

S.C. MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING
January 9, 2015, SCDMH Administration, 2414 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW UP, ETC.
CALL TO ORDER	The January 9, 2015 meeting of the South Carolina Mental Health Commission was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Alison Y. Evans, Psy.D., Chair, in the Commission Room at the SC Department of Mental Health Administration Building, 2414 Bull Street, Columbia, SC. Mr. Jeff Ham commenced with the invocation.	
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS	Dr. Evans welcomed regular attendees as well as guests to the January Commission meeting. She brought 16 students from The South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics. Each student introduced themselves and told where they were from. Likewise, the Commission did the same.	
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	<p><i>On a motion by Dr. Rutledge, seconded by Beverly Cardwell, the Commission approved the minutes of the Commission Dinner of December 11, 2014.</i></p> <p><i>On a motion by Sharon Wilson, seconded by Joan Moore, the Commission approved the minutes of the Center Presentation of December 12, 2014.</i></p> <p><i>On a motion by Joan Moore, seconded by Buck Terry, the Commission approved the minutes of the Commission Business Meeting of December 12, 2014.</i></p> <p><i>All voted in favor to the above motions; all motions carried.</i></p>	
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 19 pending cases on the Patient Protection Report, nine (9) are being retained by SLED as potentially criminal; seven (7) cases were referred to the State Long Term Care Ombudsman's Office (SLTCOO) in the Lt. Governor's Office on Aging; three (3) were being investigated by the Attorney General's Office. Mark gave an historical overview of why we report allegations of patient abuse to outside agencies.	
DEPARTMENTAL OVERVIEW AND UPDATE		
• Governor's School Student Presentation – Bethany	Bethany Spencer presented on Tourette's Syndrome. She has been dealing with the symptoms of Tourette's ever since she was 6 or 7 years old. Her tics have gotten progressively worse in	

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<p>Spencer</p> <p>• Ride for SPMI – Lloyd Hale and Zoe Miller</p> <p>• Bull Street Update – Mark Binkley</p> <p>• Financial Status Update – Mark Binkley</p> <p>• School-Based Services Update – Louise Johnson and Sylvia Senbel</p>	<p>the last few years. Ms. Spencer invited everyone to do an exercise to show the difficulty and challenges that goes along with having Tourette's and her particular tics. The exercise involved writing the Pledge of Allegiance while experiencing 4-5 tic episodes in a minute. Emma Harris, another Governor's School Student, briefly spoke about her illness and the fact that she will not let it be a deterrent in her life.</p> <p>Bonnie Pate introduced Zoe Miller to the Commission and everyone present. Ms. Miller is a 15 year old student who created a documentary on Lloyd Hale, a Peer Support Specialist at Charleston-Dorchester Mental Health Center, focusing on his recent bicycle ride across South Carolina to raise awareness of mental illness, "Ride for SPMI." Like Mr. Hale's bike ride, the documentary will help bring awareness to serious and persistent mental illness. Mr. Hale spoke about the experience after the film was shown.</p> <p>There was a groundbreaking this week for the baseball stadium. Shortly, after the ball field is under construction, we understand that groundbreaking will begin for the commercial sites. SCDMH will discontinue allowing public visitation to the campus due to the potential hazards with all the construction occurring. However, the agency does still permit law enforcement training for the time being. Further discussion will be held in a recommended Executive session regarding contract issues.</p> <p>Mark Binkley noted that SCDMH is still projecting a surplus at the end of the year (with the use of agency non-recurring funds). We are expecting the Governor's budget recommendations to come out soon. SCDMH will have its budget hearing in front of the House Healthcare Subcommittee on January 21st.</p> <p>Geoff Mason introduced Louise Johnson, Director of Children, Adolescents and Their Families, and Sylvia Senbel, School Based Services Program Manager. They gave a brief overview of DMH School-Based Services and where we are now with this program. At the end of FY14, there are a total of 460 schools that have DMH counselors on-site providing treatment services; and at the end of the 1st quarter of FY15, we have increased this number to 482 schools. Commissioner Rutledge asked how students were alerted to the fact that the DMH counselors are in the schools to assist them. Ms. Johnson noted that the counselors train teachers and school personnel on ways identify students who may be in need of a counselor and many are referred by teachers and administrators. Over time, students become aware of their availability, and are able to self-refer. SCDMH has</p>	

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<p>● Potential Changes in Reimbursement – Mark Binkley</p>	<p>counselors in alternative schools as well as regular schools.</p> <p>Mark Binkley began by stating that almost half of the agency’s operating revenue is earned through the provision of clinical services. There is a great deal of debate and activity involving large payers, like Medicare, Medicaid and health insurers, looking at new and different ways to reimburse providers for healthcare services other than the traditional fee-for-service method. The discussion is being driven in part by the increasing cost of healthcare. But it is being driven in part by concerns about the quality of the services. The question being increasingly asked by the large payers is “Are we getting good value for the money we are spending on healthcare services?” Data does not indicate that, as a country, Americans are seeing improved health outcomes despite the fact that America spends more on healthcare per capita by far than any other country. So recently the quality concerns are being joined with the cost concerns, and many types of changes are being considered by payers to the ways in which providers are reimbursed for their services. As a large healthcare provider, DMH has been closely following these developments and making its position and concerns known in the discussions which are taking place in South Carolina. The purpose of this presentation is principally to make the Commission aware of issues that may impact the agency in the future. Commissioner Rutledge noted that so-called “managed care” was often just a divide of the money and would not improve the agency’s ability to meet the needs of our clients. This is a huge concern and if there is an opportunity for the Commission to speak up they will do so.</p>	
<p>● Resource Acquisition Initiative – John Magill</p>	<p>Mr. Magill described this initiative to assist Center Boards and Center management make the case for increased Center funding from County governments as being outstanding thus far. A lot of interesting conversation has been taking place. One county council member stated that their council elected to defund the local Center because they thought it was a charitable organization. Mr. Magill feels that this initiative gives us an opportunity to educate county council as well as Center board members, and that will result in more Counties providing local funding to Center operations.</p>	
<p>OTHER ADDITIONAL COMMENTS</p>	<p>Rep. J. Derham Cole, Jr., a new member of our House Budget Committee, met with Senior Management and toured G. Werber Bryan Psychiatric Hospital. Rep. Cole was very appreciative for the information on SCDMH. The Duke Endowment will meet with Mr. Magill and other SCDMH staff members next week to discuss a School Based Telepsychiatry proposal that the agency would like to pursue.</p>	

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NOTICE/AGENDA	A notice and agenda of the meeting were sent out to all individuals and news media who requested information in accordance with state law.	
ADJOURNMENT	<i>At 11:10 a.m., on a motion by Jane Moore, seconded by Buck Terry, that the Commission entered into executive session to discuss contractual matters. Upon convening in open session at 12:00 p.m., it was noted that only information was received; no votes or actions were taken.</i>	
ATTENDANCE Commission Members	<div> Alison Y. Evans, Psy.D., Chair Beverly Cardwell Everard O. Rutledge, PhD Sharon L. Wilson </div>	<div> Joan Moore, Vice Chair James Buxton Terry Jane Jones </div>
Staff/Guests	<div> John H. Magill Geoff Mason Jeffrey Ham Bill Lindsey Louise Johnson Joy Jay Mark Binkley Deborah Blalock Taylor DeHart Madeline Grant Emma Harris Benjamin Holt Nathan Leaphart Annah Nieman Zachary Scott Bethany Spencer Adaya Sturkey </div>	<div> Robert Bank, MD Ligia Latiff-Bolet, PhD Kimberly Rudd, MD Bonnie Pate Sylvia Senbel Valarie Perkins Tommy Berrigan JaLisa Decker Kylie Fletcher Lloyd Hale Dave Schaefer Shanice Kelly Carlan May Jeffrey Rubillo Sarah Sheppard Waymond Strickland Kenneth Yarborough </div>

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APPROVALS	<u>Everard Rutledge, PhD, Acting Chair</u>	<u>Christie D. Linguard, Recording Secretary</u>	

S.C. MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING
February 6, 2015, Coastal Empire Mental Health Center, 1050 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, South Carolina 29902

