

# S. C. MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Hosted by:

Santee-Wateree Community Mental Health Center

801 N. Pike West, Sumter, SC 29153

December 14, 2018

## ***CALL TO ORDER***

The December 14, 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 Santee-Wateree Community Mental Health Center, 801 N. Pike West, Sumter, S. C. and Mr. Mark Bellamy provided the invocation.

## ***INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS***

Dr. Evans, Chair, welcomed Ms. Sylvia Christian-James, Board Member, Senator Kevin Johnson, 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 November 2, 2018.*

*All voted in favor to the above motions; all motions 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***

### ***Community Mental Health Dashboard/Patient Satisfaction Survey***

Ms. Deb Blalock highlighted certain information on the Community Dashboard spreadsheets, copies of which were provided to the Commission. It was noted that ninety-three percent (93%) of the requests for services are met within the access guidelines. She stated that \$6.2M that was received from the General Assembly and has been distributed to the Centers' budgets. \$2.2M of the funding will be used to create multi-divisional family therapy teams in all seventeen (17) Centers for children and \$4M will be used by the Centers to support an Individual Placement Support (IPS) Team and that each Center will have an Intensive Community Treatment Team.

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

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

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

**Legislative Update**

Mr. John Magill stated that DMH has been involved in Senate hearings regarding the transportation of psychiatric patients by law enforcement. SCHHS is considering an amendment which would allow South Carolina to reverse the effects of the Institute of Mental Disease (IMD) exclusion, which would allow free-standing hospitals to receive payments for the treatment of adults that have Medicaid coverage.

**Forensic Waiting List Update**

Dr. Versie Bellamy stated that there are currently fifteen (15) on the Forensic Waiting List. She expressed her appreciation to the Inpatient Medical Directors for the extra duties they have performed in helping to provide services to the patients. Mr. Alan Powell stated that the recent meeting that was held with Judge Addy was productive and that Judge Addy was complimentary regarding the progress that has been made in reducing the Forensic Waiting List. Mr. Magill expressed his appreciation to Dr. Versie Bellamy, Dr. Kimberly Rudd, Dr. Robert Bank, and Ms. Monique Lee for the successful efforts put forth in reducing the Forensic Waiting List.

**Bull Street Update**

Mr. Magill stated that there was a fire in the Babcock Building last night and that the latest report indicates that there is significant damage in the South wing of the building. There are currently plans for the building to be sold and converted into condominiums. Agreements have been signed for the sale of four (4) more parcels and at the completion of these sales, DMH will have collected approximately \$ 16.2M of the initial \$18.3M that was originally agreed upon with the Developer.

**Senate Budget Update**

Mr. Magill stated that the SCDMH budget request was presented to the Sub-Committee and it is expected that the budget will be presented to the House by the end of January, 2019. He stated that two (2) new items were added to the request prior to submission. An additional \$ 250K was added for additional employees to assist with the

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construction of three (3) new nursing homes and \$ 800K was included to assist with judicial commitment hearing costs.

**Financial Status Update**

Ms. Noelle Wriston highlighted certain information on the report, copies of which had been provided to the Commission. It is expected that the Agency will end the fiscal year under budget.

**Enhance Patient Transition Across the Continuum of Case**

Mr. Alan Powell stated that the first step in Enhancing Patient Transition was the action plan to reduce the Forensic Waiting List. In the last year, Community Liaisons from the Community Health Centers and Transition Specialists were utilized. He stated that the Community Crisis Response and Intervention Program (CCRI) has progressed to provide services to law enforcement and families, with responses in less than an hour. The CCRI Program reduces the number of individuals that are taken to the ER. ACT Like Teams were also developed to provide intensive services and it is expected that each clinician will have a caseload of thirty-five (35). Dr. Bank stated that the goal for the transitional specialists was to regionalize them, enabling the patients to obtain services at the nearest facility. He also stated that transitional specialists, care coordination, and peer support will reside in the Medical Affairs Department.

**Proposed Greenville Merger**

Ms. Debbie Blalock stated that a resolution was presented to the Greenville County Council with a request to combine two (2) Centers in an effort to expand services and that the resolution will be reviewed by the Council on January 28, 2019.

**Approval of Medical Care Account Waiver**

Mr. Alan Powell presented an approval request for the waiver of a patient's outstanding balance of \$ 403,687.80, a copy of which had been provided to the Commission.

***On a motion by Mr. Bob Hiott, seconded by Ms. Louise Haynes, the Commission approved the request to grant a medical waiver to waive the patient's outstanding balance.***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Magill congratulated Ms. Debbie Calcote as the newly appointed Deputy Director of Administrative Services. He attended a meeting this week with the Duke Endowment it is expected that DMH will present a proposal to the Duke Endowment for additional funding. Dr. Robert Bank stated that DMH currently has a grant from the

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Duke Endowment which involves the utilization of nurse practitioners. He stated that there may be a change in the grant to accommodate physician assistants. Another grant proposal will be submitted, requesting the use of psychiatrists for inpatient telepsychiatry. Ms. Debbie Blalock stated that interviews will be taking place in the near future for Center Directors for Coastal Empire Mental Health Center and Berkeley Community Mental Health Center.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*11:10 a.m., on a motion by Ms. Sharon Wilson, 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**

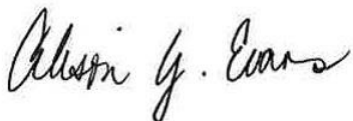
**Commission Members:**

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

**Staff/Visitors:**

Roslyn Sanders	Glen Ross	Thornwell Simmons
Lanalle Darden	Gail Hallman	Alan Powell
Susan Anderson	Leslie Barnes	Dr. Versie Bellamy
Noelle Wriston	Luther Faulk	Dr. Kimberly Rudd
Dr. Robert Bank	Sylvia Christian-James	Mark Bellamy
Kimberly Gaines	Senator Kevin Johnson	Tiffany Hornsby
Dr. Marian Dehlinger	Selena Myers	Belinda Caudle

**APPROVALS**



**Alison Y. Evans**  
PsyD, Chair



**Terry Davis**  
Recording Secretary

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