

S. C. MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING
SCDMH Administration
2414 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201
March 2, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The March 2, 2018 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. Mr. Stewart Cooner provided the invocation.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Dr. Evans welcomed Dave Cardwell, Susan Feigin, Alexis Small, and Sara St. Onge.

RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Commissioner Beverly Cardwell was recognized for her service that began in 2012. Ms. Cardwell was presented with a Resolution that was signed by Dr. Alison Evans, Chair and SCDMH State Director, Mr. John Magill and a gift from the Commission Members for her dedicated service. Ms. Cardwell also served on the Catawba Community Mental Health Center Board for twelve (12) years.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion by Ms. Sharon Wilson, seconded by Ms. Louise Haynes, 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. Louise Haynes, the Commission approved the minutes from the Center Presentation of February 2, 2018.

On a motion by Ms. Sharon Wilson, seconded by Ms. Beverly Cardwell, the Commission approved the Minutes from the Business Meeting of February 2, 2018.

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

MONTHLY/QUARTERLY INFORMATION REPORTS

Ms. Rochelle Caton presented the items listed under Monthly/Quarterly Informational Reports, copies of which had been provided to the Commission.

DEPARTMENTAL OVERVIEW AND UPDATE

Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed in honor of former Commission Member, Mr. Buxton Terry.

New DMH Website Preview

Ms. Melanie Ferretti gave an overview of the newly designed DMH website. She stated that the new website will provide easier navigation, automatic adjustment for all screen types, and is Section 508 compliant (handicap accessible). Ms. Ferretti noted that the new website will be used as a recruitment tool and a means of providing news and public information pertaining to mental healthcare. The new website will contain translating abilities which will allow the website pages to be displayed in different languages. A calendar of upcoming events such as Commission meetings or job fairs will also be provided.

Forensic Waiting List Update

Ms. Versie Bellamy stated that there are currently eleven (11) on the Forensic waiting list and that the Forensic waiting list has decreased by approximately ninety percent (90%) since May of 2016. She stated that there has been a thirty-two percent (32%) decrease in the average length of stay since January of 2017. The wait time for patients requiring longer term treatment has decreased by approximately fifty-four percent (54%).

Community Mental Health Statistical Report

Ms. Deb Blalock presented the items from the Community Mental Health Statistical Report, copies of which were provided to the Commission.

Bull Street Update

Mr. John Magill stated that the townhouse development in front of Parker Annex is approximately fifty percent (50%) constructed and that the park is approximately fifty percent (50%) complete. He stated that there are signed agreements in place for the retirement facility. Mr. Magill stated that it is expected that a firm from Virginia may soon begin renovations on the Babcock Building.

Housing Update

Ms. Michele Murff stated that there are currently four (4) developers/public housing authorities on the Qualified Provider List (QPL). As part of the Bull Street Housing Initiative, funds will be used for integrated/scattered site developments, and up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the units in each development will be designated for persons with serious mental illnesses. She stated that rental assistance will be provided by existing or new DMH funding, HUD Housing Choice/Section 8 Vouchers, or other available rent subsidy/operating funds. The funds may also be used to rehabilitate existing DMH-funded developments. Ms. Murff stated that DMH will partner with public housing authorities, private for-profit, or non-profit developers and that there are currently four (4) projects underway:

- ***Preserve at Logan Park - Greenville***
 - *The Greenville Housing Authority is partnering with Integral Development*
 - Occupants must be at least sixty-two (62) years of age

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- ***Young Adult Housing Development - Columbia***
 - *Mental Illness Recovery Center, Inc. (MIRCI)*
 - Occupants must be formerly homeless males between the ages of seventeen (17) and twenty-four (24)
 - Includes federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and DMH Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) funding
- ***Northside Apartments – Spartanburg***
 - *NHE, Inc. is partnering with Northside Development Group and the Spartanburg Housing Authority*
 - Tenants will include approximately ten percent (10%) mixed income
- ***Parkside at Drayton Apartments – Spartanburg***
 - *NHE, Inc. is partnering with the Spartanburg Housing Authority*
 - Occupants must be at least sixty-two years of age

Financial Status Update

Ms. Noelle Wriston highlighted certain information on the SCDMH Financial Report, dated January 31, 2018, copies of which had been provided to the Commission. It is projected that the Agency will finish this fiscal year under budget.

Legislative Update

Ms. Rochelle Caton highlighted several items from the Legislative News publications, dated February 6, 2018 and March 2, 2018, copies of which had been provided to the Commission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Magill stated that DMH has received the first installment payment of \$ 1.5M from the Telehealth Alliance, which will be used in the implementation of DMH’s involvement in the State’s TeleHealth Project. It was noted that a meeting was held this week with The Duke Endowment to discuss a Children’s TeleHealth Project (Darlington County) and an expansion of the existing DMH TeleHealth Program, which would allow the hiring of additional non-MD personnel. Mr. Magill stated that he and Mr. Mark Binkley visited the construction site of the new Santee-Wateree Mental Health Center in Sumter and that the completion is expected by the end of May. He stated that DMH is in the process of hiring new Directors for the Spartanburg and Charleston/Dorchester Mental Health Centers due to the previous Directors accepting other positions within DMH. Mr. Magill participated in a meeting which was attended by Governor McMaster to discuss school safety and DMH’s School Based Services Program was commended during the meeting. He also attended a meeting this week with the Superintendent of Education, Ms. Molly Spearman, and Mr. Mark Keel, Director of SLED, to establish some principles for collaborative efforts regarding school safety issues. Mr. Magill will be attending a meeting today with staff members from Senator Lindsay Graham’s office to discuss legislation pertaining to school safety issues that Senator Graham is proposing. Next week, Mr. Magill will be meeting with Senator Lindsay Graham to discuss the Veterans Nursing Home expansion.

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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.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:40 a.m., on a motion by Ms. Louise Haynes, seconded by Ms. Beverly Cardwell, the Commission adjourned.

ATTENDANCE

Commission Members

Dr. Alison Evans, Chair
Beverly Cardwell

Sharon Wilson, Vice-Chair
Louise Haynes

Visitors/Staff

John Magill
Versie Bellamy
Stewart Cooner
Dr. Robert Bank
Dr. Kimberly Rudd
Val Perkins
Rochelle Caton

Alan Powell
Deborah Blalock
Jeff Ham
Pete Creighton
Jennifer Roberts
Michele Reeder
Michele Murff

Melanie Ferretti
Susan Anderson
Noelle Wriston
Johnny Robinson
Susan Feigin
Sarah St. Onge
Alexis Small

APPROVALS



**Alison Y. Evans
PsyD, Chair**



**Terry Davis
Recording Secretary**