

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

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CALL TO ORDER	The June 5, 2015 meeting of the South Carolina Mental Health Commission was called to order at 10:17 a.m. by Alison Y. Evans, Psy.D., Chair, in the Laura B. Temple Conference Room at G. Werber Bryan Psychiatric Hospital, 220 Faison Drive, Columbia, SC 29203. Mr. Doug Glover commenced with the invocation.	
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS	Dr. Evans welcomed regular attendees as well as guests to the June Commission meeting. Guests stood up to introduce themselves and tell where they work.	
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	<i>On a motion by Buck Terry, seconded by Beverly Cardwell, the Commission approved the agenda for today's Business Meeting.</i>	
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	<i>On a motion by Sharon Wilson, seconded by Jane Jones, the Commission approved the minutes of the Commission Business Meeting of May 1, 2015.</i> <i>All voted in favor to the above motions; all motions carried.</i>	
MONTHLY/QUARTERLY INFORMATIONAL REPORTS	Mark Binkley presented those items listed under Monthly/Quarterly Informational Reports . There was nothing remarkable to report on the Patient Protection and Client Advocacy Reports. Of the twenty-six (26) pending cases on the Patient Protection Report, 16 are being retained by SLED as potentially criminal; 7 cases were referred to the State Long Term Care Ombudsman's Office (SLTCOO) in the Lt. Governor's Office on Aging; and three (3) cases are being investigated by the Attorney General's Office alleging financial exploitation by a family member. There are no remarkable trends in the Client Advocacy report. Issues are being regularly and routinely addressed by facility and center staff advocates.	
DEPARTMENTAL OVERVIEW AND UPDATE		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Behavioral Health Home – Drs. Ligia Latiff-Bolet & Robert Bank 	Dr. Bank described how the establishment of behavioral health homes will benefit the patients we serve, in that it will provide patients with greater assistance in addressing their physical healthcare needs as well as other needed support services, which will result in better overall patient health outcomes. Behavioral Health Homes provide comprehensive and timely services by a designated a team of health care professionals based on the patient's individual needs. Health home providers do not need to provide all the required services themselves, but must ensure the full array of services is available and coordinated. Dr. Latiff-Bolet informed	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Approve December 2015 Date ● Legislative Update – Rochelle Caton ● Bull Street Update 	<p>everyone that SCDMH has partnered with SC Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) and is collaborating with the National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) to look at the development of behavioral health homes in six (6) different states, South Carolina being one of them. These six (6) states are a part of the national core team for behavioral health homes. The first meeting with NASHP took place last month. This NASHP collaboration will take approximately 18 months. At the conclusion of the core team analysis, we should have a model to present to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). South Carolina is using the work of SCDHHS' Healthy Outcomes Program (HOP) to help with this model.</p> <p><i>On a motion by Buck Terry, seconded by Beverly Cardwell, the Commission approved the December 11, 2015 SC Mental Health Commission Meeting Date.</i></p> <p><i>All voted in favor to the above motion; motion carried forward.</i></p> <p>Rochelle Caton called everyone's attention to the <i>Legislative News</i> handout. Governor Nikki Haley signed into law the Domestic Violence Reform Act yesterday. The FOIA bill, which essentially states that each public body is to provide an agenda for all regularly scheduled meetings and requires that items not be added to agendas less than 24 hours prior to a meeting without a 2/3 vote, passed. The Patient's Rights bill was passed. This bill adds and defines the term "Authorized Health Care Provider" and allows them to perform required initial examinations in DMH facilities. It essentially allows them to provide the same services in DMH hospitals that they are allowed to provide in other hospitals. The Body Camera and Release of Child's Medical Records bills passed. The SC Able Savings Program has not passed as of today. Representative Pitts has sponsored a bill regarding outdated language in regards to our Public Safety division. Bill Lindsey mentioned that the Governor signed the Mental Courts bill this week.</p> <p>We are moving ahead to get approval on the sale of the Hall property. Mark Binkley and Kim Carter met with the Attorney General's office regarding this sale. There have been some conversations with the Buyer about which parcels are likely to be the next to sell. He Mark also noted that he needed guidance from the Commission on how they wished for the Department to utilize the proceeds from the sales. A memorandum was sent to the Commission earlier this week outlining a recommendation to use the proceeds for additional affordable housing for patients in the community, and some contractual means by which the</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Financial Status Update – Noelle Wriston ● Domestic Violence Task Force Subcommittee Report – Dr. Everard Rutledge ● Resource Acquisition Initiative (RAI) Update – John H. Magill ● Center Medicaid Audits – Geoff Mason 	<p>Department’s funds could be blended with others to create additional housing for patients. He recommended that the Commission consider discussing contractual options in Executive Session.</p> <p>Dave Schaefer called everyone’s attention to the financial information in their packets. SCDMH is under budget due to several factors. We have received higher than expected revenue from the VA, Medicare and Medicaid. As discussed previously, we have a significant number of unfilled positions. Mr. Magill asked if SCDMH is at a point where, following the additional appropriations anticipated for FY 16, our projected revenue will match expenditures, and the agency will no longer reliant on one-time, non-recurring funds to pay for operations. Mr. Schaefer answered that yes we are very close to this now, which would be the first time in about six (6) years.</p> <p>Dr. Everard Rutledge gave a brief update on the Governor’s Domestic Violence Task Force. Approximately three (3) weeks ago the preliminary report was released. Dr. Rutledge served on the Criminal Justice Subcommittee and spoke of the work that committee is doing. One of the goals of this subcommittee is to develop templates for the smaller law enforcement agencies to have protocols in place to properly investigate domestic violence allegations. One of the proposals is to have the smaller departments report incidents to the County Sherriff’s department, as they are large enough to have sufficient resources to do a thorough investigation. Mr. Magill added that Drs. Rutledge, Gunter and Benedetto will meet next month prior to the next Commission meeting for further updates on how SCDMH will proceed.</p> <p>The most recent RAI board training took place in Denmark and Orangeburg. There was very positive feedback from County Council. Later this month, Mr. Magill will be in Florence and Darlington County.</p> <p>CMS contract auditors audited five of DMH mental health centers (Coastal, Piedmont, Lexington, AOP and Columbia Area). Geoff Mason noted that the focus of the audits were rehabilitative services provided during the years 2011 and 2012, which is a service that SCDMH has been reducing. In 2010, Medicaid dramatically changed the documentation requirements and made them much more complex. Two (2) of the centers have received reports. Most of the issues that the contract auditor is identifying have been previously identified through the agency’s and Center’s internal Quality Assurance audits.</p>	

