

S. C. MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING
SCDMH Administration
2414 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201
June 3, 2022

A Business Meeting of the S.C. Mental Health Commission was held in Room 323 at the S.C. Department of Mental Health Administration Building on Friday, June 3, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. The meeting notice and agenda were posted prior to the meeting and notice made to all individuals and news media who requested information in accordance with State law.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pearce called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Chaplain James Stokes provided the invocation.

Chairman Pearce commented on the nation's rise in gun violence and called for a moment of silence to remember the individuals adversely affected by the recent violence.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Chairman Pearce welcomed everyone. Visitors present virtually were: Gail Cordial, Director, Policy & Government Relations, Alkermes, Inc.; Ashlei Hart, CMC Supervisor SC, GA, Genoa Healthcare; Bill Lindsay, Executive Director, NAMI SC; and Susan von Schenk, Capital Information Affiliates (CIA). Wanda McMichael, Program Manager, Liberty Healthcare Corporation, was also present.

**INTRODUCTION OF G. WERBER BRYAN PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL LEADERSHIP TEAM
AND MEDICAL DIRECTORS**

Dr. Versie Bellamy introduced Mr. Allen McEniry, CEO, Harris Hospital, and Interim CEO Bryan Hospital. Mr. McEniry introduced the following staff members: Sheena Willis, Interim Hospital Director (Civil), Clinical Services Director; Maryjane Hicks, Ed.D., Director of William S. Hall Psychiatric Children & Adolescent Services; Kelly Gothard, Ph.D., Director of Forensic Services; Ralph Pollock, M.D., Medical Director, Jennifer Alleyne, M.D., Chief of Psychiatry for Forensics; and Laura Griffin, RN, BSN, MBA Nurse Executive. Each person talked about their area of expertise.

Chairman Pearce talked about William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute (Hall Institute), the Department's psychiatric hospital dedicated to the treatment of children and adolescents. Hall Institute was originally located on the campus of the South Carolina State Hospital and opened its doors in 1964. The architectural design of the building was ahead of its time. Hall Institute was built as a training facility for mental health professionals in South Carolina. Child and adolescent patients and Forensic Services were moved from the State Hospital to Hall Institute in 1988. After Forensic Services were moved to the Northeast Campus in 2002, children and adolescents occupied the entire Hall Institute. In 2015 Hall Institute was relocated to the campus of G. Werber Bryan Psychiatric Hospital. Now there is conversation about building and opening a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) that will provide and expand the work in child and adolescent mental health services as well as serve the subclass juveniles at DJJ. The facility will be located on the Crafts Farrow Campus. Chairman Pearce said there is a certain amount of excitement in opening a facility where the actual clinicians will have a role in what it will look like.

Mr. McEniry announced Laura Griffin is a recipient of the 2022 Palmetto Gold Award.

Dr. Bellamy said she is honored to be a part of this leadership team. She commended the leadership for their excellent work and endurance, especially during the pandemic.

On behalf of the Commission, Chairman Pearce expressed heartfelt appreciation and thanked each one for their wonderful leadership and their hard work.

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MOMENT OF COMMEMORATING 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF DMH

Chairman Pearce referred to his comments on children and adolescent services at William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute earlier for the moment of commemorating the 200th anniversary of DMH.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved the Agenda for today's Business Meeting.

All voted in favor to the above motion; the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

By motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved the minutes from the Facility Presentation of May 6, 2022 and the Commission Business Meeting of May 6, 2022.

All voted in favor to the above motion; the motion carried.

PRESENTATION ON STATE MENTAL HEALTH MODELS

Dr. Rogers presented an overview of state mental health organization models of five states:

| | South Carolina DMH | North Carolina DMH, Developmental Disabilities & Substance Abuse Services | Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities | Texas Division of Intellectual & Developmental Disability & Behavioral Health Services | Maryland Behavioral Health Administration |
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| Director Reporting | Mental Health Commission (Governor Appointed) | Director of Department of HHS | Governor | Texas Health & Human Services Commissioner | Secretary of Maryland Department of Health (Medicaid & Public Health) |
| Inpatient | Directly Operated | NCDHHS Division of State Operated Healthcare Facilities | Direct Providers | Division of Hospital Services/UT Health Systems | Chronic & Forensic - State Operated Acute – Contracted with Sheppard Pratt & University Partners |
| Outpatient | Directly Operated | Contract Providers | Contract Providers | Contracts with 37 Local Mental Health Authorities | Contracted |
| Services offered | Mental Health | Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, Substance Use | Mental Health Challenges, Substance Use Disorders, Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities | Mental Health, Substance Use disorder, IDD | Mental Health & Substance Use Disorders |
| Operating Budget | \$500 million 5 million citizens | \$1.6 billion 10.5 million citizens for DHHS | \$1.3 billion 10.6 million citizens | \$40 billion 26.7 million citizens | \$1.86 billion 6 million citizens |

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Dr. Rogers said the other states are variations of the above, privatized outpatient services, state-run chronic and forensic services and acute services. There was discussion.