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW UP, ETC.
CALL TO ORDER	The February 6, 2015 meeting of the South Carolina Mental Health Commission was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Everard Rutledge, PhD, Acting Chair, in the Community Room at Coastal Empire Mental Health Center, 1050 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, SC. Dr. Jan Holt commenced with the invocation.	
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS	Dr. Rutledge welcomed regular attendees as well as guests to the February Commission meeting.	
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	<i>On a motion by Buck Terry, seconded by Jane Jones, the Commission approved the minutes of the Commission Business Meeting of January 9, 2015.</i> <i>All voted in favor to the above motion; motion 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 19 pending cases on the Patient Protection Report, eight (8) are being retained by SLED as potentially criminal; eight (8) cases were referred to the State Long Term Care Ombudsman's Office (SLTCOO) in the Lt. Governor's Office on Aging; three (3) were being investigated by the Attorney General's Office. There are no remarkable trends in the Client Advocacy report.	
DEPARTMENTAL OVERVIEW AND UPDATE		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative Update – Mark Binkley 	Mr. Binkley called the Commission members' attention to Volume 1 of the DMH Legislative News dated February 2, 2015. The SCDMH FY 2016 Budget Request Comparison chart on the front page reflects the information which was sent to Commission earlier. The first budget hearing in front of the House Ways & Means Committee took place on Wednesday, January 21, 2015, which went very well. Mr. Binkley pointed out several bills by discussing their content in a little more detail than what was provided. Of note, one bill that was not listed in this legislative issue has to do with the Certificate of Need (CON) process. If this bill passes, it will take away a lot of required review from the DHEC, which would essentially mean that hospitals would be able to change their bed types without going through the process of a CON.	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bull Street Update – Mark Binkley • Financial Status Update – Mark Binkley • Housing Update – Geoff Mason • 6 Month Report on Collections – Alan Powell 	<p>There has been a lot of construction activity at the Bull Street site, related to the building of a baseball stadium. The developer is continuing to seek prospective sub-developments. The City of Columbia Police department leadership met with DMH Public Safety regarding taking over primary policing of Bull Street, all except for Hall Institute.</p> <p>The agency's projected surplus has increased since last month by approximately \$1.5 million. The majority is an expected increase of revenue from the VA Nursing Homes because the VA increased their rates of reimbursement, which was retroactive to October 1, 2014. As always, it's important to keep in mind that the projected surplus is only a surplus by including the amount of non-recurring revenue the agency is still utilizing for its operations. Mr. Magill added that should we receive the requested amounts from the General Assembly for Sustainability and Forensics, we would be just about at a breakeven point. Our revenue per billable hours and per patient reimbursement rates are both increasing. We will soon be able to expand in things that are high value, best practices.</p> <p>Mr. Mason called the Commission's attention to the talking points concerning the housing initiative. Since 1991, DMH has developed over 1600 housing places for our patients. And yet, from the recent Housing Task Force Report, we know that there still exists a need for adequate housing for over 5000 individuals with mental illness. We are requesting \$400,000 in recurring funding from the general assembly to help address the housing shortage.</p> <p>In addition, Mr. Mason presented information on outcome volumes. A comparison of quarters 1 & 2 of FY14 versus quarters 1 & 2 of FY15. We have had increases in the number of new cases, billable hours, overall services and the number of clients served. Data regarding percent of intakes meeting access standards, collaborative documentation and productivity were all discussed. DMH is above standard in each of these outcome areas but we do realize there is a lot of room to continue the improvements.</p> <p>The total of collections from July 1 – December 31, 2014 was \$183,578.12. The amount of revenue we have received from collections over the past two years has pretty much stabilized. Mr. Binkley added that this is revenue from all involuntary collection measures, which are primarily from self-pay patient accounts, and also primarily collections of inpatient charges. The number of inpatient beds has been going down; the</p>	

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<p>● Senate Legislative Oversight – John Magill</p> <p>● Potential Changes in Reimbursement – Mark Binkley</p> <p>OTHER ADDITIONAL COMMENTS</p>	<p>pleasant surprise previously had been that collection amounts continued to increase, but now it appears they are beginning to plateau.</p> <p>Mr. Magill gave an overview of the Senate Legislative Oversight Committee. Senior Management has met with the three (3) staffers who will be doing the work to give to the sub-committee for our audit review. DMH is the only large agency that will be reviewed this first year by the Senate. It may be possible that our review may be a precursor to how the other audit reviews will be conducted. This is the first time in South Carolina that this has been done. They have asked and received lots of information about our agency already.</p> <p>Mr. Binkley presented an outline of a behavioral health home model for Community Mental Health Centers. The Department is interested in pursuing this model with the State's Medicaid agency, and thinks it would be a better model for the patients with serious mental illness, than a managed care approach. If implemented correctly, it would save money for Medicaid while improving the patients' mental and physical health. Essentially, an enhanced level of outreach and clinical services would be provided by a Mental Health Center to a targeted the population of patients who have a serious and persistent mental illness and are also high utilizers of emergency or other high cost services. DMH is encouraged that recently, following the change in agency leadership, SCDHHS has partnered with DMH in applying for a technical assistance grant aimed at helping States establish behavioral health homes.</p> <p>Mr. Magill reminded the Commission that he approached The Duke Endowment about a the possibility of funding a pilot program combining Telepsychiatry and School-Based Services. We have prepared a White Paper and a preliminary budget. The Duke Endowment appears very interested and they want to be involved in the planning for such a program. We have missed the funding cycle this year but hopefully, by next Fall we will get approved.</p> <p>DMH has received approval by the Joint Bond Review Committee and Budget and Control Board for establishing a project for a new State Veterans Nursing Home. We are hiring an Architect/Engineer and preparing a construction grant application to submit to the Veterans Administration. The application is due by April 15th. The Governor has named Mr. Magill as the official person from South Carolina to sign off on the State's</p>	

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NOTICE/AGENDA	<p>application. This could potentially be a 220 bed nursing home or smaller.</p> <p>Mr. Mason gave a brief description about the sub-committee he is on to discuss veterans behavioral health issues, and the committee Mr. Magill is on with the Adjutant General and the Director of Dorn VA.</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 11:20 a.m., on a motion by Jane Jones, seconded by Buck Terry, that the Commission enter into executive session to discuss contractual matters and to receive the 6 Month Report on Litigation. 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>		
ATTENDANCE Commission Members	<p>Alison Y. Evans, Psy.D., Chair (<i>excused</i>)</p> <p>Beverly Cardwell (<i>excused</i>)</p> <p>Everard O. Rutledge, PhD</p> <p>Sharon L. Wilson (<i>via telephone</i>)</p>	<p>Joan Moore, Vice Chair (<i>excused</i>)</p> <p>James Buxton Terry</p> <p>Jane Jones</p>	
Staff/Guests	<p>John H. Magill</p> <p>Geoff Mason</p> <p>Dr. Jan Holt</p> <p>Jacob Paris</p> <p>Mark Binkley</p> <p>Suzanne Douglas</p>	<p>Andrea Allen</p> <p>Gertie Washington</p> <p>Judith Treadway</p> <p>Versie Bellamy</p> <p>Alan Powell</p>	
APPROVALS	<p>_____ Alison Y. Evans, PsyD, Chair</p>	<p>_____ Christie D. Linguard, Recording Secretary</p>	

**S.C. MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING
CONFERENCE CALL
Monday, September 22, 2014**

TOPIC	DISCUSSION		FOLLOW UP, ETC.
CALL TO ORDER	<p>A conference call meeting of the SC Mental Health Commission took place on September 22, 2014 at 3:30 PM in room 321 of the SCDMH Administration Building, 2414 Bull Street, Columbia, SC.</p> <p><i>At 3:35 p.m. Alison Y. Evans, Psy.D. called the conference call meeting to order.</i></p> <p>Mr. Magill commenced by stating that this meeting was called in order for the Commission to approve the proposed budget request for 2016.</p> <p><i>On a motion by Dr. Rutledge, seconded by Joan Moore, the Commission approved the Proposed FY16 Budget Request for submission. *It was noted that Buck Terry voted in favor of the Request during his 11:00 a.m. conference call meeting.</i></p> <p><i>All voted in favor to the above motions; all motions carried.</i></p>		
ADJOURNMENT	<p><i>At 3:52 p.m., on a motion by Jane Jones, seconded by Joan Moore, that the Commission entered into executive session to discuss contractual matters. Upon convening, it was noted that only information was received; no votes or actions were taken.</i></p>		
ATTENDANCE Commission Members	Alison Y. Evans, Psy.D., Chair Jane B. Jones Everard O. Rutledge, PhD Sharon L. Wilson	Joan Moore, Vice Chair *James Buxton Terry (excused) Beverly Cardwell	
Staff/Guests	John H. Magill David Schaefer	Mark Binkley Tracy LaPointe	
APPROVALS	<div>Alison Y. Evans, PsyD, Chair</div>	<div>Christie D. Linguard, Recording Secretary</div>	
	<p>*Mr. Buck Terry, John H. Magill, Mark Binkley and David Schaefer met via telephone at 11:00 AM to go over budget request.</p>		

S.C. MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

March 6, 2015, Coastal Empire Mental Health Center, 1050 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, South Carolina 29902

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW UP, ETC.
CALL TO ORDER	The March 6, 2015 meeting of the South Carolina Mental Health Commission was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Alison Y. Evans, PsyD, Chair, in the Commission Room at the SC Department of Mental Health Administration Building, 2414 Bull Street, Columbia, SC. Mr. Jeff Ham commenced with the invocation.	
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS	Dr. Evans welcomed regular attendees as well as guests to the March Commission meeting.	
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	<p><i>On a motion by Buck Terry, seconded by Jane Jones, the Commission approved the minutes of the Commission Dinner of February 5, 2015.</i></p> <p><i>On a motion by Jane Jones, seconded by Buck Terry, the Commission approved the minutes of the Center Presentation of February 6, 2016.</i></p> <p><i>On a motion by Buck Terry, seconded by Sharon Wilson, the Commission approved the minutes of the Commission Business Meeting of February 6, 2016.</i></p> <p><i>All voted in favor to the above motions; all motions carried.</i></p>	
MONTHLY/QUARTERLY INFORMATIONAL REPORTS	<p>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 pending cases on the Patient Protection Report, eight (8) are being retained by SLED as potentially criminal; nine (9) cases were referred to the State Long Term Care Ombudsman's Office (SLTCOO) in the Lt. Governor's Office on Aging; and three (3) were being investigated by the Attorney General's Office alleging financial exploitation by a family member.</p> <p>There are no remarkable trends in the Client Advocacy report. Issues are being regularly and routinely addressed by facility and Center staff advocates.</p>	
DEPARTMENTAL OVERVIEW AND UPDATE • Legislative Update – Mark Binkley	DMH has been very busy with legislation over the last couple of weeks. The House Ways and Means supported much of the agency's recurring budget increase request. DMH is seeking	