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<p>• Quarterly Meetings – Sandy Hyre</p> <p>• Commission Presentation</p> <p>OTHER ADDITIONAL COMMENTS</p>	<p>Ms. Hyre briefed the Commission on the progress made to begin scheduling agency-wide quarterly trainings. The purpose of these trainings is to provide continuing education to staff throughout SCDMH. The trainings will focus on innovative and best practices in mental health treatment, including successful treatment programs within different DMH centers and facilities. The trainings will take place quarterly at different locations around the state. They will take place from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and will be video conferenced throughout DMH. Lunch will be on-site, and will include a presentation that will focus on an administrative best practice within DMH. These trainings will help expose more Department staff to the excellent programs we have throughout the agency. All in-house resources will be used making this a budget neutral endeavor. Possible clinical and non-clinical topics were mentioned.</p> <p>Dr. Alison Evans and the other Commissioners presented Commissioner Jane Jones with a brick and plaque in appreciation of her dedicated services while serving on the Commission from 2004 – 2015. Jane Jones thanked everyone for the opportunity to be of service, and stated that she appreciates the hard work and dedication of her fellow Commissioners and the efforts of management to improve patient services despite financial challenges.</p> <p>Mr. Magill has met with Susan Alford, the new Director of DSS, twice in the past week. They have talked about what SCDMH can do to assist her and DSS’s mission. We will be looking for opportunities to provide more co-location of staff.</p> <p>A meeting has been scheduled with Catherine Heigel, the new DHEC Director, and the SCDMH Senior Staff to talk about ways that the two agencies can work together.</p> <p>At a future Commission meeting, information will be presented regarding our plans for a new Mental Health Center building in Sumter for Santee-Wateree Community Mental Health Center.</p> <p>Mr. Magill will be in Florence next week to meet with McLeod Regional administration as well as the President of Frances Marion University to discuss increasing the array of behavioral health services in the Pee Dee region.</p>	

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NOTICE/AGENDA	<p>A new SC Mental Health Commissioner has been appointed by the Governor and approved by the Senate Medical Affairs Committee. Robert “Bob” Hiott from Behavioral Health Services of Pickens County should be confirmed by the Senate in the near future.</p> <p>A notice and agenda of the meeting were sent out to all individuals and news media who requested information in accordance with state law.</p>			
ADJOURNMENT	<p><i>At 11:30 a.m., on a motion by Buck Terry, seconded by Sharon Wilson, the Commission entered into executive session. Upon convening in open session at 12:15 p.m., it was noted that only information was received; no votes or actions were taken.</i></p>			
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