

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

<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>		
	The February 19, 2016 meeting of the South Carolina Mental Health Commission was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Dr. Alison Y. Evans, Chairperson, in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room at the Waccamaw Center for Mental Health, 164 Waccamaw Medical Park Drive, Conway, SC 29526. Mr. Calep Brown provided the Invocation.	
<b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>		
	<i>On a motion by Beverly Cardwell, seconded by Sharon Wilson, the Commission approved the agenda for today's Business Meeting.</i>	
<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>		
	<i>On a motion by Dr. Everard Rutledge, seconded by Beverly Cardwell, the Commission approved the minutes from the Business Meeting of January 8, 2016.</i>  <i>All voted in favor to the above motions; all motions carried.</i>	
<b>MONTHLY/QUARTERLY INFORMATION REPORTS</b>		
	Mark Binkley presented the items listed under Monthly/Quarterly Informational Reports. Of the twenty-seven (27) open cases on the SLED Patient Protection Report, eighteen (18) are being retained by SLED as potentially criminal; six (6) non-criminal cases were referred to the State Long Term Care Ombudsman's Office (SLTCOO) in the Lt. Governor's Office on Aging; two (2) cases were referred to local law enforcement, and one (1) case, is being investigated by the Attorney General's Office alleging financial exploitation from a family member.  There are no notable changes/trends in the Client Advocacy report.	

DEPARTMENTAL OVERVIEW AND UPDATE		
<p>❖ Crisis Services</p>	<p>Geoff Mason presented information pertaining to Crisis Services and stated that there are various crisis stabilization efforts in place at every Mental Health Center and more are expected to be in place in the near future. Mr. Mason explained different types of crisis programs that are presently offered, including the categories and definitions of each program. He also explained that services are available in each of the forty-six (46) counties, with 24/7 clinicians on-call at each Center. We have approximately ten (10) Mental Health Professionals co-located in hospital Emergency Departments across the state, with an agreement in place for the hospital and SCDMH to share the cost of the MHP. It was noted that the cost-sharing arrangement seems to be working well for emergency room diversions due to both sides having a vested interest. He also stated that approximately 4,300 bed days are purchased annually from community and private hospitals for crisis efforts. Mr. Mason stated that while we face issues with beds in our inpatient facilities, we do use funds that are provided by the General Assembly for crisis programs. He reported we have received approximately \$6.2 million over the past 6–7 years which was designated specifically for crisis services. Mr. Mason stated he requests the Mental Health Centers, each year, to provide proposals of what they would like to accomplish in the area of crisis with these appropriated funds. He advised that this year, approximately \$3.4 million has also been promised by HHS in order to provide additional crisis stabilization services across the State, with the emphasis to ensure we are able to provide onsite services to children in crisis situations. The funds from HHS have not be received yet, but the contract was received last week, with revisions to be made. In addition, funding commitments for \$ 250,000 each, have been received from the four (4) hospitals in Charleston for the Crisis Stabilization Center to be located in Charleston. The startup financial requirement is approximately \$1 million. The facility will have 10-15 beds, and will be located in the former naval hospital. Other areas that have expressed interest in creating Centers are Florence, Anderson, and Spartanburg.</p>	<p>➤ <b>2<sup>nd</sup> handout was omitted from packet and will be forwarded to Commission Board Members.</b></p>
<p>❖ VA Nursing Homes Update</p>	<p>Mark Binkley stated that the contracts with the company that operates Campbell and Veterans’ Victory House ended last December. The Requests for Proposals Process concluded in November. It was noted that the incumbent, HMR, was the successful respondent in both requests and those were awarded as of December 1<sup>st</sup> and HMR has a new five (5) year contract for each facility. The contractual costs will continue to increase under the terms of the new contracts and he is hopeful the General Assembly will fund the requested increases. Mr. Binkley reported that grant requests totaling over \$90 million have been submitted for three (3) new veteran nursing homes to be located in northeast Columbia</p>	

