

S. C. MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING
SCDMH Administration
2414 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201
January 11, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The January 11, 2019 meeting of the South Carolina Mental Health Commission was called to order at 10:00 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 the students from The South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics. Each student stated his/her name and the location of residence.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion by Ms. Sharon Wilson, seconded by Mr. Bob Hiott, 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 Center Presentation of December 14, 2018.

On a motion by Ms. Sharon Wilson, seconded by Mr. Bob Hiott, the Commission approved the Minutes from the Business Meeting of December 14, 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

Forensic Waiting List Update

Dr. Versie Bellamy stated that there are currently eighteen (18) on the Forensic waiting list and that there was an NGRI (not guilty by reason of insanity) individual that was diverted to outpatient services. Mr. Alan Powell stated that Monique Lee attends weekly meetings with the Forensic Review Board.

Community Mental Health Dashboard

Ms. Deb Blalock stated that the budgets of all of the mental health centers are trending in the right direction, with the exception of one center, which is being closely monitored. She introduced Dr. Natasha Smith, the newly appointed Executive Director of the Coastal Empire Mental Health Center. Ms. Blalock stated that a search is underway to secure a Director for the Berkeley Mental Health Center.

Bull Street Update

Ms. Debbie Calcote stated that there was recently a fire in the south wing of the Babcock Building, resulting in approximately \$ 200K worth of damage. The SCDMH Public Safety Department will be meeting with Hughes Development and the Columbia Police Department to define procedures for securing the Bull Street properties. Mr. Mark Binkley stated that the Babcock Building consists of approximately 215K square feet and has over one hundred (100) potential points of entry. Mr. Binkley is hopeful that DMH will receive financial assistance from the property insurance company for repairing the roof of the Babcock Building. He reported that a property closing for a parcel containing approximately 1.25 acres is scheduled for January.

Financial Status Update

Ms. Debbie Calcote highlighted certain information on the report, copies of which had been provided to the Commission. The projected year-end surplus is approximately \$2.2M and is primarily the result of current staff vacancies and the challenges of recruitment.

House Legislative Oversight Committee

Mr. Mark Binkley stated that SCDMH is one (1) of five (5) Agencies that has been selected by the House Oversight Committee for review in 2019. The House Oversight Committee members are Representatives Bill Taylor (Chair), Jay West, Chris Wooten, and Robert Ridgeway. He stated that the full House Oversight Committee and SCDMH will be meeting Monday. Mr. Stewart Cooner stated that a comprehensive Program Evaluation Report has been completed will be presented to the Chair of the Committee.

Legislative Update

Mr. Mark Binkley stated that some bills have been filed this week, including one that relates to the transport of psychiatric patients.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Magill stated that progress is being made regarding the P & A lawsuit. Mr. Alan Powell stated that finalized revisions for a settlement agreement have been submitted to SCDMH's outside council for review and was submitted to the opposing council on Tuesday. Mr. Powell is hopeful that a resolution will be agreed upon in the

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near future. Mr. Magill stated that he and Mr. Mark Binkley met recently with Representative Bill Herbkersman, the newly appointed Chair of the House Budget Committee, and that a hearing will be held on February 5, 2019. Mr. Magill stated that he was invited to the State Senate this week, where he was honored by a ceremony for his years of service to the State of South Carolina.

RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Mr. John Magill was presented with a Resolution that was signed by the State Mental Health Commission Members for his dedicated years of service and accomplishments. Mr. Magill is retiring after serving as the SCDMH State Director for more than twelve years, making him the current longest-serving public mental health director in the United States. Mr. Magill indicated that the Agency's success is due to the Agency staff's hard work and efforts. He also stated that it is probable that Dr. Evans is the longest-serving Chair of a public mental health commission in the United States. He expressed his appreciation to the Commission for the support that was given to him during his tenure as the State Director.

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 11:35 a.m., on a motion by Mr. Bob Hiott, seconded by Ms. Louise Haynes, the Commission entered into executive session to receive legal advice concerning pending litigation. Upon convening in open session at 11:45 a.m., it was noted that only information was received; no votes or actions were taken.

ATTENDANCE

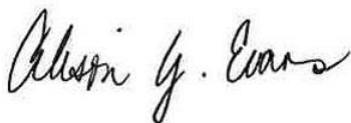
Commission Members

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

Visitors/Staff

Dr. Versie Bellamy	Dr. Robert Bank	Ethel Bellamy
Mark Binkley	Janie Simpson	Dr. Natasha Smith
Deborah Blalock	Tracy LaPointe	Valarie Perkins
Stewart Cooner		

APPROVALS



**Alison Y. Evans
PsyD, Chair**



**Terry Davis
Recording Secretary**