

**S. C. MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING**  
**SCDMH Administration, 2414 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201**  
**September 9, 2016**

<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>		
	<p>The September 9, 2016 meeting of the South Carolina Mental Health Commission was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Dr. Alison Y. Evans, Chairperson, in Conference Room 320 at the SC Department of Mental Health Administration Building, 2414 Bull Street, Columbia, SC. Stewart Cooner provided the invocation.</p>	
<b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>		
	<p><i>On a motion by Sharon Wilson, seconded by Beverly Cardwell, the Commission approved the revised agenda for today's Business Meeting.</i></p>	
<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>		
	<p><i>On a motion by Louise Haynes, seconded by Sharon Wilson, the Commission approved the minutes from the Center Presentation on August 5, 2016.</i></p> <p><i>On a motion by Beverly Cardwell, seconded by Dr. Rod Rutledge, the Commission approved the minutes from the Business Meeting of August 5, 2016.</i></p> <p><i>All voted in favor to the above motions; all motions carried.</i></p>	
<b>MONTHLY/QUARTERLY INFORMATION REPORTS</b>		
	<p>Mr. Mark Binkley presented the items listed under Monthly/Quarterly Informational Reports, copies of which had been provided to the Commission.</p>	
<b>DEPARTMENTAL OVERVIEW AND UPDATE</b>		
<p>❖ <b>Housing Initiatives Update</b></p>	<p>Ms. Michele Murff stated that progress is being made on the new Bull Street Proceeds Housing Development Program, and that the Community Housing Program is a new rental assistance program that is sustained with State funding. Ms. Murff stated that earlier SCDMH Housing programs were discontinued due to budget cuts, but are being reinstated. She stated that the main focus is on low income tax credit developers that are already providing affordable housing. It was noted that the State Housing Authority administers the Low Income Tax Program for the State of S. C. and a roundtable is being conducted next week by the State Housing Authority. Ms. Murff stated SCDMH has been working with the State Housing Trust Fund, as well as with the National Housing Trust Fund, which are</p>	

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	<p>funded by Fannie May and Freddie Mac proceeds. She stated that the choice of locations for proposed projects is very important, due to a vast majority of the patients living in poverty. She stated that the locations chosen for housing need to provide direct, easy access to the bus lines, the Mental Health Centers, and should afford convenient pharmacy and grocery shopping. She stated that there are currently approximately three hundred fifty (350) patients residing in rental assistance programs.</p>	
<p>❖ <b>Art of Recovery Update</b></p>	<p>Ms. Tracy LaPointe stated that the Art of Recovery Program began in 2001, in collaboration with S. C. Share, as an anti-stigma program to showcase the talents of children and adults receiving psychiatric services from SCDMH with twelve (12) pieces of art. She stated that The Art of Recovery Program also highlights the role art can play in the recovery process, and since its inception in 2001, thousands of art pieces by hundreds of artists, from across the State of S. C. have been featured. A Committee has been formed and meets each quarter to discuss venue opportunities, funding, fundraising, and to approve purchases.</p> <p>Ms. Lindsay Walker stated that the artists that participate in The Art of Recovery range in talent and training, with art ranging from simple penciled drawings to complex oil paintings. Upon receipt of the artwork, SCDMH staff mat, frame, transport, and display the art pieces throughout the State and the artists receive all of the proceeds from artwork that is sold. When pieces of art are not traveling to exhibits, they are displayed on the walls at the SCDMH Central Office. She stated that in 2016, art was displayed at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Protection Advocacy Gala Silent Auction, with eight (8) pieces being sold at the event.</li> <li>○ The NAMI Mid-Carolina Block Party</li> <li>○ The Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston, with forty-two (42) pieces of art being sold.</li> <li>○ The Charleston Lowcountry Mental Health Conference, with twenty-one (21) pieces of art being sold.</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Walker stated that preparations are being made to participate in an exhibit at the S. C. Governor’s School for Science and Mathematics in October, 2016. She stated that currently, there are approximately three hundred (300) pieces of artwork in The Art of Recovery Program, with over eighty (80) pieces being sold in 2016.</p>	
<p>❖ <b>6 Month Report of Collections</b></p>	<p>Mr. Alan Powell presented the items listed under the 6 Month Report of Collections, copies of which had been provided to the</p>	

