

SOUTH CAROLINA MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
SCDMH Administration
2414 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201

October 1, 2021

William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute – Virtual Presentation

ATTENDANCE

Commission Members:

Mr. Greg Pearce, Chair, Dr. Elliot Levy, Dr. Alison Evans, Mr. Bobby Mann, and Dr. Crystal Maxwell were present. Mr. Bob Hiott was absent, excused.

Staff/Visitors:

Christian Barnes Young	<i>Present virtually via Zoom</i>	<i>Present virtually via Zoom</i>	<i>Present virtually via Zoom</i>
Dr. Versie Bellamy	Aldevone Ardoin	Dr. Kelly Gothard	Patrice Lloyd
Stewart Cooner	Janet Bell	Jeffery Ham	Stacy Mathis
Paul Morris	Mark Binkley	Dr. Maryjane Hicks	Valarie Perkins
Dr. Kenneth Rogers	Juliane Boyd	Wendy Holmquist	Lynelle Reavis
Brett Williams	Pat Bresnan	Elizabeth Hutto	Dr. Kimberly Rudd
	Mirtha Brown	Charice Jones	Angie Salley
	Jacqueline Brown	Dr. Mark Kilgus	Stuart Shields
	Leigh Ann Chmura	Zak Koeske	Keith Spates
	Dr. Eve Fields	Tracy LaPointe	Irene Thornley
	Victoria Gooch	Bill Lindsay	Susan von Schenk

A meeting of the S.C. Mental Health Commission was held in Room 320 at the S.C. Department of Mental Health Administration Building on Friday, October 1, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. Chairman Pearce welcomed everyone to the meeting. Chairman Pearce turned the meeting over to Dr. Maryjane Hicks, Facility Director.

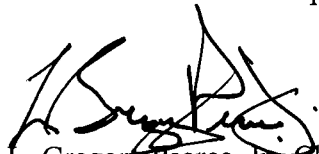
PRESENTATION:


Dr. Hicks welcomed everyone. She introduced members of the leadership team: Dr. Mark Kilgus, Medical Chief, and Mr. Aldevone Ardoin, Assistant Director of Nursing. Following are highlights from the presentation. A copy of the presentation is filed with the minutes in the Office of the State Director.

- Dr. Hicks shared the mission, vision, and values statements of William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute (WSHPI):
 - Mission: “To provide effective and efficient treatment of the biological, psychological and social or “bio Psychosocial” factors through comprehensive assessments utilizing evidence based interventions to the children and adolescents of South Carolina.”
 - Vision: “We believe that all children and adolescents need specialized treatment services with caring, dedicated and committed individuals assisting them to focus on learning meaningful and important skills to enhance their daily lives.”
 - Values: “Respect, Dignity, Teamwork, Passion, Collaboration, Communication, Dedication, Honesty, Service.”
- WSHPI is a 51 bed capacity facility that focuses on the unique needs of children and adolescents from across the state with mental illness and substance abuse disorders, providing both inpatient and outpatient treatment and services. The average length of stay at WSHPI is 14 to 21 days.
- Currently, WSHPI is utilizing one pod for isolation purposes during the pandemic.

- Dr. Kilgus talked about the decline in comorbid adolescent referrals and not identifying adolescents with drug and alcohol struggles due to juvenile justice changes; schools being virtual not identifying to the same degree; relaxed attitude toward marijuana; the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS) switch to virtual services; insufficient number of skilled clinicians in rural areas.
- Dr. Kilgus gave a case presentation which highlighted the need for and the importance of interagency collaboration. WSHPI has a strong relationship with Richland School District One. Other collaboration agencies are: Department of Social Services (DSS), Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN), DAODAS, Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), and Community Mental Health Centers.
- Treatment challenges include facility limitations, adequate staffing, appropriate programming, few residential treatment facilities, and need for an intensive treatment unit.
- Dr. Hicks said treatment services at WSHPI are provided by psychiatrists, social workers, nurses, counselors, psychologists, chaplain, and activity therapists. School services are provided onsite by Richland School District 1.
- Dr. Hicks talked about some of the daily activities at WSHPI and shared pictures of "Heroes at Work" and pictures of donations received from Riverland Hills Baptist Church as part of their Love Cola group "Christmas in July at WSHPI" mission project.
- Chairman Pearce asked what is the greatest need at WSHPI? Dr. Hicks said to create the intensive treatment unit to have the ability to help complex patients stabilize and minimize the risk of harm to self or others.
- There was discussion on the functionality of the facility, space and safety issues. Concerns included the location of the nursing stations do not provide a direct line of sight for the nurses, which creates challenges. Some things are being done to help with safety concerns. Dr. Bellamy announced a committee was formed and is chaired by Dr. Kilgus to look at risk reduction and safety.
- Mr. Ardoin talked about the need for more staff who want to work with and have a passion to work with the children and adolescents at WSHPI.

Dr. Hicks expressed appreciation to the Commission for listening to some of the challenges the facility faces on a daily basis. On behalf of the Commission, Chairman Pearce thanked Dr. Hicks, Dr. Kilgus, and Mr. Ardoin for the informative presentation. The center presentation concluded at 10:25 a.m.


L. Gregory Pearce, Jr., Chair
SC Mental Health Commission


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