

# S. C. MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Hosted by:

Beckman Center for Mental Health

1547 Parkway

Greenwood, SC 29646

February 2, 2018

## ***CALL TO ORDER***

The February 2, 2018 meeting of the South Carolina Mental Health Commission was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Dr. Alison Evans, Chairperson, at the Beckman Center for Mental Health, 1547 Parkway, Greenville, SC and Mr. Sam O'Shields provided the invocation.

## ***INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS***

Dr. Evans, Chair, welcomed Mr. Thornwell Simmons. Dr. Evans also thanked everyone for the hospitality that was shown to her students in January.

## ***APPROVAL OF AGENDA***

*On a motion by Ms. Sharon Wilson, seconded by Ms. Beverly Cardwell, 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. Beverly Cardwell, seconded by Ms. Sharon Wilson, the Commission approved the Minutes from the Business Meeting of January 12, 2018.*

*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.

## ***DEPARTMENTAL OVERVIEW AND UPDATE***

### ***6 Month Report of Collections***

Mr. Alan Powell presented the items from the 6 Month Report of Collections, copies of which were provided to the Commission. Mr. Mark Binkley stated that if it can be established that a patient has no income or very little income, services are provided for a minimal charge. He stated that intercepting tax refunds was a last resort after the patient had ignored written notices.

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**Legislative Update**

Mr. Mark Binkley stated that a new bill has been introduced by Senator Shealy, to create a Children's Advocacy Department, which would monitor services provided to children by other State Agencies. Mr. Magill requested that a legislative update be presented by Ms. Rochelle Caton at the March 2, 2018 Commission Meeting.

**Forensic Waiting List Update**

Ms. Versie Bellamy stated that as of today, there are nineteen (19) on the Forensic wait list, which represents a decrease of eighty-four percent (84%) since May of 2016. She stated that the wait time in days for restorations has decreased by approximately fifty-two percent (52%). Ms. Bellamy reported that the wait time in days for the longer term Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program (PRP) is seventeen (17) days. It was reported that there are currently twenty-one (21) patients housed in Lodge E. Mr. Magill stated that there has been significant improvement in reducing the Forensic wait list and expressed appreciation to everyone who has been involved in the efforts.

**Bull Street Update**

Mr. Mark Binkley stated that there have been no parcel sales since December, 2017. He stated that the foundations have been completed for the townhouses and that all of the permits have been completed for the senior living parcel. Development is currently underway for the park. Mr. Binkley stated that a meeting was held with the Corporate Leadership of Hughes Development to discuss plans for future development. It was stated that the developer has plans to develop the Babcock Building into apartments and that negotiations are underway to finalize the plans.

**Update on VA Nursing Home Construction Grant Requests**

Mr. Magill stated that the General Assembly requested that SCDMH develop a plan to place new State Veterans' Nursing Homes geographically around the State. Applications have been submitted to the Federal Government and the three areas chosen for additional nursing homes, Florence, Gaffney, and Columbia are on the priority list. He stated that he and Mr. Mark Binkley gave a presentation last week to the Joint Bond Review Committee and that preliminary plans are being made to proceed with the construction of the three (3) nursing homes, should the federal funds be awarded to SCDMH. At the request of the Joint Bond Review Committee, Mr. Magill will be meeting with Senator Lindsey Graham to discuss the federal funding. Mr. Binkley stated that a hybrid design is being reviewed, which would lower the cost of construction and operation.

**Update on Grant Requests Submitted to The Duke Endowment:**

- **Ancillary Licensed Professionals in Community Telepsychiatry**

Dr. Robert Bank stated that a bill has been introduced in the Senate which would allow advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants to perform delegated medical services through Telepsychiatry. He stated that a meeting will be held soon with The Duke Endowment to discuss SCDMH's proposal. Mr. Stewart Cooner stated that SCDMH partnered with The Duke Endowment for the first time in 2007 to create the ED TelePsychiatry Program. In 2013, the Community Telepsychiatry Program was developed, which made telehealth services available in all of the SCDMH community health centers and clinics. Mr. Cooner stated that in 2017, under Ms. Deb Blalock's direction, the Mobile Crisis Team of the Charleston/Dorchester Mental Health Center started a telehealth pilot project for the Charleston EMS. He stated that over 78K psychiatric services have been provided through DMH Telepsychiatry services. SCDMH is the largest provider in South Carolina of Telehealth and Telepsychiatry services. A grant application has been prepared and presented to The Duke Endowment that will hopefully lend to the increased use of Advanced Practice Nurses and Mental Health Professionals in the Telepsychiatry Program, and enable the programs services to expand even further.

- **Darlington School EHealth VISTA Partnership**

Dr. Robert Bank stated that Darlington County is partnering with MUSC to align pediatric and mental health needs. He noted that this partnership will make Telepsychiatry services available in all of the schools in Darlington County.

**Approval of Medical Care Account Waivers**

Mr. Alan Powell presented an approval request for the waiver of a patient's outstanding balance of \$ 278,048.83, copies of which had been provided to the Commission.

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

Mr. Alan Powell presented an approval request for the waiver of a patient's outstanding balance of \$ 65,951.20, copies of which had been provided to the Commission.

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

Mr. Alan Powell presented an approval request for the waiver of a patient's outstanding balance of \$ 61,851.88, copies of which had been provided to the Commission.

***On a motion by Mr. Bob Hiott, 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.***

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**Financial Status Update**

Mr. Mark Binkley highlighted certain information on the SCDMH Financial Report, dated December 31, 2017, copies of which had been provided to the Commission. It was noted that Medicaid rate increases are likely for Inpatient Services and if approved, they will be retroactive to October, 2017, boosting the Agency's projected revenue.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Magill stated that forums will continue to be held around the State.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*At 11:04 a.m., on a motion by Ms. Sharon Wilson, seconded by Mr. Bob Hiott, 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 11:15 a.m., it was noted that only information was received; no votes or actions were taken.*

**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, Co-Chair

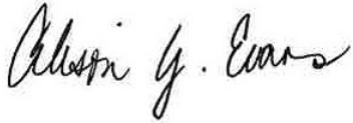
Ms. Beverly Cardwell  
Mr. Bob Hiott

**Staff/Visitors:**

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| Melanie Gambrell      | Shannon Aiken    | Gail Smith        |
| Penny McCoy           | Heidi Hoogstraal | Kristen Chapman   |
| Greg Ross             | Dr. Eman Sharawy | Thornwell Simmons |
| Cherry Corbett-Parker | Tyisha Williams  | Debbie Blalock    |
| Sam O'Sheilds         | Rick Leary       | Versie Bellamy    |
| Kerry Harthun         | Betty Speech     | Dr. Kimberly Rudd |
| Michael Willis        | Rhonda Paxton    | Mark Binkley      |
| Calvin Lake           | Tacey Perillo    | Dr. Robert Bank   |
| Koshay Arnold         | Nicole Pierce    | Alan Powell       |
| Brooke Tavernier      | Barbara Jackson  | Stewart Cooner    |
| Shane Parnell         | Lori Pruitt      |                   |

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**APPROVALS**



**Alison Y. Evans**  
**PsyD, Chair**



**Terry Davis**  
**Recording Secretary**