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	<p>\$12,250,000 and the full Committee recommended \$11,000,000. There are recurring amounts in the Department's current budget that enable the agency to dedicate funds for the future Veterans nursing home project as well as our deferred maintenance and capital needs, such as a new Santee-Wateree Sumter clinic. The Senate Oversight Committee meeting earlier this week went very well.</p> <p>Mr. Binkley proposed, since the legislature is moving towards requiring all state agencies to publish their meeting agendas online, that DMH begin to publish our SC Mental Health Commission agenda online at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. In addition, Mr. Binkley recommended that the Commission go on record at each meeting to formally approve the Agenda at the outset of the meeting.</p> <p>In regards to the Patient's Rights bill, DMH is seeking a change that will be allow the hospitals utilize Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) to perform required initial physical examinations of patients, which they are already qualified to do as part of their State licensure. Basically, DMH is simply proposing to amend the laws pertaining to professional practice in DMH hospitals to be in line with what other hospitals in South Carolina are able to do. This would be a good way to assist with our physician shortage.</p> <p>Also, the General Assembly passed a Joint Resolution recognizing and commending the Agency on the recognition of the DMH ED Telepsychiatry Consultation Program as a "Bright Idea" by the Harvard University Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation at the John F. Kennedy School of Government. A copy was given to all Commission members.</p> <p>Mr. Magill added that in the House Ways & Means budget recommendation there is some bond money that will come to DMH for capital needs; however, the Bond Bill is in jeopardy right now. There is some talk on the Senate budget side that they may want to put money in our budget for a Phase III project at Columbia Area Mental Health Center. The Senate Budget Hearing last week went very well. DMH also appeared in front of Joint Bond Review Committee. Rather than building one large nursing home here in Columbia, the national Veterans Administration appears to want smaller State veterans nursing homes spread out. Therefore, DMH is adjusting our plans to include one application for the Columbia area; one application for the Pee Dee area; and an application in the Cherokee/Spartanburg Counties area of the State. The next step is for DMH to appear before the Joint Bond Review Committee as well as the South Carolina Budget & Control Board prior to submitting the application. DMH appeared before the Senate Oversight committee yesterday and that went well. Mr. Magill also attended the Joint Citizens & Legislative Committee on Children yesterday where Senator</p>	

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<p>● Report of Inpatient Facilities Governing Body Meeting – Versie Bellamy</p> <p>● Approval of One Medical Care Account (Waiver) – Alan Powell</p> <p>● Bull Street Update – Mark Binkley</p>	<p>Brad Hutto and Representative Shannon Erickson noted that the Committee should be looking at more broad-based and Statewide efforts to improve mental health services to children, and both specifically singled out DMH's School-Based Mental Health services Program.</p> <p>The Inpatient Facilities Governing Body Meeting minutes presented for approval to the Commission today were from the January 14, 2015 meeting. C.M. Tucker Stone Pavilion Veterans Nursing Home will have a DHEC Survey to occur sometime in March. On November 4, 2014, G. Werber Bryan Psychiatric Hospital underwent an unannounced quality monitoring survey. G. Werber Bryan Psychiatric Hospital, William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute and Patrick B. Harris Psychiatric Hospital are all due for a triangular Joint Commission Surveys in late 2015; these visits are unannounced. William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute building project is approximately four weeks behind.</p> <p><i>On a motion by Buck Terry, seconded by Joan Moore, the Commission approved the Governing Body Meeting minutes from the January 14, 2015 meeting as presented.</i></p> <p>Mr. Alan Powell directed the Commission's attention to the one (1) medical care account in their packets. This waiver request is submitted to the Commission for approval. Medicare was not timely billed due to an error in listing the Medicare status when the patient was admitted to G. Werber Bryan Psychiatric Hospital, prior to their current admission to Tucker Nursing Care Center (Roddey). Commissioner Evans asked, going forward, how do we make sure that this error does not happen again? Mr. Powell stated that he has been reassured by Reimbursement that checks and balances have been put in place for this to be prevented in the future.</p> <p><i>On a motion by Jane Jones, seconded by Beverly Cardwell, the Commission approved a waiver on the one (1) medical care account presented.</i></p> <p>There are mountains of dirt at the Bull Street site. Hughes Development Corporation is has lately been talking about the project a whole lot more in the media. They have distributed futuristic pictures of the completed project. The City is still planning to use the Ensor Building in its baseball stadium. The City of Columbia Police department leadership met with DMH Public Safety regarding taking over primary policing of Bull Street, all except for Hall Institute.</p>	

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<p>• Financial Status Update – Mark Binkley</p> <p>• Issue Action Paper/Approval of Easement – Alan Powell</p> <p>• Information Security Changes – Alan Powell</p> <p>• Ensor Fund Grants – Robert Bank, MD</p>	<p>We are still projecting a surplus, which essentially means that we are not using as much non-recurring budgeted money. Medicaid revenue is fairly consistent with where we thought it would be. The expenditures are a little lower than what was projected. Overall, SCDMH is in good financial shape. Medicaid's rehabilitative rate reduction was discussed.</p> <p>Mr. Binkley explained that a group of retirement home developers in Camden have submitted a to DMH to use a small portion of its property at the Camden Mental Health Clinic as part of a entrance-way into their planned project. The agency will receive compensation. The DMH staff is submitting this easement for approval. After approval by the SC Mental Health Commission, the Easement will need to be approved by the Attorney General and the State Budget & Control Board.</p> <p><i>On a motion by Sharon Wilson, seconded by Buck Terry, the Commission approved the proposed Easement in Camden, South Carolina.</i></p> <p>Mr. Alan Powell gave background information regarding the cyber security issues involving the State of South Carolina. Some of the precautions SCDMH has put in place involve use of a dedicated local area network and firewall system which limits use of the internet for most agency transfers of information. The General Assembly created a new entity, the State Division of Information Systems, or Info-Sec. They are requiring more uniform policies for protecting state agencies' electronic data. We are in the process of taking the recommendations from the State's consultant, DeLoitte-Touche, to develop and implement policies in the thirteen (13) "domains" of electronic security. Each domain has numerous sub-parts and its truly been a herculean task for staff. We have completed a plan of action for completing all of these policies. The final compliance date for all state agencies is June, 2016. In the budget request, we have sought funding for additional infrastructure, hiring of additional staff and expense of the new technology to meet this compliance deadline.</p> <p>Dr. Bank gave the historical background of the Ensor Funds that are held in a Trust. A couple of years ago, DMH opened up the application process to include research projects throughout the centers and facilities for funding. This past year, we had a large number of applications. Examples were given. We will continue with the process going forward.</p>	

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OTHER ADDITIONAL COMMENTS	<p>Mr. Magill met with Dr. Harris Pastides, USC President, to further discuss the collaboration and a larger Memorandum of Agreement between DMH and USC. Mr. Magill was also able to pick up his award.</p> <p>Mr. Magill reminded the Commission to please complete the Statement of Interest form from the State Ethics Commission, which has a deadline of March 30th.</p> <p>The Portal Access mapping project was discussed in detail. The maps, as impressive as they are, do not include community or private alcohol and drug abuse facilities, private psychiatric hospitals or non DMH inpatient psychiatric units (such as MUSC Institute of Psychiatry), nor does it reflect office based psychiatrists, psychologists, clinical social workers, licensed professional counselors, etc. scattered around the state. When you reflect on the available behavioral health resources in the State, led by DMH, we have a significant capacity from which to continue to build.</p> <p>The SC ETV movie <i>Down on Bull Street</i> is almost complete. Mental Health America of SC will have a premier a couple of days prior to it being available to the public. This will be a red carpet affair.</p> <p>Mr. Bill Lindsey reminded everyone that the SC Advocacy Day will be March 19th on the State House Grounds beginning at 11:00 AM.</p> <p>Dr. Evans noted that historically, if the Commission meeting is in Florence, she generally hosts a dinner at her home; however, she feels that she may not be able to do this at this time. Dr. Evans thanked the Commission members for continuing with business as usual at the February Commission meeting. She also thanked everyone for all of their assistance and support for hosting the Governor's School students in January at the Commission meeting.</p>	
NOTICE/AGENDA	A notice and agenda of the meeting were sent out to all individuals and news media who requested information in accordance with state law.	
ADJOURNMENT	<i>At 11:50 a.m., on a motion by Buck Terry, seconded by Beverly Cardwell, that the Commission enter into executive session to discuss contractual matters.</i>	