Dr. Jones commended Dr. Rogers on his presentation before the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging. Dr. Rogers was invited to testify before the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging at their hearing on “*Mental Health Care for Older Adults: Raising Awareness, Addressing Stigma, and Providing Support.*” The hearing took place on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at the United States Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. Dr. Jones said Dr. Rogers represented the Department and the State of South Carolina extremely well, and that he was very proud.

Chairman Pearce recognized Dr. Rogers for his work with the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (ABPN). Dr. Rogers is a member of the ABPN’s Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Certification Test Development Committee.

MONTHLY/QUARTERLY INFORMATION REPORTS

Ms. Elizabeth Hutto, General Counsel, presented the items listed under Monthly/Quarterly Informational Reports, copies of which had been provided to the Commission.

Ms. Hutto reported for the month of May 2022 one pending investigation for the Office of Public Safety.

Ms. Hutto reported that as of yesterday there are 21 pending SLED investigations. Three cases were assigned to SLED, of which the oldest is from September 2021; 13 cases were assigned to Long-term Care Ombudsman Office, of which the oldest is from March 2021; three cases were assigned to local law enforcement, of which the oldest is from April 2020; and two cases were assigned to the patient advocate, of which the oldest is from March 2022. Ms. Hutto reported one case closure. In April 2022 a staff member at Tucker Nursing Home reported seeing two other staff members abuse a resident. The staff member reported that one of the staff members dumped soapy water on the resident and the other staff member slapped the resident. The two staff members were immediately suspended, SLED was called and an investigation conducted. SLED determined there was not probable cause to bring criminal charges for abuse. DMH also investigated and the two staff members were terminated.

Ms. Hutto highlighted the following for the month of April from the Patient Advocacy Report:

- 90 calls to patient advocacy.
- 82 complaints were resolved.
- The number of complaints by category resolved is 93 (*complaints are broken out by category, a single patient complaint may have more than one category*).

DEPARTMENTAL OVERVIEW AND UPDATE

Division of Inpatient Services (DIS)

Dr. Bellamy presented the Division of Inpatient Services report, copies of which had been provided to the Commission. Following are highlights from her report:

- All facilities without current COVID positive patients are now normalizing patient visitation. Staff members are self-monitoring temperature checks rather than daily central temperature checks.
- Dr. Bellamy noted that within DIS there has been an uptick in the number of COVID positive staff and patient cases.
- The Division of Inpatient Services Rehabilitation Services is the feature program for May 2022. Rehabilitation services are offered for long-term and inpatient facilities. Services provided include: physical therapy, occupational therapy, respiratory, and speech-language & audiology. Dr. Bellamy expressed appreciation for Dr. Kimberly Rudd, Ms. Rebekah Sillivant, Program Director, and all the members of the Rehabilitation Treatment Services Team. Also, for Daisy Mae, the Therapy Dog.
- There is a total of 141 individuals on the Forensic “Ready for Admission” waitlist.

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- The jail-based day treatment program launched on May 25, 2022. Eligible defendants from Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center will be transported to Building 6 on Crafts Farrow Campus to receive treatment services.
- DIS has partnered with a private provider to open a secure jail-based competency restoration program which will house 25 defendants. It is anticipated to launch on June 13, 2022.

Approval of Minutes of the Governing Body for Inpatient Facilities of April 13, 2022

Dr. Bellamy presented the April 13, 2022 quarterly Inpatient Facilities Governing Body minutes, copies of which had been provided to the Commission.

By motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved the Inpatient Facilities Governing Body minutes from the April 13, 2022 meeting.

All voted in favor to the above motion; the motion carried.

Administrative Services & Financial Status Update

Mr. Paul Morris, Deputy Director, Administrative Services, and CFO presented the monthly financial report, copies of which had been provided to the Commission, and Administrative Services report.

Financial Status Update

- The April 30, 2022 financial report projects a balance of \$24.7 million for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. Mr. Morris noted that the prior month fiscal year ending projection was \$21.7 million, an improvement of \$3 million.

Administrative Services

- Mr. Morris gave an update on the Electronic Health Record (EHR) Exploration Project. DMH has finalized the Request for Proposal (RFP) with the S.C. Materials Management Office (SCMMO). A pre-proposal conference was held on Wednesday, May 31, 2022. Proposals are due to DMH by July 13, 2022.

Chairman Pearce asked if there is a plan to advocate for additional funding in the FY23 budget process. There was discussion.

HR Report

Ms. Eleanor Odom-Martin, Chief of Staff, presented the HR report, copies of which had been provided to the Commission. Following are highlights from the report:

- From July 1, 2021 through May 25, 2022, the Department had a total of 715 FTE hires and 955 departures.
- HR is placing more emphasis on recruitment campaigns. Recruiting efforts include advertising on strategically placed billboards to direct attention to DMH career opportunities; media coverage; and career fairs. A career fair will be held on June 29, 2022 on the DIS campus.
- It is anticipated that the General Assembly will approve a 3% pay increase for state employees and agency law enforcement officers will receive a 5% pay increase in the new fiscal year.
- Three Employee Performance Management System (EPMS) training sessions were conducted during the month of May with 250 employees receiving the training. Additional training sessions are scheduled.
- Mr. David Diana, Marketing Director, launched this week a podcast entitled "A Look Within." The podcast is available on Apple Podcast and includes conversations with mental health professionals on mental health and wellbeing.

