S. C. MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING
Hosted by:
Berkeley Community Mental Health Center
403 Stoney Landing Road, Moncks Corner, SC 29461
June 2, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The June 2, 2017 meeting of the South Carolina Mental Health Commission was called to order at 10:25 a.m. by Dr. Alison Evans, Chairperson, at the Berkeley Community Mental Health Center, 403 Stoney Landing Road, Moncks Corner, SC and Mr. Lamar Butler provided the invocation.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Dr. Evans, Chair, welcomed Ms. Joan Moore, a former SCDMH Commissioner.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion by Ms. Beverly Cardwell, seconded by Dr. Everard Rutledge, the Commission approved the agenda for today's Business Meeting.

All voted in favor to the above motions; all motions carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Dr. Everard Rutledge, seconded by Mr. Bob Hiott, the Commission approved the Minutes from the Business Meeting of May 5, 2017.

All voted in favor to the above motions; all motions carried.

MONTHLY/QUARTERLY INFORMATION REPORTS

Mr. Mark Binkley presented the items listed under Monthly/Quarterly Informational Reports, copies of which had been provided to the Commission. It was noted that a SLED case involving a Correct Care employee in the Forensics Unit was referred to a Long Term Care Ombudsman. The facts of the case did not warrant prosecution, but the employee's conduct was inappropriate and she is in the process of being terminated.

DEPARTMENTAL OVERVIEW AND UPDATE

Community Mental Health Statistical Report

Mr. Geoff Mason presented the items from the Community Mental Health Statistical Report, copies of which were provided to the Commission.

Forensic Waiting List Update

Mr. Alan Powell stated that the number of defendants on the Forensic waiting list has not changed from the previous month, but there were over twenty-five (25) admissions and discharges in May. Ms. Versie Bellamy stated four (4) staff members are scheduled to receive training as trainers for the Start Now Program and the expectation is that implementation of the Program will take place by the fall. She stated that the program will help staff become more efficient in order to maximize services and maintain a flow of patients being discharged. Mr. Mark Binkley stated that it is anticipated that the State's FY2018 budget will be approved and will fully fund the Forensics requests that were submitted by SCDMH, which includes the opening of thirty-two (32) beds at Bryan Psychiatric Hospital.

Bull Street Update

Mr. Mark Binkley stated that there were no property closings in the past month, but a closing is expected for the Energy Building. He stated that a newspaper article recently reported plans for the development of the upscale Senior Living Facility, which will be located at the former location of the Hall Cottages. Mr. Magill stated that the second floor of the First Base Building will be occupied by a client in the near future.

Report of the Inpatient Facilities Governing Body Meeting of January 11, 2017 and Approval of Minutes

Ms. Versie Bellamy presented the Inpatient Facilities Governing Body Meeting minutes from the April 12, 2017 meeting, copies of which had been provided to the Commission.

On a motion by Dr. Everard Rutledge, seconded by Ms. Beverly Cardwell, the Commission approved the Governing Body Meeting minutes from the April 12, 2017 meeting.

Financial Status Update

Mr. Mark Binkley highlighted certain information on the SCDMH Financial Report, dated April 30, 2017, copies of which had been provided to the Commission. The anticipated surplus has increased due to the fiscal year end approaching and unfilled vacant positions.

Legislative Update

Mr. Mark Binkley highlighted several items from the Legislative News publication, dated May 23, 2017, copies of which had been provided to the Commission. He stated that a Notice of Drafting has been published, seeking comments for the drafting of the regulations for the implementation of the licensure category for Crisis Stabilization Unit Facilities. A Freedom of Information bill was been passed which impacts how SCDMH and all State Agencies process Freedom of Information Act requests.

Update on Mental Health Courts

Mr. Magill stated that The Duke Endowment is funding a three (3) year Mental Health Courts Grant. The Duke Endowment will be collaborating with SCDMH to develop a model which can be used in South Carolina and North Carolina.

Mr. Mark Binkley discussed a document which outlines the Mental Health Courts Grant, copies of which were provided to the Commission. The grant will be used to standardize four (4) existing Mental Health Courts; an expansion of two (2) additional Courts; and develop a robust evaluation and research component aimed at quantifying the outcomes in public dollars saved by Mental Health Court Diversion.

Carve-In Update

Dr. Robert Bank stated that the MCOs have experienced issues in matching their IT components with SCDMH's IT components and with methodology, but the majority of the issues have been resolved. He stated that funds for approximately ninety-four percent (94%) of the billed services have been received. Error/coding corrections, crossover claims (Medicaid/Medicare), and unbilled claims account for the remaining funds that have not been received by SCDMH.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Magill stated that Dr. Robert Bank will be transitioning into a fulltime position as the Medical Director immediately.

Dr. Robert Bank stated that Ms. Denise Morgan, whose expertise is in the area of Intake and Emergency Services, has been named as the Interim Director at Columbia Area Mental Health.

Ms. Debbie Blalock stated that the long anticipated ten (10) bed Crisis Stabilization Unit will be opening Monday in Charleston County. The Unit is aimed at ER, hospital, and jail diversion, with law enforcement having the ability to use the location as a drop off. There are two (2) Charleston area hospitals, as well as numerous other community partners, that will be collaborating in supporting the new Unit.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:32 a.m., on a motion by Mr. Bob Hiott, seconded by Ms. Beverly Cardwell, the Commission adjourned the Business Meeting and entered into Executive Session to receive legal advice concerning threatened class action lawsuits. Upon convening in open session at 12:15 p.m., it was noted that only information was received; no votes or actions were taken.

ATTENDANCE

Commission Members

Dr. Alison Evans, Chair
Dr. Everard Rutledge, Vice Chair
Beverly Cardwell
Bob Hiott

Staff/Guests

Mark Binkley
Geoff Mason
Alan Powell
Versie Bellamy
Dr. Robert Bank
Dr. Kimberly Rudd
Debbie Calcote
Joan Moore
Brandon Lilienthal
Debbie Blalock
Lamar Butler
Thomas Walsh
Matt Dorman
Matt Dugan

APPROVALS

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Alison Y. Evans	**Terry Davis**
PsyD, Chair	**Recording Secretary**