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APPROVAL FOR SALE OF PROPERTY	<p><i>Upon convening in open session at 12:15 p.m., Buck Terry made a motion that the Commission authorize Director John H. Magill to execute a contract of sale for the William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute property in the form of an amendment to the December 16, 2010 sales agreement for a total price of \$3,612,715 as reflected in the minimum annual payment schedule presented by the staff. The condition of the contract also to include an amended paragraph regarding parcel sales to unrelated parties as presented by staff today. This motion was seconded by Jane Jones. All voted in favor to the above motion; the motion was carried.</i></p>		
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Staff/Guests	John H. Magill Geoff Mason Mark Binkley Alan Powell Christian Barnes-Young	Robert L. Bank, MD Robert Morgan Versie Bellamy Frances Corley Bill Lindsey	
APPROVALS	<hr/> Alison Y. Evans, PsyD, Chair	<hr/> Christie D. Linguard, Recording Secretary	

S.C. MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING
Pee Dee Mental Health Center, 125 East Cheves Street, Florence, South Carolina 29506

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW UP, ETC.
CALL TO ORDER	The April 10, 2015 meeting of the South Carolina Mental Health Commission was called to order at 10:23 a.m. by Alison Y. Evans, PsyD, Chair, in the Bevis Conference Room at the Pee Dee Mental Health Center, 125 East Cheves Street, Florence, SC. Dr. Gladys Gilbert commenced with the invocation.	
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS	Dr. Evans welcomed regular attendees as well as guests to the April Commission meeting.	
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	<i>On a motion by Jane Moore, seconded by Beverly Cardwell, the Commission approved the agenda for today's Business Meeting.</i>	
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	<i>On a motion by Beverly Cardwell, seconded by Jane Jones, the Commission approved the minutes of the Commission Business Meeting of March 6, 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 pending cases on the Patient Protection Report, nine (9) are being retained by SLED as potentially criminal; eight (8) cases were referred to the State Long Term Care Ombudsman's Office (SLTCOO) in the Lt. Governor's Office on Aging; and three (3) were 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"> ● Crisis Stabilization – Geoff Mason 	Mr. Mason commenced by welcoming Patrick Bresnan as the new Executive Director of the Pee Dee Mental Health Center. He thanked Mr. Bresnan for the outstanding work he has done so far. The new Coastal Empire Executive Director, Jenna Moorehead, has begun her duties. Ms. Moorehead has already had meetings with community officials, including	

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<p>• Legislative Update – Mark Binkley</p>	<p>attendance at a county council meeting. The Tri-County Mental Health Center's Board has made recommendations for their new Executive Director. Mr. Mason and Mr. Magill will begin the interview process next week.</p> <p>Mr. Mason spoke briefly about Crisis Stabilization. We have received \$6.2 million over the years from the General Assembly for Crisis Stabilization efforts. The RFPs that were put out this year to the Mental Health Centers resulted in proposals totaling \$7.4 million. We require outcomes from the Centers to see how they are progressing. Once the awards are made for the next fiscal year, Mallory Miller will present to the Commission on the types of programs the money will be used for in 2016.</p> <p>Jane Jones asked about the Mental Health Courts legislation, and whether there was any corresponding money in the Appropriations Act. She was told that currently there is no funding attached to the legislation.</p> <p>Versie Bellamy took a moment to introduce Dr. Patricia Handley, the new Chief Nursing Office for the Division of Inpatient Services. She and Versie have already visited the School of Nursing at Frances Marion University. Dr. Lydia Weisser is the new Chief Medical Director at G. Werber Bryan Psychiatric Hospital and Dr. Meagan Howard is the new Medical Director at William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute.</p> <p>The framework for the new Hall Institute is finally coming up out of the ground. Loan Repayment and Tuition Assistance were both discussed in detail by Ms. Bellamy. Also, SCDMH is about to embark on a contract with the USC School of Nursing very soon.</p> <p>The full House Ways and Means Committee budget recommendation includes additional recurring funds for SCDMH totaling \$11 million. The proposed amendments to the Freedom of Information Act include requirements regarding the publishing of Meeting Agendas and approval of any Agenda changes. In anticipation of these requirements, SCDMH has begun posting the Commission Meeting Agenda on the internet. As was done today, also in anticipation of a likely requirement, the Commission will be asked to formally approve the Agenda at the outset of each meeting. With respect to the Patient's Rights bill, SCDMH is seeking a change that will allow the hospitals to utilize Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) to perform required initial physical examinations of patients, which they are already qualified to do as part of their State licensure. Basically,</p>	

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<p>• Bull Street Update – Mark Binkley</p> <p>• Corporate Compliance Update – Ligia Latiff-Bolet, PhD</p>	<p>SCDMH is simply proposing to amend the laws pertaining to professional practice in SCDMH hospitals to be in line with what other hospitals in South Carolina are able to do. There has been a sub-committee hearing on this bill and it passed favorable at the subcommittee level and should go to full committee next week. If it does not pass this term, we are optimistic that it will pass next term.</p> <p>Mr. Magill informed everyone that last week SCDMH signed the contract for the last parcel for Hall Institute. We are now eagerly waiting what will come out of the ground on Bull Street. Mr. Binkley noted that we are in discussion with Hughes Development regarding the large amount of construction equipment that they will be bringing to Bull Street. The Ensor building will be preserved and become a part of the baseball stadium. Hughes Development has indicated that it will likely also keep the Parker Annex and possibly the Byrnes building.</p> <p>Dr. Latiff-Bolet commenced by stating that her department is very busy this time of the year. The department is working closely with the IT department. At the beginning of this year, edits have been put in place to prevent the system from generating a bill if all the clinical information is not present on the notes. We are also looking at our EMR for performance measure compliance. There are changes coming in from CMS and SCDHHS. The department, on a regular basis, is looking at payments and patterns within the billing by the Mental Health Centers. We are monitoring because if there is a significant increase in billing of a particular service, we need to determine the reason, as we are likely to be asked for a justification by DHHS. There is an emphasis by Medicaid on the requirement that clinicians develop and put in writing achievable, realistic treatment plans for patients. Nationwide, this has been a problem in terms of compliance for many healthcare organizations. The QA committee developed a subcommittee to look at this issue in depth. There have been hundreds of hours of training provided to staff, but the problems with inadequate treatment plans persist. We have developed a uniform corrective action plan and will persist in addressing this issue until it's resolved.</p> <p>In terms of audits, we are doing better overall. We have audited four (4) centers of which two (2) were made 90% overall and the other two (2) are at 89%. The concurrent inpatient reviews are at 90% or above. We have had seventeen compliance reports for the year so far. Five (5) were issues dealing with cloning; one (1) involved utilization of services; four (4) late documentation; one (1) error in documentation; and one (1) misuse</p>	

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<p>• Financial Status Update – Mark Binkley</p> <p>• Issue Action Paper/Approval of Utility Easement – Alan Powell</p> <p>• Veterans Nursing Home Grant Application – Mark Binkley</p> <p>• Update on New Sumter Clinic, SWCMHC – Mark Binkley</p>	<p>of supplies at a center.</p> <p>In terms of HIPAA Privacy, we had 194 incidences of which 177 were for computer viruses.</p> <p>We are still waiting to hear from CMS regarding the Center audits that were done two (2) years ago.</p> <p>We are doing more collaborative documentation, which will improve the communication and the treatment plan records. Supervision of clinicians has increased.</p> <p>The amount of our projected “surplus” has increased again. The primary reason is because the centers/facilities have reduced their cost projections for personnel. Senior Management is actively pursuing measures to address workforce issues, specifically recruitment and retention of clinical staff. The SAMSHA regional representative visited SCDMH last week as part that agency’s efforts around addressing the nation’s behavioral health workforce shortage. It has been identified as a national problem. The SAMHSA official met with us to get some specific information about our challenges and what is working for SCDMH and what additional ideas we have.</p> <p>Alan Powell passed out a map depicting a visual of the utility easement that SCE&G wants the Commission to approve for power line right-of-way and pole transfer.</p> <p><i>On a motion by Joan Moore, seconded by Beverly Cardwell, the Commission approved the Issue Action Paper on the Utility Easement for SCE&G.</i></p> <p>SCDMH will meet the deadline for submission of applications for Veterans Administration construction of three (3) additional State veterans’ nursing homes for three (3) different parts of the state (Columbia, Florence and Gaffney, SC). The applications will all go in next week. For the Veterans Administration to approve funding for all three (3) applications, that could well take up to ten 10 years.</p> <p>We are in the siting process now and we think we know where the new center will go. Once we get all of our information, we will present to the Joint Bond Review and the Budget and Control Board. More information will be shared in executive session.</p>	

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OTHER ADDITIONAL COMMENTS	<p>Beverly Cardwell asked if a center is leasing a building, is the money coming out of the centers' budget. The answer is yes. However, the centers that own their building only pay for maintenance and upkeep. Almost all centers are leasing some of their buildings.</p> <p>ETVs documentary, <i>Down on Bull Street</i>, will premiere on April 30th. Mr. Magill noted that he and Joy Jay had some issues with it and has given suggestions to ETV. Mark Binkley and Tracy LaPointe will review it next week. Christie Linguard will RSVP for all Commission members and their spouses.</p> <p>The Institute of Medicine will publically release their recommendations on May 6th.</p>	
NOTICE/AGENDA	A notice and agenda of the meeting were sent out to all individuals and news media who requested information in accordance with state law.	
ADJOURNMENT	<i>At 11:43 a.m., on a motion by Jane Jones, seconded by Joan Moore, the Commission entered into executive session to discuss contractual matters and to choose the 2015 Hassenplug Award Winner. Upon convening in open session at 12:30 p.m., the 2015 Hassenplug Award Winner was named by the Commission.</i>	
ATTENDANCE Commission Members	<div> Alison Y. Evans, Psy.D., Chair Beverly Cardwell Everard O. Rutledge, PhD Sharon L. Wilson (<i>excused</i>) </div> <div> Joan Moore, Vice Chair James Buxton Terry (<i>excused</i>) Jane Jones </div>	
Staff/Guests	<div> John H. Magill Geoff Mason Mark Binkley Alan Powell Doris J. Gerrald Dennis Sullen Vickie Redden Cynthia Caldwell </div> <div> Patrick Bresnan Versie Bellamy Patricia Handley Frances Feagan Cathy L. Timmons Brad Carster Tommy Milo Kathy Lewis </div>	