Community Mental Health Services

Ms. Deborah Blalock, Deputy Director, Community Mental Health Services, presented the Community Mental Health Services (CMHS) report. Following are highlights from the report:

- SC Hopes has served 6,535 callers since inception on June 1, 2020.

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- Professors at Princeton University, Duke University, and Northwestern University have requested to study the Department's School Mental Health program. Ms. Blalock reported that all three universities conducted nationwide research and deemed DMH's school mental health program the best.
- Santee Wateree Community Mental Health Center's The Roads of Independence (ROI) program is being replicated at Aiken-Barnwell Mental Health Center using funds from the Mental Health Block Grant.
- The Art of Discovery opened this past weekend. The event is part of the Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston and is sponsored by the Charleston Dorchester Mental Health Center and NAMI Charleston. The Art of Discovery showcases art pieces of young artists with themes pertaining to emotions they are feeling.
- The Pee Dee Mental Health (PDMH) Board Foundation has been doing great works through the Pee Dee Mental Health Center by providing supply boxes to patients. The contents change monthly to coincide with something that is happening during that month, such as cleaning supplies, smoke detectors, food, etc. They will provide a food box to include hamburgers, hot dogs, etc. for the 4th of July. This is an example of how the mental health centers provide holistic care for the patients.
- Ms. Blalock announced the Lowcountry Mental Health Conference will be held on July 27-29, 2022 in Charleston.
- Ms. Blalock recommended viewing a documentary entitled "Bedlam" on PBS by Dr. Kenneth Rosenberg, M.D. The documentary, which was shot on film over the course of five years, includes a segment about incarcerated individuals with mental health issues.
- Ms. Blalock reported DMH has 16 clinicians embedded in detention centers across the state. Many of the detention centers around the state have contracts with DMH for reimbursement for the administration of long acting injectables. Last year the Department received \$1 million one-time money to allow Mobile Crisis to respond to detention centers as needed and receive reimbursement for those expenses.
- Ms. Blalock reported the Department received funds in February 2021 to expand bed buying to all mental health centers. Since February 2021 through April 2022, \$9,463,200 has been spent to pay for 1,908 admissions, for a total of 15,772 bed days. The Department has contracts with hospitals all across the state which allow every mental health center access to hospital beds.
- Ms. Blalock presented the CMHS Trends and Transparency Monthly Indicators (TMI) spreadsheets, copies of which had been provided to the Commission. There was discussion on the disparities to county appropriations.

OTHER BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Pearce announced that on behalf of the Commission, Dr. Evans, Ms. Rochelle Caton, Ms. Tracy Lapointe, and he went to Hartsville on May 25th and presented the former Speaker of the House, Representative Jay Lucas, with the Order of the Brick for his steadfast support of DMH and South Carolinians who live with mental illness. Dr. Evans said Representative Lucas has been a great champion for mental health. She also suggested that he would be a good speaker for the annual Legislative Board Training.

Dr. Maxwell's birthday was yesterday and on behalf of the Commission, Chairman Pearce wished her a happy birthday.

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:27 p.m. by motion duly made and seconded, the Commission adjourned the Business Meeting.

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ATTENDANCE

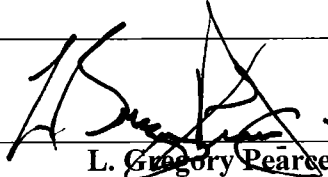
Commission Members

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| L. Gregory Pearce, Jr., Chair | Dr. Carl Jones |
| Dr. Elliott Levy, Vice Chair | Mr. Bobby Mann |
| Dr. Alison Evans (virtually) | Dr. Crystal Maxwell (virtually) |

Visitors/Staff

| | <u>present virtually via Zoom</u> | <u>present virtually via Zoom</u> | <u>present virtually via Zoom</u> |
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| Dr. Versie Bellamy | Janet Bell | Grace Lambert | Dr. Lynelle Reavis |
| Deborah Blalock | Dr. Robert Breen | Tracy LaPointe | Vicki Redding |
| Dr. Kelly Gothard | Jacqueline Brown | Bill Lindsey | Dr. Kimberly Rudd |
| Dr. Maryjane Hicks | Rochelle Caton | Patrice Lloyd | Tamara Smith |
| Elizabeth Hutto | Gail Cordial | Sarah Main | Susan von Schenk |
| Wanda McMichael | Tamara Edrington | Allen McEniry | Irene Thornley |
| Eleanor Odom-Martin | Melanie Gambrell | Denise Morgan | Eric Turner |
| Greer Pickett | Dr. Patricia Handley | Paul Morris | Lindsay Walker |
| Dr. Kenneth Rogers | Ashlei Hart | Valarie Perkins | |
| Chaplain James Stokes | Charice Jones | Dr. Ralph Pollock | |
| Brett Williams | | | |
| Sheena Willis | | | |

APPROVALS



L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.
Chair



Kim Ballentine
Recording Secretary