

S. C. MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Hosted by:

Orangeburg Area Mental Health Center

2319 St. Matthews Road

Orangeburg, SC 29118

August 3, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The August 3, 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 Orangeburg Area Mental Health Center, 2319 St. Matthews Road, Orangeburg, S. C. and Ms. Elaine Keitt provided the invocation.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Dr. Evans, Chair, welcomed the Orangeburg Area Mental Health Center board members and Mr. Thornwell Simmons.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion by Mr. Bob Hiott, 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 July 13, 2018.

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

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

On a motion by Ms. Sharon Wilson, the Commission re-elected Alison Y. Evans, PsyD. as Chair. All voted in favor; the motion carried.

On a motion by Mr. Bob Hiott, the Commission re-elected Ms. Sharon Wilson as Vice-Chair. All voted in favor; the motion carried.

MONTHLY/QUARTERLY INFORMATION REPORTS

Mr. Alan Powell presented the items listed under Monthly/Quarterly Informational Reports, copies of which had been provided to the Commission.

DEPARTMENTAL OVERVIEW AND UPDATE

Quality Management Update

Dr. Robert Bank introduced Ms. Melba Arthur, the Director of Quality Management and Compliance. Ms. Arthur presented the Commission with copies of the 2018 Compliance Plan, Policies, and Procedures. She presented an overview of the Compliance Program and stated that components of the program are:

- Education (during the 1st month of employment and then yearly)
- Auditing and monitoring
- Compliance reporting
- Investigation and Remediation
- Enforcement
- Compliance committees
- HIPAA compliance
- Billing and Coding

Ms. Arthur stated that active compliance committees are located in Inpatient Services and in the mental health centers and that the employees are trained on fraud, abuse, and waste. FY18 accomplishments include expanded compliance auditing into the Division of Inpatient Services, implementation of compliance alerts, annual review and revision of compliance plan, policy and procedures, billing system enhancements, and a quality management SharePoint folder as depository for DMH compliance documents.

Telepsychiatry Program Update

Dr. Robert Bank stated that by the end of 2018, it is projected that SCDMH will have provided approximately 100,000 services via the Telepsychiatry program. He stated that with the use of ER Telepsychiatry evaluations, over thirty-three percent (33%) of the patients are released within twenty-four (24) hours. Telepsychiatry services are currently available in twenty-four (24) ER's across the State and it is expected that Telepsychiatry services will be available in six (6) additional rural hospitals this year.

Forensic Waiting List Update

Dr. Versie Bellamy stated that the Forensic waiting list is currently at forty (40) and that communication and collaboration continue with the court system. She stated that the Department's goal of admitting patients within thirty (30) days is unchanged. Mr. Alan Powell stated that the loss of psychiatrists has proposed a huge challenge.

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Bull Street Update

Mr. Magill stated that there is a large amount of construction underway on the Bull Street property and there have been no new parcel sales.

Financial Status Update

Ms. Noelle Wriston highlighted certain information on the SCDMH Financial Report, dated June 30, 2018, copies of which had been provided to the Commission. Ms. Wriston stated that it is projected that the year-end results will come in under budget. She stated that the final FY18 results and the FY19 projections will be shared at the September Commission Meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Magill stated that Dr. Versie Bellamy has been named by NAMI as the recipient of the Professional of the Year Award and she will be recognized at a national meeting taking place in the near future. Mr. Magill recently attended the NASMHPD Conference and it was noted that the average length of stay for State Directors is approximately three (3) years. The dedication of the Santee-Wateree Mental Health Center in Sumter was a success and Mr. Magill expressed appreciation for the funds that were donated by The Logan Foundation for the construction of the training center. Mr. Magill stated that the August 1st deadline for submitting the plans for the new nursing homes to the V. A. in Washington was met. The Lowcountry Conference is currently in session in Charleston and Mr. Magill provided the opening remarks. He stated that the Mental Health Heroes foundation is an integral part of the Lowcountry Conference and that there are approximately sixty (60) to one hundred (100) volunteers helping with the conference. Mr. Magill stated that Community Crisis Response and Intervention (CCRI) is being gradually introduced across the State and that the Spartanburg Semi-Crisis Center is opening soon. It is expected that there will be approximately four (4) to five (5) crisis centers located statewide.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:00 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 receive legal advice concerning pending and threatened litigation and to review the performance of the State Director. Upon convening in open session at 12:35 p.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.

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ATTENDANCE

Commission Members:

Dr. Alison Evans, Chair
Ms. Sharon Wilson, Co-Chair

Ms. Louise Haynes
Mr. Bob Hiott

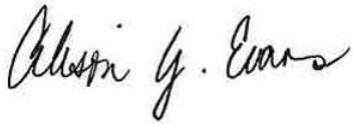
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Jim Harvey
Alan Powell
Noelle Wriston
Mary Gunter

George Greene, Jr.
Lauren Phillips
Dr. Robert Bank
Dr. Versie Bellamy
John Magill
Thornwell Simmons

APPROVALS



Alison Y. Evans
PsyD, Chair



Terry Davis
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