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APPROVALS	Dr. Gladys W. Gilbert Dr. Ligia Latiff-Bolet	Joe Bittle	
	Alison Y. Evans, PsyD, Chair	Christie D. Linguard, Recording Secretary	

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

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW UP, ETC.
CALL TO ORDER	The May 1, 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 Commission Room at the SC Department of Mental Health Administration Building, 2414 Bull Street, Columbia, SC. Mr. Jeff Ham commenced with the invocation.	
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS	Dr. Evans welcomed regular attendees as well as guests to the May Commission meeting. Guests introduced themselves by standing and giving their name and where they work.	
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	<i>On a motion by Sharon Wilson, seconded by Buck Terry, the Commission approved the agenda for today's Business Meeting.</i>	
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	<p><i>On a motion by Jane Jones, seconded by Beverly Cardwell, the Commission approved the minutes of the Commission Dinner of April 9, 2015.</i></p> <p><i>On a motion by Everard Rutledge, seconded by Jane Jones, the Commission approved the minutes of the Center Presentation of April 10, 2015.</i></p> <p><i>On a motion by Beverly Cardwell, seconded by Sharon Wilson, the Commission approved the minutes of the Commission Business Meeting of April 10, 2015.</i></p> <p><i>All voted in favor to the above motions; all motions carried.</i></p>	
MONTHLY/QUARTERLY INFORMATIONAL REPORTS	<p>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 pending cases on the Patient Protection Report, 10 are being retained by SLED as potentially criminal; 16 cases were referred to the State Long Term Care Ombudsman's Office (SLTCOO) in the Lt. Governor's Office on Aging; one (1) SLED referred case is pending with a local law enforcement agency; one (1) SLED referred case is pending with the Adult Protection Services Division of DSS; and three (3) cases are being investigated by the Attorney General's Office alleging financial exploitation by a family member.</p> <p>There are no remarkable trends in the Client Advocacy report. Issues are being regularly and routinely addressed by facility and center staff advocates.</p>	

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<p>● Key Statistical Outpatient Measures – Geoff Mason</p>	<p>Geoff Mason called everyone’s attention to the handout in the packets labeled <i>Quarters 1 through 3 FY 2014 vs. FY 2015</i>. Overall, the Centers have improved in the following areas by the indicated percentages: new cases by 5.25%; billable hours by 4.34%; number of overall services by 4.16%; number of clients served by 3.08%; and the percent of intakes meeting access standards is now 81% statewide. (This would include emergent need clients being seen that same day; urgent need clients being seen within 1-2 days; and routine appointments offered to clients within seven (7) days). Collaborative documentation refers to completing documentation with the client present, and all centers have increased from 2014 by 16.33%. The annual productivity average for all centers is approximately 773.26 hours, which is up from the standard of 720 hours. Mr. Mason indicated that all center directors’ EPMS has been changed to reflect that their centers have to maintain an average of at least 780 hours. The exceptional level will be raised to 820 hours. Commissioner Wilson asked if there was a target percentage for collaborative documentation and the answer was yes, at 85%.</p>	
<p>DEPARTMENTAL OVERVIEW AND UPDATE</p> <p>● Presentation by SC OIG – Patrick Maley</p>	<p>Mr. Magill and Mrs. Valarie Perkins introduced the Executive Director of the South Carolina Office of Inspector General, Patrick Maley. With respect to the agency’s fiduciary duties, Mr. Maley stated that the essentials are to have a high integrity environment and to ensure that the each State agency is running as efficiently as possible. It is imperative that each agency look closely at their code of conduct, which the Governor of South Carolina has addressed with a template. If the agency has not already done so, DMH is encouraged to adopt or add avoiding the appearance of conflict of interest to its standards, as well as, not accepting gifts and a duty to report awareness of violations it the Department’s code of conduct. There are over 4,000 employees at DMH and the agency has a budget of over \$380 million. With an agency this size, it is very hard to maintain integrity, assurance and confidence which is why you have to have policies and procedures in place. Mr. Maley commended DMH’s Accountability Report adding that this agency’s Report was among his top five Reports in the state. This Report is a document ensuring that the Commission and upper level staff are discharging their fiduciary duties to make sure the agency is running at the highest level of integrity and as efficiently as possible. One suggestion given to the Commission is to have your internal auditors audit the agency’s Accountability Report.</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Legislative Update – Rochelle Caton 	<p>Rochelle Caton spoke briefly on several bills of interest, to include the Freedom of Information bill to require each public body 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 of the body. The next bill involves the Mental Health Court Program Act. This bill has been referred to Committee on Judiciary. The Patient’s Rights bill is one of our agency’s bills in that it allows DMH to use “Authorized Health Care Provider” to be used in DMH hospitals in the same manner as other healthcare facilities do in that they will be able to perform required initial examinations and to authorize some medications and treatment to patients in DMH facilities. The last bill of major interest to our agency is the Able Savings Program. Mr. Bill Lindsey of NAMI commented briefly on the Able bill which would enable persons with disabilities or their families to establish savings accounts as a means of empowering individuals with a disability and their families to save private funds to support the individual with a disability, without adversely impacting their eligibility for Medicaid.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bull Street Update 	<p>Mr. Magill noted that very little has changed since the last meeting. Mr. Binkley has been contacted by Hughes Development and other contractors about road access for bringing in the steel. The flatbeds will be brought in off the south side of the campus on Calhoun Street. Mr. Magill noted that there will possibly be another parcel sale by early Fall but more of this conversation will take place at the next meeting when we have more information. Regarding the William S. Hall Institute sale, the agency will meet soon with the Attorney General’s office to talk about the next step, which may require the agency going back to court.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Financial Status Update – Noelle Wriston 	<p>Mrs. Noelle Wriston commenced by stating that there is very little change from last month’s financial report. The agency is still estimating that we will not spend all of the non-recurring funds that we budgeted at the beginning of the year. Vacant positions are the main drivers of the lower expenditures. Between now and year end, we do not anticipated in huge fluctuations in our budget.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Domestic Violence Task Force Subcommittee Report – Drs. Alicia Benedetto, Gariane Gunter and Everard Rutledge 	<p>Mr. Magill gave some background information about the Governor’s State Domestic Violence Task Force. He then introduced the sub-committee members and asked each to briefly explain some of their initiatives. Dr. Everard Rutledge is on the Criminal Justice subcommittee; Dr. Gariane Gunter is on the Community Education and Outreach subcommittee; and Dr. Alicia Benedetto is on the Victim and Offender Services subcommittee. On a side note, Mr. Magill and the subcommittee members will meet episodically in the future to craft what we think will be our contribution now and in the</p>	

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<p>• Resource Acquisition Initiative (RAI) Update – John H. Magill</p> <p>• Institute of Medicine and Public Health (IMPH) Report – John H. Magill</p> <p>• SC Health Coordinating Council (SCHCC) – John H. Magill</p> <p>• ETV Premiere – John H. Magill</p> <p>• Minds on Main Parade & Block Party – John H. Magill</p> <p>OTHER ADDITIONAL COMMENTS</p>	<p>future that is centered on domestic violence.</p> <p>The most recent RAI board training took place in Charleston. The Charleston board members not only embraced this initiative but they did an outstanding presentation to the Charleston County Council. The Board presented the centers' programs and needs. The project continues to move forward.</p> <p>The Institute of Medicine and Public Health (IMPH) will be releasing their report next week at the State House. Mr. Magill noted that the recommendations in the report are quite good. Some of the data used in the report is still being studied by DMH. Senator Alexander, the IMPH staff director, chairman and executive director have all discussed some strategies around the implementation of the recommendations. Dr. Alison Evans stated that she was contacted last night from a staffer at IMPH about a possible presentation to the SC Mental Health Commission at the next meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Magill was elected to the Board of the South Carolina Health Coordinating Council and will begin to bring information to the Commission on their initiatives.</p> <p>Everyone was asked to weigh in on the ETV Premiere, <i>Down on Bull Street</i>, which was shown last night. Dr. Alison Evans told the Chair from the Conservation League that the SC Mental Health Commission would welcome a part two of the documentary that would focus more on what is happening now.</p> <p>Saturday morning is the Minds on Main Parade and Block Party sponsored by NAMI Mid-Carolina. Mr. Magill and Bill Lindsey encouraged everyone to come out to participate.</p> <p>Children's Mental Health Advocacy Day is Wednesday, May 6th on the State House steps at 10:30 AM. This event is predominantly sponsored by Federation of Families.</p> <p>Next meeting highlight presentation will be on Behavioral Health Homes.</p> <p>All three (3) applications for the VA Nursing Home were received and have been accepted and given a grant number.</p>	