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	Commission.	
❖ <b>Forensics Action Plan Update</b>	<p>Mr. Magill stated that Commission Vice-Chair, Dr. Everard Rutledge, is representing the Commission as a member of the Committee that was formed to implement the Forensics Action Plan. He stated that Mr. Mark Binkley and Mr. Alan Powell are composing the action details and goals.</p> <p>Mr. Mark Binkley stated that an updated version of the Forensics Action Plan will be completed by Monday, September 12, 2016. He stated that there has been a significant reduction in the Forensics waiting list since June, 2016.</p> <p>Mr. Geoff Mason stated there is a contract in place, to open an additional facility for Forensics clients in the Upstate, which will comprise of four (4), eight (8) bed homes.</p>	
❖ <b>SVP Treatment Program Update</b>	<p>Mr. Magill stated that a formal presentation will be made to the Joint Bond Review Committee (JBRC) next week, and to the Fiscal Authority in two (2) weeks. He stated that SCDMH has been in communication with the Governor and some members of the General Assembly in regards to the progress being made. Mr. Magill stated that he and Mr. Mark Binkley have met with members of the JBRC and the Fiscal Authority and feel confident in moving forward with the SVP Program requests. He stated that the proposed new facility will be under ownership of the Fiscal Authority.</p> <p>Mr. Mark Binkley stated that there have been collaborative efforts by the staff of SCDMH, S. C. Department of Corrections, the Department of Administration, the Treasurer’s Office, the Fiscal Authority, and the JBRC.</p>	
❖ <b>Bull Street Update</b>	<p>Mr. Magill stated that the Spirit Communications Park, home of the Columbia Fireflies, was awarded “Ballpark Digest’s Ballpark of the Year” for 2016.</p> <p>Mr. Mark Binkley presented information on an Issue Action Paper, copies of which had been provided to the Commission. Discussion followed.</p>	
❖ <b>Financial Status Update</b>	<p>Mr. Dave Schaefer highlighted certain information on the SCDMH Financial Report, dated July 31, 2016, copies of which had been provided to the Commission. He stated that additional Appropriated Funds have been received for the recent State employee increases, which covers approximately fifty percent</p>	

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	<p>(50%) of the costs. Regarding the Mental Health Centers, Mr. Schaefer stated that it is anticipated that thirty percent (30%) of the claims will continue to go to Health and Human Services as fee for service Medicaid. It is also anticipated that seventy percent (70%) will flow through the MCO claims process. He reported that rate increases for inpatient services (hospitals and nursing homes) will go into effect on October 1, 2016. Mr. Schaefer stated that the most crucial concern at this time is that the receipt of revenue through the MCO process for billed services has not yet begun.</p>	
<p>❖ <b>Efforts to Assist DJJ</b></p>	<p>Mr. Magill stated that he and Ms. Gloria Prevost will be meeting in an effort to assist SCDJJ with some of the issues involved in the placement of juveniles. He stated that HHS, DSS, and the Department of Education are also involved in the ongoing discussions. Mr. Magill stated that the main focus is on the continuation of community development of services for juvenile offenders.</p>	
<p>❖ <b>Approval of Issue Action Papers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Sale of land to S. C. Vocational Rehabilitation Department</b></li> <li>○ <b>City of Florence Easement</b></li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Alan Powell presented approval requests for two (2) Issue Action Papers, copies of which had been provided to the Commission.</p> <p><i>On a motion by Dr. Everard Rutledge, seconded by Ms. Sharon Wilson, the Commission approved the Issue Action Paper regarding SCVRD.</i></p> <p><i>All voted in favor to the above motion; all motions carried.</i></p> <p><i>On a motion by Ms. Louise Haynes, seconded by Mr. Bob Hiott, the Commission approved the Issue Action Paper regarding the City of Florence.</i></p> <p><i>All voted in favor to the above motion; all motions carried.</i></p>	
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		
	<p>Mr. Magill stated that speaking engagements are being organized with Civic Clubs around the State, with the primary focus on the Catawba, Lake Wylie, and the Lowcountry areas. He stated that State Agencies have received a Notice Request from the Governor’s Office, requesting that all State Agencies present a 2017 budget proposal plan that comprises a three percent (3%) reduction. The reduction proposal will be presented, along with the budget request. Mr. Magill stated that the Legislative Board Training is scheduled for October 14, 2016.</p>	

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