

# S. C. MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Hosted by:

Bryan Psychiatric Hospital

220 Faison Drive

Columbia, SC 29203

April 6, 2018

## ***CALL TO ORDER***

The April 6, 2018 meeting of the South Carolina Mental Health Commission was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Dr. Alison Evans, Chairperson, at Bryan Psychiatric Hospital, 220 Faison Drive, Columbia, SC 29203 and Chaplain Jeremiah Page provided the invocation.

## ***INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS***

Dr. Evans, Chair, welcomed Ms. Elizabeth Knott and Mr. Thornwell Simmons.

## ***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 Mr. Bob Hiott, seconded by Ms. Sharon Wilson, the Commission approved the Minutes from the Business Meeting of March 2, 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***

### ***Report of the Inpatient Facilities Governing Body Meeting of January 10, 2018 and Approval of Minutes***

Ms. Versie Bellamy presented the Inpatient Facilities Governing Body Meeting minutes from the January 10, 2018 meeting, copies of which had been provided to the Commission.

*On a motion by Ms. Sharon Wilson, seconded by Ms. Louise Haynes, the Commission approved the Governing Body Meeting minutes from the January 10, 2018 meeting.*

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**Legislative Update**

Mr. Mark Binkley highlighted several items from the Legislative News publication, dated April 5, 2018, copies of which had been provided to the Commission. It was noted that the Senate Finance Committee recommended the same budget for DMH as the House, with the exception of the addition of approximately \$ 154K in funding for Crisis Intervention Training.

**Forensic Waiting List Update**

Ms. Versie Bellamy commended staff for the outstanding efforts in improving the Forensic Waiting List. She reported that there has been an overall decrease of approximately ninety percent (90%) in the waiting list over the past eighteen (18) months. There has been improvement (reduction) in the overall length of stay. Mr. Alan Powell commended the close working relationship between Inpatient and Outpatient Services.

**Bull Street Update**

Mr. Mark Binkley stated that there have been no parcel sales since December, 2017. He stated that development is underway for the new park and for the Senior Living Center. Mr. Binkley stated that approximately \$ 1M is due to SCDMH by September 30, 2018. Mr. Magill stated that the townhouses are well on their way to being completed and that the former energy plant is in the process of being converted into a church.

**Public Safety Update**

Mr. Mark Binkley stated that safety is the number one priority at DMH and that one aspect of ensuring safety is having a Public Safety Department. It was noted that the primary functions of the officers includes transporting patients from the Forensics and SVP Programs, and patrolling the grounds of the inpatient facilities and responding to staff calls for assistance. Public Safety has received a grant to aid in funding the purchase of body worn cameras. Mr. Mark Binkley introduced Public Safety Chief, Elizabeth Hall. Chief Hall stated that Public Safety, like other agency components, is striving for excellence, and is seeking to become an accredited law enforcement agency. Later this month the Commission for the Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) will be in Columbia to survey DMH Public Safety. Also noteworthy is that Public Safety has been recognized by the U. S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) as the only mental health agency law enforcement entity that is one hundred percent (100%) in compliance for its body-worn camera policies. The BJA has requested that DMH Public Safety share information with other law enforcement agencies to assist them in attaining one hundred percent (100%) compliance. Mr. Binkley commended Chief Hall and the Public Safety staff for the recognition that SCDMH received at the National Meeting.

**School-Based Mental Health Program Update**

Ms. Allison Farrell presented information on DMH’s School Mental Health Program. SCDMH is recognized as a National leader of School Mental Health and now provides services in five hundred forty (540) of the twelve hundred sixty-seven (1,267) public schools across South Carolina. In 2016, the Program received a \$ 1.4M grant from the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Foundation of South Carolina to further expand its services in eleven (11) additional elementary schools through the PERSIST/Carolina Cares program. Ms. Farrell stated that the mission of the School Mental Health Program is to promote success for all students by providing evidence-based mental health practices in South Carolina schools. School Mental Health Services were first introduced by SCDMH in 1993 in the Bryson Middle School in Greenville County, and by January of 2018, had expanded services to six hundred twenty-seven (627) schools. It is projected that approximately sixteen thousand (16,000) students will receive school mental health services through SCDMH mental health centers in FY18. Emotional and behavioral problems impact children’s ability to learn and School Mental Health Services provide an opportunity for early identification and intervention. Students are treated in the schools they attend and services that are provided through the program are:

- Clinical Assessments
- Treatment Plans
- Psychiatric Services
- Individual, Group, Family Therapies
- Crisis Intervention
- Care Coordination
- Prevention & Early Intervention

The Shared Vision for the future is having a clinician in every public school in South Carolina by 2020. Mr. Magill stated that a grant request has been submitted to The Duke Endowment which would enable service expansion. He expressed appreciation to The Duke Endowment and to the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Foundation for the financial assistance that has been given to SCDMH.

**Financial Status Update**

Mr. Mark Binkley highlighted certain information on the SCDMH Financial Report, dated February, 2018, copies of which had been provided to the Commission.

**DMH Community Residential Care Facility Reorganization**

Ms. Deb Blalock stated that the theme of the reorganization of the DMH operated Community Residential Care Facilities (CRCF) is “We Are Us”, a reminder to Centers and Facilities that they are all part of the entire DMH organization and not a standalone entity. The decision has been made to house the administration for the twelve (12) DMH CRCFs at the DMH Central Office. It was stated that there are approximately one hundred twenty-five (125) beds and that the purpose of the homes is to facilitate a bridge between inpatient and outpatient programs. Ms. Blalock stated that the cost to operate the houses is approximately \$ 6M. Ms. Versie Bellamy is confident that efficiencies can be gained and stated that the goal is to assist all patients in receiving their mental health services in a community setting.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Magill stated that a forum was recently held at the Tri-County Mental Health Center and that it was well attended and productive. Another forum is scheduled in the next few weeks at the Piedmont Mental Health Center. At the request of the new leadership at the Greenville Hospital System, Mr. Magill and several members of the DMH Senior Staff will be attending a meeting this month to discuss partnerships in the Upstate and create an environment that serves the public and private sectors. He stated that the NAMI walks are underway and he urged everyone to seek out those in their communities. Mr. Magill stated that a meeting will be planned for DMH Senior Leaders to meet and discuss shared goals. A celebration was held this week at the Children’s Advocacy Center that is operated by DMH, celebrating twenty (20) years and serving over one thousand (1,000) children.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*At 11:20 a.m., on a motion by Mr. Bob Hiott, seconded by Ms. Louise Haynes, the Commission adjourned the Business Meeting and entered into Executive Session to discuss the recipient of the 2018 Louise R. Hassenplug Award. Upon convening in open session at 11:50 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	Louise Haynes
Ms. Sharon Wilson, Co-Chair	Mr. Bob Hiott

**Staff/Visitors:**

Dr. Robert Bank	Versie Bellamy	Deb Blalock
Dr. Allyson Sipes	Donna McLane	Melba Arthur
Karen Swaim	Karen Graydon	Dr. Dale Adair
Dr. Angela Forand	Shannon Shuler	Allison Findley
Josnel Faiivae	Ron Lawrenz	Allison Farrell
Maryjane Hicks	Jennifer Block	Dr. Kimberly Rudd
Chief Elizabeth Hall	Dr. Patricia Handley	Andrea Coverman
Stuart Shields	Mark Binkley	Adetoro Adekeye
Alan Powell		

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**APPROVALS**



**Alison Y. Evans**  
PsyD, Chair



**Terry Davis**  
Recording Secretary