

**S. C. MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING**  
**SCDMH Administration, 2414 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201**  
**January 6, 2017**

<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	
	<p>The January 6, 2017 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. Mr. Jeff Ham provided the invocation.</p>
<b>INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS</b>	
	<p>Dr. Evans welcomed twelve (12) students from The South Carolina Governor’s School for Science and Mathematics. Each student stated his/her name and the location of residence. Ms. Sarah St. Onge and Ms. Anne Greene, both from Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities, were also welcomed by Dr. Evans. The S. C. Mental Health Commission Members introduced themselves to the guests.</p>
<b>APPROVAL OF REVISED AGENDA</b>	
	<p><i>On a motion by Mr. Buxton Terry, seconded by Ms. Beverly Cardwell, the Commission approved the revised agenda for today’s Business Meeting.</i></p> <p><i>All voted in favor to the above motion; the motion carried.</i></p>
<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>	
	<p><i>On a motion by Ms. Sharon Wilson, seconded by Ms. Beverly Cardwell, the Commission approved the minutes from the Center Presentation on December 9, 2016.</i></p> <p><i>On a motion by Dr. Everard Rutledge, seconded by Ms. Beverly Cardwell, the Commission approved the minutes from the Business Meeting of December 9, 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>

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<b>DEPARTMENTAL OVERVIEW AND UPDATE</b>		
<b>❖ Patient Advocacy Program</b>	<p>Ms. Rochelle Caton, Director, Office of Client Advocacy and Legislative Liaison, gave an overview of SCDMH’s Patient Advocacy Program. Ms. Caton stated that in 1975, South Carolina passed a Statute regarding the Due Process protection that individuals would have, prior to being committed into a facility for mental health treatment. She stated that a law was developed, which protected conditions and treatment to be provided for individuals that were committed. At this time, the SCDMH created an Ombudsman position to review complaints and grievances for individuals that were committed to SCDMH hospitals and facilities. South Carolina hosted one of the first conferences in the United States concerning the rights of mental health patients, and approximately twenty-four (24) states participated in the conference. Ms. Caton stated that at least one (1) advocate is located in each of the seventeen (17) Mental Health Centers across South Carolina. It was stated that there are three (3) fulltime advocates located in the SCDMH inpatient facilities. Besides handling complaints, the fulltime advocates provide training on patient rights and the Grievance System for new employees. Ms. Caton stated that the fulltime advocates also oversee Patient Advisory Councils and assist patients with voter registrations and voting. She noted that one hundred and ninety-four (194) patients were assisted with voter registration, and one hundred and sixty (160) voted in the November election. The responses received from an inpatient survey revealed that positive feedback was in excess of ninety-five percent (95%) in the majority of categories.</p>	
<b>❖ Forensic Waiting List Update</b>	<p>Mr. Mark Binkley stated that in 2016, there was a thirty-three percent (33%) increase in commitment orders, compared to 2015. He stated that action steps are being taken by SCDMH to improve the waiting list. Mr. Binkley stated that evaluations will be made to determine if additional actions or resources are needed to decrease the waiting list. He stated that an Executive Session has been recommended to receive legal advice about additional measures.</p>	
<b>❖ Update on Agency Building Projects</b>	<p>Mr. Ken Roey, Director of Physical Plant Services, presented the update. Construction of the new Santee-Wateree Mental Health Center is scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2017 and will comprise of approximately 35,000 square feet. He stated that the Logan Foundation has agreed to donate up to \$700K for an onsite conference center/staff training space. Mr. Roey stated that there is a design/build contract with Correct Care for the</p>	

