

# S. C. MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Hosted by:

Charleston-Dorchester Mental Health Center  
2100 Charlie Hall Blvd., Charleston, S. C. 29414  
October 5, 2018

## ***CALL TO ORDER***

The October 5, 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 Charleston-Dorchester Mental Health Center, 2100 Charlie Hall Blvd., Charleston, SC 29414 and Ms. Sonya Jenkins provided the invocation.

## ***INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS***

Dr. Evans, Chair, welcomed Ms. Felicia Boyd, Board Member and Mr. Dave Zoellner.

## ***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 Center Presentation of September 7, 2018.*

*On a motion by Ms. Sharon Wilson, seconded by Ms. Louise Haynes, the Commission approved the Minutes from the Business Meeting of September 7, 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***

### ***Forensic Waiting List Update***

Mr. Alan Powell stated that there are currently thirty-one (31) on the Forensic Waiting List, with four (4) on bond, as compared to forty (40) on the Forensic Waiting List last month. He stated that the number of Forensic Review Board meetings has increased, which is a critical step in the discharge process.

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**Bull Street Update**

Mr. Mark Binkley stated that several parcel sales were completed at the end of September. The amount that was received by DMH was approximately \$ 1M and the developer remains ahead of the payment schedule as outlined in the contract. Mr. Magill stated that he recently signed three (3) private parcel contracts.

**FY20 Budget Requests**

Mr. Mark Binkley stated that a meeting is scheduled on October 24th with the Executive Budget staff and the Governor's staff to review DMH's requests. He stated that the amount of the Crisis Stabilization Unit request has increased from \$500K to \$1M and that \$ 1.25M will be requested for school mental health services. Mr. Magill stated that a new budget request will be submitted for the implementation of a pilot program to acquire guaranteed bed days at some of the general hospitals around the State. Mr. Magill stated that it is presently unknown if the State's surplus funding will be available for the construction of the three (3) new nursing homes due to the State's devastation from Hurricane Florence and the need for infrastructure rebuilding.

**Financial Status Update**

Mr. Mark Binkley highlighted certain information on the report, copies of which had been provided to the Commission. An increase in FY19 expenditures is expected as a result of planned increases in personnel and services projected, total expenditures for FY2019 will be approximately \$454M. He stated that increased Case Services expenditures include the clinical contracts such as nursing homes, Forensics, and SVP. FY18 closed out by utilizing approximately \$ 1M in non-recurring funds and Mr. Binkley is hopeful that FY19 will close out without the use of any non-recurring funds. It is expected that there will be revenue increases in VA, Medicaid, and MCO billing.

**Disaster Preparedness**

In the absence of Mr. Will Wells, Mr. Magill provided information on how DMH responded to the Hurricane Florence devastation and to the tragic shootings in Florence. During these crisis events, DMH staff provided assistance to the staff of the mental health centers that are located in the impacted areas and provided direct work in the communities. Ms. Jennifer Roberts stated the Charleston-Dorchester MH Center has been assisting the staff of the Mental Health Center in Florence. Mr. Magill stated that DMH has four (4) Center Go Teams that are prepared to respond to the current crises. He stated that the Pee Dee MH Center had eight (8) staff members, including Mr. Pat Bresnan, the Executive Director, in the ER on the night of the Florence shootings. Mr. Magill stated that FEMA has encouraged DMH to apply for a grant which would provide the same services that were provided by DMH after previous disasters, such as Hurricane Matthew. It is likely that DMH will have a temporary labor force of approximately fifty (50) employees who will be onsite to assist individuals in areas of devastation.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Robert Bank stated that approximately 100K clinical services have been provided via Telepsychiatry and that an event will be scheduled in November to recognize employees that worked hard to make the program successful. He stated that extra efforts are currently being put forth to promote inpatient Telepsychiatry services. Mr. Magill stated that Mr. Brian Lamkin, S. C. Inspector General, visited DMH this week. Mr. Magill joined S. C. Superintendent of Education, Ms. Molly Spearman, in speaking at the Institute of Medicine and Public Health during a special session to review the need for school mental health services. Mr. Magill and Ms. Spearman unveiled the Vision 2022 program which is a pledge between the two agencies to have mental health services in all schools in South Carolina by the year 2022 and they are confident that the goal will be met. Mr. Magill and Ms. Spearman also spoke at the State Superintendents' Quarterly Meeting. He stated that the Joint Commission surveyed Bryan Hospital this week and there were generally positive results. The yearly Legislative Board Training is scheduled for Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> and S. C. Treasurer, Mr. Curtis Loftis, will be speaking.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*10:45 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. Upon convening in open session at 12:25 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.*

**ATTENDANCE**

**Commission Members:**

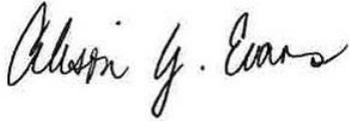
Dr. Alison Evans, Chair	Ms. Louise Haynes
Ms. Sharon Wilson, Co-Chair	Mr. Bob Hiott

**Staff/Visitors:**

Jennifer Roberts	Angel Smith	Mark Binkley
Dave Zoellner	Brandon Lilienthal	Christian Barnes-Young
Douglas Wurster	Brian Musolf	
Sonya Jenkins	Anthony Derhovanesian	
Dr. Robert Bank	Felecia Boyd	
Taryn Reed	Valerie O'Neal	

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**APPROVALS**



**Alison Y. Evans**  
PsyD, Chair



**Terry Davis**  
Recording Secretary