<p>VA Nursing Homes Update <b>(continued)</b></p>	<p>(Farrow Road), Cherokee County, and Florence. In January, the Veteran’s Administration published the priority list as of 2016, and all three (3) grant requests appeared on the Priority One list. He noted that a twenty-five (25) acre parcel for the facility in Cherokee County (Gaffney) was donated by the County. The parcel for the Florence facility will hopefully be donated by the “Friends of the Florence Stockade”.</p>	
<p>❖ Bull Street Update</p>	<p>Mark Binkley reported that there will be closings on two (2) additional parcels next week. With those sales, transfers will total approximately fifty (50) acres. It was noted that we are under contract for the old Hall Institute, bringing the total to one hundred eighty-five (185) acres. Mr. Binkley gave a recap on what has been sold. The Laundry building has not been sold, but is anticipated that it will be purchased. Mr. Binkley stated that as of next week, the total amount of funds that will have been received is approximately \$5.5 million, over a third of the original \$15 million in the agreement. The payments are ahead of schedule.</p>	
<p>❖ Financial Status Update</p>	<p>Mark Binkley, referring to the handouts, noted in September, we projected ending Fiscal Year 2016 with a \$5 million surplus, but we are now projecting a \$4 million deficit. He noted that our community Medicaid revenue has been reduced, mainly due to changes in some of the standards for services we bill and also due to the disruption caused by the October rains and floods. He stated that expenses are also down and the Centers which are projecting deficits, have submitted budget plans for realignment before the end of the year. It was noted that the inpatient facilities are also projecting deficits, relating to some unexpected increases in expenditures and some reductions in revenue, but budget reduction plans for the Division of Inpatient Services are being implemented. Mr. Binkley stated that despite the challenges we have faced this year with revenue, he is confident that with the efforts of Central Office Management, Financial Management, and our Centers and Facilities Management, the Department will be in balance by the end of the year.</p>	
<p>❖ Regional Training</p>	<p>Mr. Magill stated he and Dr. Evans opened the first regional training in Florence recently before a live group, followed by a video circulation around the State. Some of the topics that were discussed included Telepsychiatry, School Based Services (Waccamaw), Housing, Integration with Primary Healthcare, and increased utilization of Administrative Staff. He stated that the response was positive and recognized the staff at Waccamaw for valuable input. The responses from the training are being evaluated and there may be another one scheduled in the next six (6) months.</p>	<p>➤ <b>Information to be forwarded to Commission Board</b></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Agency Oversight Reports                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Senate</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Magill stated that the Senate Oversight Report on SCDMH has been sent to us for review and comments, and although it is still in draft form, we are pleased with the contents and had few comments.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Legislative Audit Council</li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Magill noted that we have reviewed the draft of the Legislative Audit Council’s Report of the Agency and it looks positive. It was noted that the Senate Medical Affairs Committee will have a sub-committee review of the report and we will participate in the hearings.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SAMHSA</li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Magill noted that SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) will be coming to South Carolina next week to review compliance with block grants. This will be a joint review of the alcohol and drug block grant, as well as the grant for SCDMH.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Disaster Preparedness</li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Magill stated that our Agency has a very effective disaster plan and stated the regional SAMHSA representative will be coming to Columbia in March for a presentation. The presentation will not only focus on our Agency’s overall participation in disaster relief, but also, specifically the response to the Emanuel AME Church shootings and the flooding in October. Mr. Magill stated that SAMHSA may want to use SCDMH’s disaster response for possible replication in other states and noted that in the future, the South Carolina model may be recognized nationwide. It was noted that <b>NASMHPD</b>, the national organization representing State Mental Health Authorities, also requested that we send a group of individuals to their annual meeting to give a presentation on South Carolina’s disaster relief program.</p>	
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		
	<p>Mr. Magill reported that the two (2) year Revenue Acquisition Initiative (RAI) statewide project is almost completed and has produced good relations and results. He stated that there will be a ceremony at the March Commission Meeting to present the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Foundation with a plaque to signify our gratitude for donating over \$3 million to expand school-based services in South Carolina. Mr. Magill reported that we will also be receiving a grant from MUSC from the TeleHealth Alliance, which will allow us to expand our ER Telepsychiatry System. This will provide some financial resources for some small rural hospitals who need to update older equipment.</p>	

<b>SUMMARY AND WRAP UP</b>		
	<p>Ms. Ethel Bellamy noted that the relationships with county governments are improving, with Board members attending County Council meetings on a regular basis. She also stated that they have spoken with individuals in Horry County to seek increased funding and the responses that have been received have been positive. Ms. Bellamy reported that Williamsburg Hospital closed the previous week and they have been in contact with Clarendon Hospital, as well as with Lake City. Ms. Janice Smith stated that Williamsburg Regional Hospital closed after suffering damage from the October flood and was unable to recuperate. They are projecting that they will have a mobile emergency room available in several weeks, but will not have the capacity to accommodate overnight patients. Ms. Smith stated that Ms. Bellamy has been in contact with Executive Directors in Pee Dee Mental Health and Santee-Wateree Mental Health. Ms. Smith has spoken with the Clinic Directors in those counties and has also contacted hospital staff at Lake City Community Hospital and Clarendon Memorial Hospital. Ms. Smith stated that there has been a collaborate relationship, and law enforcement has been helpful in transporting patients across county lines.</p>	
<b>OTHER ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS</b>		
	<p>Dr. Rutledge stated that we need to continue to develop closer relationships with law enforcement.</p>	
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>		
	<p><i>At 11:05 p.m., on a motion by Sharon Wilson, seconded by Beverly Cardwell, the Commission adjourned.</i></p>	

ATTENDANCE			
❖ Commission Members	Alison Y. Evans, Psy.D., Chair Beverly Cardwell Everard O. Rutledge Sharon Wilson	Joan Moore, Vice Chair (excused) James Buxton Terry (excused) Bob Hiott	
❖ Staff/Guests	Michael Hughes M. Janice Smith Lori Chappelle Michelle Little Mark Binkley Geoff Mason Marvin Morris Allen Teaque Barbara Bryant Mallory Miller Kelli Zeigler Shirley Wiggins Calep Brown	Kisha Guess Linda F. Wright Ethel Bellamy Jackie Brown Alan Powell Jan Gawith Janet B. Reown Leanne Dillron Jay Little Chantaneer Riley Teresa Sims Bernard McIntosh	
APPROVALS			
	<hr/> <b>Alison Y. Evans, PsyD, Chair</b>	<hr/> <b>Terry Davis, Recording Secretary</b>	