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	<p>new SVP Facility, and that New South Construction is the prime contractor. It is expected that the facility will be completed in August, 2018. Mr. Roey stated that a request has been submitted to the State Executive Budget Office for approval to accept the donation of thirty-three (33) acres from the Friends of the Florence Stockade, as the future location of a Veteran’s Nursing Home. He stated that SCDMH is in the final stages of site review for a parcel of land in Gaffney for a future facility. Mr. Roey stated that by the end of 2017, it is anticipated that SCDMH would have begun construction on six major capital projects, totaling over \$60M.</p>	
<p><b>❖ Report of the Inpatient Facilities Governing Body Meeting of October 12, 2016 and Approval of Minutes</b></p>	<p>Ms. Versie Bellamy presented the Inpatient Facilities Governing Body Meeting minutes from the October 12, 2016 meeting, copies of which had been provided to the Commission. Ms. Bellamy stated that a correction should be made on page five (5), under 4(a), Stone Pavilion, bullet number one (1).</p> <p><i>On a motion by Mr. Buxton Terry, seconded by Ms. Sharon Wilson, the Commission approved the Governing Body Meeting minutes from the October 12, 2016 meeting with the noted correction.</i></p>	
<p><b>❖ Bull Street Update</b></p>	<p>Mr. Mark Binkley stated that there was a closing at the end of December for two parcels totaling eight (8) acres of land along Harden Street. Both transferred parcels were purchased by the Developer and it is anticipated that both parcels of land will be a part of the new USC Medical School Complex. Regarding the original one hundred and sixty-five (165) acres, Mr. Binkley stated that as of December 31, 2016, SCDMH will share in any profits generated as a result of future third party sales by the Developer, in addition to receiving the contracted release price.</p> <p>Mr. Magill stated that it is anticipated that there are plans to develop apartments and a boutique hotel on the property. He stated that the City of Columbia is currently working on the park that will be located on the property.</p>	
<p><b>❖ Financial Status Update</b></p>	<p>Mr. Dave Schaefer stated that the main financial issue has been with the MCOs and billing. He stated that August claims were submitted to Select Health in November, and approximately ninety-eight percent (98%) of the revenue for the claims has been received. Mr. Schaefer stated that approximately twenty-five percent (25%) of Medicaid services are being billed as fee-for-service.</p>	

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<p>❖ <b>Community Housing Efforts</b></p>	<p>Ms. Michele Murff stated that progress is being made in the new Housing Development Initiative Program and it is expected that the draft RFP will be completed by the end of January. A Qualified Provider List (QPL) of developers will be established to work with SCDMH in developing additional housing units. Ms. Murff stated that DMH funding will be matched with funds from public and private resources that are available. She stated that the Community Housing Rental Assistance Program maintains approximately two hundred and seventy-one (271) units, with approximately three hundred and seventy-nine (379) clients and their family members being assisted. The cost to maintain each unit averages approximately \$ 7K per year. Ms. Murff stated that a Pilot Rental Assistance Program is being implemented, in partnership with the State Housing Authority, serving Lexington and Richland counties.</p>	
<p>❖ <b>DMH Grants Activity</b></p>	<p>Ms. Anita Walburn presented an overview of some of the thirty-nine (39) active grants, copies of which had been provided to the Commission. She explained how grants are handled by the Grants Administration Department and noted that one of the important aspects is researching to find available grants that present opportunities for SCDMH. The three (3) recurring grants are the MH Block Grant, Project for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH), and Continuum of Care (formerly Shelter Care Plus). Ms. Walburn highlighted some of the active grants and stated that the total of pending funding, excluding VA funding, is approximately \$ 15.5M. She stated that the amount of VA pending funding is approximately \$ 78M.</p> <p>Mr. Magill expressed gratitude for the generosity that has been shown by the Duke Endowment over the past few years.</p>	
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		
	<p>Mr. Magill stated that he will be speaking at approximately 4 professional organizations and five (5) to six (6) civic clubs in the next six (6) months. He stated that beginning in the Spring of 2017, he will begin holding forums. SCDMH will be presenting the Budget Presentation to the House on January 17, 2017.</p>	
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>		
	<p><i>At 11:55 a.m., on a motion by Mr. Buxton Terry, seconded by Ms. Beverly Cardwell, the Commission adjourned the Business</i></p>	