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NOTICE/AGENDA	The Outstanding Employee of the Year and Hassenplug Awards Ceremony will begin promptly at 1:00 PM at Morris Village.		
	A notice and agenda of the meeting were sent out to all individuals and news media who requested information in accordance with state law.		
ADJOURNMENT	<i>At 11:21 a.m., on a motion by Joan Moore, seconded by Beverly Cardwell, Chairperson Alison Evans adjourned the May 2015 Business Meeting of the South Carolina Mental Health Commission.</i>		
ATTENDANCE			
Commission Members	Alison Y. Evans, Psy.D., Chair Beverly Cardwell Everard O. Rutledge, PhD Sharon L. Wilson	Joan Moore, Vice Chair James Buxton Terry Jane Jones	
Staff/Guests	John H. Magill Geoff Mason Marcia Lindsay Alan Powell Bryant Collins Vicki Walker Bill Lindsey Patrick Maley	Mark Binkley Versie Bellamy Noelle Wriston Amanda Henry Robert Bank, MD Bonnie Pate Ligia Latiff-Bolet, PhD Bob Letteney	
APPROVALS	_____ Alison Y. Evans, PsyD, Chair	_____ Christie D. Linguard, Recording Secretary	

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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW UP, ETC.
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 be 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 Sheriff'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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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly Meetings – Sandy Hyre 	<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>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission Presentation 	<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>OTHER ADDITIONAL COMMENTS</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>	
ATTENDANCE		
Commission Members	<p>Alison Y. Evans, Psy.D., Chair Beverly Cardwell Everard O. Rutledge, PhD Sharon L. Wilson</p>	<p>Joan Moore, Vice Chair James Buxton Terry Jane Jones</p>
Staff/Guests	<p>John H. Magill Geoff Mason Ligia Latiff-Bolet, PhD Alan Powell Doug Glover Alexis Small Bill Lindsey Lydia Weisser, DO, MBA Ken Roey Sandy Hyre Kimberly Grant Patricia Handley Beverly McKie Valarie Perkins Gloria Prevost</p>	<p>Mark Binkley Stuart Shields Dave Schafer Frank Johnson, DBA Robert Bank, MD Allyson Sipes, MD Kimberly Rudd, MD Donna McLane Rochelle Caton Angela Forand, MD Christine Mayo Patricia Gunn Courtney Phillips Bonnie Pate</p>

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APPROVALS	Alison Y. Evans, PsyD, Chair	Christie D. Linguard, Recording Secretary	

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

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW UP, ETC.
CALL TO ORDER	The July 10, 2015 meeting of the South Carolina Mental Health Commission was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Joan Moore, Vice Chair, in the Commission Room at the SC Department of Mental Health Administration Building, 2414 Bull Street, Columbia, SC. Mr. Jeff Ham commenced with the invocation.	
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS	Joan Moore welcomed regular attendees as well as all guests. Ms. Moore gave a special welcome to the newest member of the SC Mental Health Commission, Mr. Bob Hiott. Dr. Ligia Latiff-Bolet introduced the new Director of Quality Assurance, Debbie Nieri. Other guests were asked to introduce themselves.	
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	<i>On a motion by Dr. Rutledge, seconded by Buck Terry, the Commission approved the agenda for today's Business Meeting.</i>	
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	<p><i>On a motion by Buck Terry, seconded by Sharon Wilson, the Commission approved the minutes of the Facility Presentation of June 5, 2015.</i></p> <p><i>On a motion by Sharon Wilson, seconded by Beverly Cardwell, the Commission approved the minutes of the Commission Business Meeting of June 5, 2015.</i></p> <p><i>All voted in favor to the above motions; all motions carried.</i></p>	
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 23 pending cases on the Patient Protection Report, seven (7) are being retained by SLED as potentially criminal; fourteen cases were referred to the State Long Term Care Ombudsman's Office (SLTCOO) in the Lt. Governor's Office on Aging; and two (2) were being investigated by the Attorney General's Office. Of the cases closed during the preceding month, there were no substantiated allegations.	
DEPARTMENTAL OVERVIEW AND UPDATE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Commissioner • Response to Charleston Tragedy 	<p>Mr. Magill welcomed Mr. Bob Hiott to the Commission and gave brief highlights of his work experience and history.</p> <p>An up-to-date timeline of the Charleston Dorchester Mental Health Center's response to the Mother Emanuel shootings was sent to the Governor's staff, key legislators and to the</p>	

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<p>● Report of Inpatient Facilities Governing Body Meeting – Versie Bellamy</p>	<p>Commission members. In addition to the Charleston Dorchester center, the surrounding mental health centers (Waccamaw, Berkeley, Orangeburg Area and Coastal Empire) were commended as well for their efforts to work with each victim’s family along with other parishoners, first responders and the greater Charleston community. Deborah Blalock, Executive Director of Charleston Dorchester Mental Health Center (CDMHC), spoke passionately about the Center staff’s involvement/response to the tragedy, with staff initially responding just 1.5 hours after it was occurred, staff presence at all the funerals and their ongoing services to those affected, which continue. Ms. Blalock thanked Mr. Magill and the entire DMH family for providing support to the Center. The hard work begins now. Mother Emanuel has asked that CDMHC continue to have a visible presence in their sanctuary and community in the coming days. Drs. Rutledge and Evans spoke briefly about the agency’s efforts to assist the community. Mr. Magill noted that at a later time, the agency will be provide a more formal presentation.</p> <p>The Inpatient Facilities Governing Body Meeting minutes from the April 8, 2015 meeting were presented for approval to the Commission. C.M. Tucker Stone Pavilion Veterans Nursing Home had their DHEC survey from March 24-26, 2015 and all identified deficiencies were cleared. Roddey Pavilion had its annual survey with one (1) noted citation. G. Werber Bryan Psychiatric Hospital had a positive experience with their Joint Commission complaint visit on May 12 – 14, 2015. Morris Village will undergo CARF Survey in 2016. Staff will be preparing by forming mock survey teams. Both J & K Lodges at Patrick B. Harris Psychiatric Hospital are open. With this expansion, 10 beds additional have opened. Forensic Day Treatment in Building 1 is up and running.</p> <p><i>On a motion by Buck Terry, seconded by Sharon Wilson, the Commission approved the Governing Body Meeting minutes from the April 8, 2015 meeting as presented.</i></p>	
<p>● Bull Street Proceeds – Housing Presentation – Michele Murff and Mark Binkley</p>	<p>Michele Murff gave a presentation about the agency’s past activities to create additional affordable housing options statewide. The information was being presented to assist the Commission understand how proceeds from the sale of the Bull Street Property sales could be used to create additional community housing for patients. A Housing Task Force earlier had quantified the amount of unmet need for additional affordable housing for persons with psychiatric disabilities, and it has long been recognized that having safe, affordable housing was a basic prerequisite for patients to successfully recover. Mr. Binkley briefly reviewed the handout on the Ivy Ridge Apartments as an example of the contractual steps which the agency follows to partner with private developers and obtain</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative Update – Mark Binkley • Financial Status Update – Mark Binkley • IAP: Site Acquisition for New SWCMHC Building – Mark Binkley • Resource Acquisition Initiative – John Magill 	<p>guaranteed access for apartments for patients referred by the agency.</p> <p>Mark Binkley called everyone's attention to the Legislative Update Report. No changes in actual legislation which was enacted from what was reported last month. The final agency budget appropriation was reviewed. The Department's recurring budget request was largely supported at the executive level and the General Assembly and DMH received most of our recurring funding requests, which reflects that the importance of the agency's services is recognized. DMH also received funds for a number of its one-time funding requests, for such things as the second installment for the inpatient Electronic Health Record and for mandatory upgrades and improvements for electronic information security. The first installment in the amount of \$500,000 for Columbia Area Mental Health Center's Phase III Building Project was vetoed by Governor Haley, but it was later overridden by the General Assembly.</p> <p>David Schaefer noted that there was very little change in the final FY 15 budget from the information presented last month. The Finance Department is working to close out FY15 and open FY16. Meetings are underway with each individual departments/division to review their FY 16 budgets.</p> <p>With the FY16 budget we received the final installment to be able to move forward with our construction project for a new Santee-Wateree Mental Health Center in Sumter, South Carolina. The IAP asks the Commission to approve the acquisition of the proposed site (formerly the site of a drive-in movie theatre). We will be moving forward with seeking approvals also from the Joint Bond Review Committee as well as the State Fiscal Accountability Authority (formerly the State Budget & Control Board).</p> <p><i>On a motion by Dr. Everard Rutledge, seconded by Beverly Cardwell, the Commission approved the IAP for the Santee-Wateree Mental Health Center Site Acquisition.</i></p> <p>The last RAI meeting took place in the Pee Dee region of the state. Everything went quite well and hopefully, the Center will receive additional funding from Florence County Council. The Orangeburg County Council has decided to give the Orangeburg Area Mental Health Center some funding. The next RAI meeting will be held in Hampton and Colleton Counties for support to our Coastal Empire Mental Health Center.</p>	

