

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The June 3, 2010, meeting of the South Carolina Mental Health Commission was called to order at 10:30 a.m., by Alison Y. Evans, PsyD, Chair, at Patrick B. Harris Psychiatric Hospital, Anderson, South Carolina. Mr. Alan McEniry, Chief Operating Officer of Patrick Harris Hospital, delivered the invocation. Dr. Evans welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked John Fletcher and the hospital staff for all the courtesies extended to the Commission during their visit.

## **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

There were no guests acknowledged at this time.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*On a motion by Buck Terry, seconded by Rod Rutledge, the minutes of the May 6, 2010, Commission meeting were approved. All voted in favor; motion carried.*

## **MONTHLY REPORTS**

Mr. Binkley mentioned there was nothing of note on either of the Patient Protection Reports contained in the Commission's agenda packet.

### **• Legislative Update – Brenda Hart**

Ms. Hart said that the General Assembly introduced a new sine die resolution yesterday that would allow them to stay in session as long as necessary in order to complete the budget. There is a provision in the resolution that says they will stay until a budget is passed.

Ms. Hart commented on several bills relating to Mental Health.

**H.4413 Licensure of In-Home Care Provider Act** – Ms. Hart said that it is very likely this bill will be passed this session. This bill will require a business to be licensed to provide, or to make provisions for in-home care through its employees or agents or through contractual arrangements. This bill will not have an impact on the agency or DMH's Homeshare contract providers, as it contains an exemption which covers DMH as a direct care provider and DMH contractors, such as Homeshare providers.

**H.3199 Behavioral Health Services Act of 2009** – This is the restructuring bill that would make DMH a cabinet agency. This bill will remain in committee.

**H.4341 Joint Resolution** – The joint resolution to create the Autism Spectrum Disorder Study Committee on Early Intervention and to provide its purpose, members and duties, will, in all likelihood, pass this session.

Concerning the Department’s budget, Ms. Hart said that DMH will receive one-time funds of \$27.8 million, of which \$18.4 million is contingent on the Federal government’s extension of the enhanced Medicaid federal match rate for an additional six months. Currently, there is no information as yet from Congressman’s Clyburn’s office regarding whether the Federal government will extend this funding.

Bill Lindsey updated the Commission on what was discussed at the Governor’s office during the proclamation signing on May 24. He said that several of the advocacy groups along with Mr. Magill were present for the signing of the “May is Mental Health Month” proclamation. Governor Sanford was interested in the hard cap on prescription medications.

## **DEPARTMENTAL OVERVIEW/UPDATE**

### **• Financial Status Update – Brenda Hart**

Mr. Magill presented those items listed under the “Departmental Overview and Update.”

Ms. Hart said that the Department is still struggling in trying to obtain accurate and timely reports from the SCEIS system. In reviewing the current report, prior to the one time carry forward money, the Department was in a slight deficit. With the carry forward funds, DMH is showing a surplus of approximately \$10 million. Community Mental Health is showing a surplus of \$7 million with the carry forward and supplemental funds. Without these funds, the division would be showing a \$1 million deficit. The Department is down approximately two percent in Medicaid revenue. Dr. Evans mentioned that the Department is doing a great job in the hiring and retention of staff, given the budget situation.

Ms. Hart said that DMH went live on SCEIS Human Resource/Payroll, effective June 2. We are encountering a different set of problems from the ones encountered with the Finance module, but the Department will continue to work through these problems to a conclusion.

• **Bull Street Update –  
Mark Binkley**

Mr. Binkley said that there is no report on the property that can be made in open session. There is an executive session scheduled for after the meeting to receive legal advice concerning a contractual matter. Mr. Binkley did say that the Bull Street Property Committee will meet again on Monday, June 7.

• **Approval of One  
Medical Care Account –  
Mark Binkley**

Mr. Binkley presented a medical care account on patient #861-7363. Mr. Binkley said that the patient owed a remaining balance of \$80,165 for care and maintenance. Patient's son offered DMH \$8,000 if the Department would waive the balance. There are no other assets in the estate. It is General Counsel's recommendation that the balance of \$72,165 be waived.

***MOTION: On a motion by Buck Terry, seconded by Joan Moore, the Commission approved the waiver of \$72,165 on patient #861-7363. All voted in favor; motion carried.***

• **Report of the Inpatient  
Facilities Governing Body  
Meeting of 4/13/10 –  
Versie Bellamy**

Ms. Bellamy presented the highlights of the report of the Inpatient Facilities Governing Body Meeting of April 13, 2010.

Harris Hospital

It is interesting to note that this is the third consecutive quarter that Harris Hospital's employee injuries have decreased. Also, for the quarter ending in December, there was one significant patient injury compared to five during the previous quarter.

