

**S. C. MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING**  
**SCDMH Administration**  
**2414 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201**  
**July 13, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The July 13, 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 Sarah St. Onge and Lauren Phillips.

**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. Louise Haynes, seconded by Ms. Sharon Wilson, the Commission approved the Minutes from the Business Meeting of June 1, 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**

**Recognition of 2018 Palmetto Gold Award Recipients**

Dr. Versie Bellamy recognized five (5) nurses from DMH that are recipients of the 2018 Palmetto Gold Award, which recognizes the top one hundred (100) nurses in South Carolina each year:

Elizabeth A. Brown – Division of Inpatient Services  
Jeanne G. Felder – Division of Inpatient Services  
Nicole D. Hamilton – C. M. Tucker Nursing Care Center  
Christine J. Mayo – Division of Inpatient Services  
Donna M. McLane – G. Werber Bryan Psychiatric Hospital

The award recipients were congratulated by Dr. Alison Evans, Mr. John Magill, Dr. Versie Bellamy, and Dr. Patricia Handley and were presented with SCDMH awards for their achievements.

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Dr. Bellamy stated that thirty-four (34) nurses from DMH have been recipients of the Palmetto Gold Award since 2002 and that Jeanne G. Felder will be representing DMH on the steering committee.

**Recognition of Service**

Mr. Rick Acton was recognized for his leadership of the Aiken-Barnwell Mental Health Center from 2008 -2018, while also serving as the Executive Director of the Lexington County Community Mental Health Center. Mr. Acton was presented with a SCDMH certificate of appreciation by Dr. Alison Evans, Mr. John Magill, and Ms. Deb Blalock and will continue to serve as the Executive Director of the Lexington County Community Mental Health Center.

**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. Ms. Blalock outlined upcoming changes in the way the report is presented that will provide more in depth information, an example of which were provided to the Commission. The new reports will display detailed information for each of the mental health centers, including how the centers rank across the State, financial information, and a breakdown of the services that are provided. It was noted that a Crisis Center will be opening in Spartanburg in the next few weeks and that one will open in the Greenville area in the fall. Ms. Blalock stated that 24/7 Community Crisis Response & Intervention (CCRI) programs have begun in the Coastal Empire and Waccamaw areas and that there will be some beginning in the Pee Dee area soon. Mr. Magill stated that DMH is investing in outcome research and that Dr. Mark Weist should have information available soon.

**Bull Street Update**

Mr. Mark Binkley stated that there have not been any additional parcel sales and that a payment of approximately \$ 800K is due to DMH by September 30, 2018. Mr. Binkley stated that there has been a lot of progress made on the new church and that the public park may be completed by October, 2018. Mr. Magill stated that Hughes Development expressed some interest in assisting with the development of a DMH archive museum.

**Financial Status Update**

Mr. Mark Binkley highlighted certain information on the SCDMH Financial Report, dated May 31, 2018, copies of which had been provided to the Commission. The FY18 closed out with a surplus increase which is mostly due to the final allocation of State funds. It was stated that nearly all of the mental health centers finished the year within budget.

**Legislative/Budget Update**

Mr. Mark Binkley highlighted several items from the Legislative News publication, dated July 11, 2018, copies of which had been provided to the Commission. The FY19 State Budget has passed and DMH received additional funding as follows: \$ 4.5M for intensive mental health services for adults; \$ 2M for intensive community mental health services for children; and \$ .5M for School-Based Services.

**Recognition of Award Recipients**

Mr. Charles Crockett, Coastal Empire Community Mental Health Center, was recognized as the recipient of the 2018 Louise R. Hassenplug award. Mr. Crockett began with DMH as an intern in the 1980's and has been with Coastal Empire since 2010. He finds his position to be challenging and rewarding, and is proud to be a member of his team.

Ms. Margaret (Maggie) Johnson, Columbia Area Mental Health Center, was recognized as the recipient of the 2017 SCDMH Employee of the Year award. Ms. Johnson is the first Nurse Practitioner to provide psychiatric services via TeleHealth at DMH and has been with DMH for twenty-seven (27) years. She was in the first Nurse Practitioner graduating class at USC and serves on the clinical faculty at USC.

Mr. Stewart Cooner was one of three recipients of the State Director's Awards. Mr. Cooner has been with DMH for about ten (10) years and has mostly worked with special programs. Recently, Mr. Cooner took the lead in the DMH Telepsychiatry Program.

Another recipient of the State Director's Award was Ms. Melanie Gambrell, Beckman Center for Mental Health. Ms. Gambrell started with the Center in 1997 and has been the Center Director for ten (10) years.

Dr. Kimberly Rudd was recognized as a recipient of the State Director's Award. Dr. Rudd began her career with DMH in 2008 as a Staff Psychiatrist and became the DIS Medical Director in 2012. She finds her position challenging and rewarding and stated that her primary concern is ensuring the residents receive quality care.

***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

Mr. Magill stated that quality management and compliance have been enhanced since Ms. Melba Arthur started with DMH a year ago. In collaboration with the S. C. Superintendent of Education, Ms. Molly Spearman, the school mental health program will be expanding. He stated that recruiting efforts are underway for a Chief Financial Officer for Inpatient Services and one for the Finance Division at the Central Office. Four (4) new Center Directors have been appointed: Mr. Roger Williams – Spartanburg; Ms. Jennifer Roberts – Charleston-Dorchester; Ms. Teresa Curry – Tri-County; and Ms. Tamara Smith – Aiken-Barnwell. Mr. Magill stated that the Santee-Wateree Mental Health Center will be hosting an open house on Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:30 and extended an invitation. It was noted that Mr. Curtis Loftis, S. C. State Treasurer, will be touring some DMH facilities on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and will be presenting a check to DMH for unclaimed funds in the amount of approximately \$ 17K. Mr. Stewart Cooner stated that as part of strategic planning for the future, the Accountability Report is the primary, strategic document that includes stakeholder input. Ninety (90) leaders were in attendance at the recent Leadership Assembly Meeting to discuss future goals and objectives and the results will be compiled into a report in the near future. In June, 2018, two thousand six hundred (2,600) psychiatric services were provided

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through TeleHealth. In FY18, approximately 25K psychiatric services were provided through TeleHealth and to-date, approximately 92K services have been provided. Mr. Cooner stated that the projection is that by November, approximately 100K psychiatric services will have been provided via TeleHealth. Mr. Cooner stated that DMH is also expanding the use of nurse practitioners.

**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 11:30 a.m., on a motion by Ms. Louise Haynes, seconded by Ms. Sharon Wilson, the Commission entered into executive session to receive legal advice concerning pending contract. Upon convening in open session at 12:38 p.m., it was noted that only information was received; no votes or actions were taken.*

**ATTENDANCE**

**Commission Members**

Dr. Alison Evans, Chair  
Louise Haynes

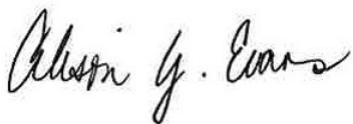
Sharon Wilson, Vice-Chair

**Visitors/Staff**

Dr. Versie Bellamy  
Dr. Kimberly Rudd  
Mark Binkley  
Dr. Patricia Handley  
Stuart Shields  
Donna McLane  
Melanie Gambrell  
Charles Crockett  
Tracy LaPointe  
Deborah Blalock

Stewart Cooner  
Jeanne Felder  
Liz Brown  
Christine Mayo  
Melba Arthur  
Rick Acton  
Sarah St. Onge  
Lauren Phillips  
Maggie Johnson

**APPROVALS**



**Alison Y. Evans  
PsyD, Chair**



**Terry Davis  
Recording Secretary**