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● Domestic Violence Task Force	Drs. Rutledge and Benedetto briefed everyone on the Governor’s Domestic Violence Task Force. As a state, there were a number of challenges for us. The first phase of the task force was fact finding, comprehensive surveys and research. We have now approached phase II in which we are trying to establish protocols for large and small law enforcement to adopt in terms of reporting an incident, victim follow-up as well as follow-up with the offenders. Dr. Benedetto spoke on filling the gaps and advocacy beyond separating the victim and perpetrator, because many of the victims are not leaving the relationship. DMH is brainstorming on possible ways we can assist with filling these gaps. Drs. Gunter, Benedetto and Rutledge meet periodically with Mr. Magill to recap the progress of each subcommittee.		
OTHER ADDITIONAL COMMENTS	Mr. Magill spoke to the Walterboro Rotary Club at the Department’s Veterans Victory House Nursing Home.		
NOTICE/AGENDA	A notice and agenda of the meeting were sent out to all individuals and news media who requested information in accordance with state law.		
ADJOURNMENT	At 11:45 a.m., on a motion by Buck Terry, seconded by Beverly Cardwell, the Commission Business Meeting was adjourned; there was no executive session.		
ATTENDANCE Commission Members	Alison Y. Evans, Psy.D., Chair (telephone) Beverly Cardwell Everard O. Rutledge, PhD Sharon L. Wilson	Joan Moore, Vice Chair James Buxton Terry Bob Hiott	
Staff/Guests	John H. Magill Geoff Mason Jeffrey Ham Mark Binkley Debbie Nieri Alexis Small Vicki Walker	Robert Bank, MD Ligia Latiff-Bolet, PhD Kimberly Rudd, MD Deborah Blalock Thornwell Simmons Kyle Craigo	
APPROVALS	Alison Y. Evans, Psy.D., Chair	Christie D. Linguard, Recording Secretary	

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

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW UP, ETC.
CALL TO ORDER	The August 7, 2015 meeting of the South Carolina Mental Health Commission was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Alison Y. Evans, Psy.D., Chair, in the Education Conference Room at Piedmont Center for Mental Health, 20 Powderhorn Road, Simpsonville, SC 29681. Reverend Robert Keely commenced with the invocation.	
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS	Dr. Evans welcomed new Commissioner Bob Hiott. She then welcomed all regular attendees as well as guests to the August Commission meeting. Guests stood up to introduce themselves and tell where they work.	
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	<i>On a motion by Joan Moore, seconded by Sharon Wilson, the Commission approved the agenda for today's Business Meeting.</i>	
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	<i>On a motion by Beverly Cardwell, seconded by Joan Moore, the Commission approved the minutes of the Commission Business Meeting of July 10, 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 one (1) incident under the Patient Protection and Client Advocacy Report, disciplinary action is still pending. Of the thirteen (13) pending cases on the Patient Protection Report, seven (7) are being retained by SLED as potentially criminal; four (4) cases were referred to the State Long Term Care Ombudsman's Office (SLTCOO) in the Lt. Governor's Office on Aging; and two (2) cases are being investigated by the Attorney General's Office alleging financial exploitation by a family member and a CRCF operator. There are no remarkable trends in the Client Advocacy report. Issues are being regularly and routinely addressed by facility and center staff advocates.	
Key Statistical Data/Inpatient Report – Versie Bellamy DEPARTMENTAL OVERVIEW AND UPDATE	Ms. Bellamy commenced by acknowledging DMH's IT Department, particularly Leigh Ann Chmura, for collecting the data used in the Division of Inpatient Services (DIS) 2015 Utilization Data Report being presented today. This information reflects the Division's overall ability to adapt to change, crisis and normal trends associated with a 24/7 healthcare environment. New Admissions/Readmissions increased slightly from FY14 to FY15; there was no change in discharges between the two fiscal years; a 1.44% increase in number of patients served, which includes adults and children; a 1.98% increase in DIS bed days; and the average daily census has increased by 1.82%. Dr. Evans asked how the agency is doing with	

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<p>• Community Performance Indicators – Geoff Mason</p> <p>• Bull Street Update/Issue Action Paper Regarding Bull Street Proceeds</p>	<p>the overall waiting list for inpatient services. Telepsychiatry has reduced our inpatient waiting lists significantly. Due to the implementation of the ED Telepsychiatry consultation service, participating hospitals are able to discharge a large percentage of behavioral health patients from the ER to the community. Patrick B. Harris Psychiatric Hospital statistics show that over 50% of ED patients about whom they are initially contacted for an available bed are stabilized and discharged home, so ultimately do not require a hospital admission. Mr. Magill added that Dr. Narasimhan, USC School of Medicine, will be providing DMH with RO1 data that will show extremely positive information regarding our ED Telepsychiatry initiative. Under advisement by Mr. Magill, Versie Bellamy and her staff have been asked to refine or redefine the waiting list to better reflect those who truly need admission, and to re-examine the Morris Village waiting list for voluntary admissions.</p> <p>Mr. Mason presented the “scorecard” for the community mental health system. There has been an upward trend in the following categories from FY14 to FY15: New cases/Readmissions up 3.17%; Billable hours up 3.88%; Number of overall services (children and adults) up 4.50%; Number of clients served (children & adults) up 2.50%; Percent of intake meeting access standards is at 84% statewide; Collaborative documentation up by 18%; and Productivity for all centers is approximately 788.18 hours, up from the standard of 720 hours. Beginning November 2015 to November 2016, the new benchmark standard for productivity will be 820 hours. The center directors will have a retreat in September. We will look at where we were in comparison to where we are now to see how we can improve in the future. Sharon Wilson asked if the supervision hours in the P&L will be quantified, to which Mr. Mason replied, yes. Bob Hiott asked if new cases and readmissions (within 30 days) could be broken out. Mr. Mason and his staff will look into this change. Ms. Wilson asked if we are billing for everything that we could possibly bill for to which Mr. Magill stated that this is something we need to look into because we could possibly do more.</p> <p>Mr. Magill suggested that a tour be arranged after the September meeting for the Commission members to take a tour of the developments to the Bull Street Property. The Stadium and adjacent building are progressing well and appear to be on schedule to have their first game the third week in April, 2016. Mark Binkley presented the Issue Action Paper (IAP) regarding the use of proceeds from the sale of the Bull Street Property. The IAP recommends that the agency use the current proceeds as a one-time matching funds for the development of new affordable housing for patients. Under this proposal, the proceeds would primarily be</p>	

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<p>● Six Month Collection Report – Alan Powell</p> <p>● Financial Status Update – Mark Binkley</p> <p>● Resource Acquisition Initiative (RAI) Update – John H. Magill</p> <p>OTHER ADDITIONAL COMMENTS</p>	<p>used to develop new apartments for low and moderate income individuals with a mental illness. Mr. Binkley noted that routine progress reports will be made to the Commission regarding the use of the proceeds.</p> <p><i>On a motion by Dr. Rutledge, seconded by Joan Moore, the Commission approved the Issue Action Paper for the use of the proceeds from the sale of the Bull Street Project.</i></p> <p><i>All voted in favor to the above motion; motion carried forward.</i></p> <p>Alan Powell presented the Six Month Report of Medical Care Accounts that was prepared by the newest member of the legal division, Attorney Logan Royals. Of the \$1,135,355.98 collected on medical accounts during January 1st thru June 30th of this year, \$964,311.81, which is 78% of total collections, was obtained through the debt set-off collection process through the State Department of Revenue.</p> <p>Mark Binkley called everyone's attention to the financial information in their packets. Our expenditures went up significantly from FY 14 to FY 15 (FY14 was \$352,369,234 and FY15 was \$373,930,214) due to the significant increase in state appropriated funds. There was also a significant increase in Medicaid reimbursement, which was primarily related to an increase in rates and an increase in patient volume, and VA reimbursement. As a result, the amount of non-recurring funding that the agency needed to balance was reduced by over \$5 million from FY 14 to FY 15. As discussed previously, the Department also continues to have a significant number of unfilled positions, which is an area of continuing focus by management.</p> <p>The next RAI training will take place in late August at both the Piedmont Center for Mental Health and The Greenville Mental Health Center. Mr. Magill will also speak at the downtown Greenville Rotary, which is one of the largest rotaries in South Carolina.</p> <p>The SC Institute of Medicine's presentation will take place at the September Commission meeting in Columbia.</p> <p>The Charleston Lowcountry Conference went very well last week. There was an excellent turnouts and exceptional presentations.</p>	