C.M. Tucker, Jr., Nursing Care Center

1. All 12 tags cited by the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) during its certification survey of Stone in January have been cleared in the follow up visit in March.
2. The Veterans' Administration conducted a follow-up survey at Stone on January 19 and 20 and no deficiencies were found.
3. The Department of Justice conducted a follow-up visit on March 8 thru the 11 at the Stone Pavilion, and it was noted that overall improvement was evident. A Department of Justice Discharge Planning/Community Integration consultant and the lead attorney revisited the facility on May 11-14. A few recommendations were made but, overall, the surveyors were quite positive.

Consolidated Columbia Hospitals (Bryan Adult Psych/Forensics, Morris Village, Sexual Predator Program, Infirmary and Hall Institute)

1. Hall Institute received official Joint Commission notification that accreditation has been granted through February 2013.
2. Morris Village will be surveyed by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) on July 19 and 20.

Ms. Bellamy had no other significant items to mention from the report.

***MOTION:***     *On a motion by Rod Rutledge, seconded by Buck Terry, the Commission approved the Inpatient Facilities Governing Body Report of April 13, 2010. All voted in favor; motion carried.*

• Leadership  
Development Program  
Presentation –  
Kevin Hoyle

Kevin Hoyle, Executive Director of the Anderson-Oconee-Pickens Mental Health Center, is a graduate of the Executive Leadership Development Program. As has been done in previous meetings, Mr. Magill asked each candidate to present to the

commission their project for possible departmental implementation.

Mr. Hoyle's project for implementation was to institute and maintain an employee opinion survey process. Employee morale and job satisfaction are important to any organization, especially in these tight economic times. Mr. Hoyle and his management team implemented an employee opinion survey process that would be systematic, meaningful, constructive and sustainable. Steps in the process involved the following:

- Ensure center management buys into the importance of the effort and the process.
- Use of a reliable and valid survey tool.
- Encourage staff participation.
- Analyze the results, set goals and formulate action plans.
- Communicate results to staff.
- Implement action plans based on goals.
- Follow-up to assess progress toward and refine goals.

Mr. Hoyle said that he received good return response from the staff. The survey will become a period part of the normal operation of the center. Complete details of Mr. Hoyle's presentation are filed with the originals of these minutes.

**• Veterans' Nursing  
Home Visits – John H.  
Magill**

Mr. Magill said he will be featuring the Department's nursing homes in the Department's publication, *Images*. Of special note is that Campbell and Victory House both have had very large celebrations in honor of Memorial Day. Campbell Nursing Home had a turn out of approximately 500 people, with a guest speaker of Lt. Gov. Andre' Bauer. Victory House had an equally large turn out for Memorial Day. Gresham Barrett was scheduled to speak, but due to a scheduling conflict, could not be there. Congressman Clyburn is scheduled to visit Victory House in the next week. Ms. Bellamy mentioned that Stone Pavilion also had a large ceremony on Memorial Day. She said this was the first time such an event was held, but that it is a tradition that will be continued in future years.

**• DMH Outstanding Employee of the Year – Brenda Hart/ Robert Bank, MD**

Ms. Hart said that the Department’s Outstanding Employee event was held on May 20 at Morris Village. There were 27 employees present who had been recognized at each employee’s center/facility/program as an Outstanding Employee. Jeff Ham received the Outstanding Employee award for the Administration Building. Mr. Julius Jones, Columbia Area Mental Health Center’s Outstanding Employee, received the DMH Outstanding Employee Award. Mr. Jones is Chief Forensic Counselor at Columbia Area, and has been with the agency for some time. He also serves on the city council for the city of North, South Carolina.

**NOTICE/AGENDA**

A notice and agenda of the meeting were sent to all individuals and news media who requested information, in accordance with state law.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*At 11:30 a.m., on a motion by Buck Terry, seconded by Jane Jones, the Commission entered into executive session to receive legal advice concerning a contractual matter. Upon reconvening in open session at 12:20 p.m., it was noted that no votes or actions were taken. The meeting was formally adjourned at 12:20 p.m.*

**ATTENDANCE  
Commission Members**

Alison Y. Evans, PsyD, Chair	J. Buxton Terry
Joan Moore, Vice Chair	Jane B. Jones
Everard Rutledge, PhD	

**Staff/Guests**

John H. Magill	Brenda Hart	Robert Bank, MD
Versie Bellamy	Mark Binkley	Shanna Amerson
Bill Lindsey	Joe James	Daniel Craft
Kevin Hoyle	John Fletcher	Jeff Ham

**APPROVALS**

_____ Alison Y. Evans, PsyD, Chair	_____ Connie Mancari, Recording Secretary
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