valued at approximately \$ 146K. Ms. Ferretti stated that an art management and auditing procedure policy is being developed to maintain an accurate inventory of the artwork. Mr. Cripps was recognized at a DMH Commission Meeting, and at a 2012 forum at Veterans Victory House for his generosity and efforts.

Ms. Ferretti stated that the first round of community forums began in 2010. It was noted that in FY10 and FY12, that there were approximately two thousand seven hundred (2,700) in attendance. The forums were designed to bring members of the community together to discuss the current state of mental and behavioral health issues and services. In FY11, there were two hundred thirty (230) interviews conducted by Mr. Magill, leading to the creating of twenty-seven (27) documents, which profiled SC mental health advocates, DMH commissioners, and

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each mental health center and inpatient facility. Since FY13, Mr. Magill has spoken to approximately three thousand (3,000) members of fifty-seven (57) civic clubs. The third round of community panels is being held during 2017 and 2018.

Ms. Ferretti stated that a new internet website is currently being developed and can be viewed at www.scdmh.net.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Mark Binkley stated that the new Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) facility is currently on schedule to open in the fall of 2018.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:43 a.m., on a motion by Ms. Sharon Wilson, seconded by Ms. Beverly Cardwell, the Commission adjourned.

ATTENDANCE

Commission Members

Dr. Alison Evans, Chair
Dr. Rod Rutledge, Vice-Chair

Beverly Cardwell
Bob Hiott

Sharon Wilson
Louise Haynes

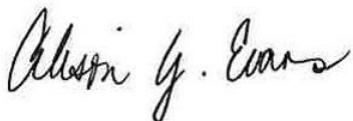
Guests/Staff

John Magill
Versie Bellamy
Mark Binkley
Stewart Cooner
Dr. Robert Bank
Dr. Kimberly Rudd

Val Perkins
Melba Arthur
Brandi Barnhill
Michele Murff
Noelle Wriston

Melanie Ferretti
Janie Simpson
Kathleen Warthen
Sarah St. Onge
Ervin Hinton

APPROVALS



**Alison Y. Evans
PsyD, Chair**



**Terry Davis
Recording Secretary**