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	<p>The 9th <i>World Congress on Mental Health</i> will be held in Columbia, South Carolina on September 9th and 10th. Conference attendees will be from all over the world. Dr. Mark Weist has been one of the founding members of the Board that directs the World Congress. Governor Nikki Haley, Dr. Harris Pastides, USC President, and Mr. Magill will open the conference on September 9th.</p> <p><i>A Psychiatric Update</i> will take place on September 25th at the SC Archives and History. We have removed cost as a factor for our employees. Video conferencing of the <i>Update</i> will be available for all employees as well as any Commission member at the Mental Health Centers.</p>	
NOTICE/AGENDA	A notice and agenda of the meeting were sent out to all individuals and news media who requested information in accordance with state law.	
ADJOURNMENT	<i>At 11:30 a.m., on a motion by Joan Moore, seconded by Beverly Cardwell, the Commission entered into executive session to receive legal advice related to currently pending legal claims, including claims of negligence, medical malpractice and improper adverse employment actions, against the Department of Mental Health. Upon convening in open session at 12:00 p.m., it was noted that only information was received; no votes or actions were taken.</i>	
ATTENDANCE Commission Members	<div>Alison Y. Evans, Psy.D., Chair</div> <div>Beverly Cardwell</div> <div>Everard O. Rutledge, PhD</div> <div>Sharon L. Wilson</div>	<div>Joan Moore, Vice Chair</div> <div>James Buxton Terry (<i>excused</i>)</div> <div>Bob Hiott</div>
Staff/Guests	<div>John H. Magill</div> <div>Geoff Mason</div> <div>Alan Powell</div> <div>Joe James</div> <div>Vicki Walker</div>	<div>Mark Binkley</div> <div>Versie Bellamy</div> <div>Frank Johnson, DBA</div> <div>Peter Camelo</div>
APPROVALS	<div>Alison Y. Evans, PsyD, Chair</div> <div>Christie D. Linguard, Recording Secretary</div>	

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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW UP, ETC.
CALL TO ORDER	The September 4, 2015 meeting of the South Carolina Mental Health Commission was called to order at 10:130 a.m. by Alison Y. Evans, Psy.D., Chair, in the Commission Room at the SC Department of Mental Health Administration Building, 2414 Bull Street, Columbia, SC. Mr. Jeff Ham commenced with the invocation.	
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS	Dr. Evans welcomed all regular attendees as well as guests to the September Commission meeting. Mr. Magill introduced Marcia Lindsay, Kester Freeman and Maya Pack. Other guests stood up to introduce themselves and tell where they work.	
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	<i>On a motion by Joan Moore, seconded by Sharon Wilson, the Commission approved the agenda for today's Business Meeting.</i>	
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	<p><i>On a motion by Joan Moore, seconded by Sharon Wilson, the Commission approved the minutes from the Dinner Meeting held on August 6, 2015.</i></p> <p><i>On a motion by Sharon Wilson, seconded by Joan Moore, the Commission approved the minutes from the Facility Presentation on August 7, 2015.</i></p> <p><i>On a motion by Joan Moore, seconded by Dr. Rod Rutledge, the Commission approved the minutes from the Business Meeting of August 7, 2015.</i></p> <p><i>All voted in favor to the above motions; all motions carried.</i></p>	
MONTHLY/QUARTERLY INFORMATIONAL REPORTS	<p>Rochelle Caton presented those items listed under Monthly/Quarterly Informational Reports. One Public Safety report was cleared this month and it was unfounded. Of the seventeen (17) pending cases on the Patient Protection Report, seven (7) are being retained by SLED as potentially criminal; seven (7) cases were referred to the State Long Term Care Ombudsman's Office (SLTCOO) in the Lt. Governor's Office on Aging; one (1) was referred to local law enforcement; and two (2) cases are being investigated by the Attorney General's Office alleging financial exploitation by a family member and a CRCF operator.</p> <p>Regarding the Client Advocacy report, there was a little uptick at G. Werber Bryan Psychiatric Hospital and the Forensic Unit with no explanation. We will continue to monitor to see if there is a trend.</p>	

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DEPARTMENTAL OVERVIEW AND UPDATE	<p>Mr. Magill commenced with the history of the Recommendations on Behavioral Health in South Carolina from the SC Institute of Medicine and Public Health (IMPH) informing every one of Dr. Evans and his membership on the IMPH Task Force on Behavioral Health Steering Committee. Kester Freeman, Executive Director of the IMPH, gave an overview of the Institute. There are currently 45 of these institutions around the United States. The Mission of the IMPH is to collectively inform policy to improve health and health care and the Purpose of the IMPH is to serve as a neutral, non-partisan convener to provide evidence-based information relevant to policy decisions and other actions impacting the health and well-being of all South Carolinians. The focal areas of the report consisted of access to clinical services, integrated care, housing, school-based services, services for justice-involved individuals and workforce. The actual report was released to the public on May 6, 2015. Mr. Freeman emphasized the need to work on workforce issues, and access to clinical services to include the need for crisis stabilization. Maya Pack then presented the 20 recommendations. In conclusion, Mr. Freeman noted that these recommendations are five or 10 year goals. Mr. Magill and his team are already working on these recommendations and have done a great job thus far. These recommendations are only to complement what SCDMH is currently doing and to add another voice to improving behavioral healthcare in South Carolina.</p> <p>The IMPH also released a report and recommendations this year concerning long term care services in South Carolina. SCDMH is one of the largest providers of Long Term Care in the State; therefore, Mr. Magill would like for Lee Pearson of the IMPH to make a presentation to the Commission at a future meeting.</p>	
Care Coordination – Marti Landrum	<p>Marti Landrum, Office of Clinical Care Coordination Director, was introduced by Dr. Bank. Prior to the origination of this office, many of our counselors were in charge of assisting and linking our patients with referral services. We decided a few years ago to separate our care coordination services from our counseling services in order to provide a conflict-free service of care coordination, as well as enable counselors to focus exclusively on treatment, and specialized care coordinators to assist patients with their other needs. Currently, SCDMH has 44 Care Coordinators of whom four are (4) regional managers. Care Coordinators are located in all Community Mental Health Centers; many satellite centers; G. Werber Bryan and Harris Psychiatric Hospitals; and one (1) is located at Providence Hospitals working with the</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Status Update – Dave Schaefer • Bull Street Update – John H. Magill • Election of Officers • Domestic Violence Task Force – John H. Magill 	<p>Healthy Outcomes Programs (HOP). Thirty-three of our care coordinators, regional managers and the director have all attained national certification through the University of Massachusetts as Certified Integrated Care Managers. Last year the Office of Clinical Care Coordination served over 8,800 clients. One of the visions for the future is to become NCQA Certified.</p> <p>Dave Schaefer called everyone's attention to the financial information in their packets. The Financial Services Division has finished processing transactions for FY15 and is currently working on FY16. We are also starting to work on the Department's FY17 budget requests which are due on October 2nd. At the conclusion of the fiscal year, our total expenditures are almost back to where they were in FY 2008. Although DMH appropriations have not gotten back to where they were in 2008, the agency is on the mend. Mr. Magill stated that maybe after the first quarter, we will present more information on this to the Commission.</p> <p>The development is picking up speed which means that more parcels will be sold in the next 60 days. The Commission will tour the property after the Internal Audit Report today. We will also tour the grounds of C.M. Tucker to look at the progress with the landscaping project. Mr. Magill also mentioned that C. M. Tucker – Stone Pavilion just received another five star rating. It is now in the top 22% statewide.</p> <p>Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair of the SC Mental Health Commission were held and the results are as follows:</p> <p><i>On a motion by Joan Moore, seconded by Dr. Rod Rutledge, the Commission approved the nominations of Alison Evans as Chair of the SC Mental Health Commission.</i></p> <p><i>On a motion by Sharon Wilson, seconded by Dr. Rod Rutledge, the Commission approved the nominations of Joan Moore as Vice Chair of the SC Mental Health Commission.</i></p> <p><i>All voted in favor to the above motions; all motions carried.</i></p> <p>The Governor's Statewide Domestic Violence Task Force had a meeting this past Monday outlining their Recommendations. Dr. Gunter, Dr. Narasimhan and Mr. Magill all attended. Mr. Magill was appointed to participate in the Advisory Council on Domestic Violence. Dr.</p>	

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<p>● Resource Acquisition Initiative (RAI) Update – John H. Magill</p> <p>OTHER ADDITIONAL COMMENTS</p>	<p>Evans would like for Mr. Magill to speak to a former Governor's School student who is now at Clemson University involving an initiative he has on date rape.</p> <p>Training took place in Greenville last week for the Greenville and Piedmont Mental Health Center Boards. While there, Mr. Magill had an opportunity to speak at the downtown Greenville Rotary Club. Commissioner Sharon Wilson was in attendance. She added that there was a whole lot of energy and support for mental health issues around the state.</p> <p>Next month we will delve a little more in forensics and sexual violent predators at our upcoming meeting in October.</p> <p>For future educational presentations, Dr. Rutledge asked if the Commission could periodically be presented with information concerning common clinical diagnoses such as ADHD/ADD, etc. Mr. Magill asked if the Commission would like to take a portion of these meetings and have a presentation on various topics. All members of the Commission agreed.</p> <p><i>A Psychiatric Update</i> training will take place on September 25th at the SC Archives and History. We have removed cost as a factor for our employees. Video conferencing of the <i>Update</i> will be available for all employees as well as any Commission member at the Mental Health Centers.</p>	
NOTICE/AGENDA	A notice and agenda of the meeting were sent out to all individuals and news media who requested information in accordance with state law.	
ADJOURNMENT	<i>At 11:50 a.m., on a motion by Joan Moore, seconded by Sharon Wilson, the Commission adjourned.</i>	
ATTENDANCE Commission Members	<div> Alison Y. Evans, Psy.D., Chair Beverly Cardwell (<i>excused</i>) Everard O. Rutledge, PhD Sharon L. Wilson </div> <div> Joan Moore, Vice Chair James Buxton Terry Bob Hiott </div>	
Staff/Guests	<div> John H. Magill Dave Schaefer </div> <div> Versie Bellamy Marcia Lindsay </div>	

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	Alan Powell Maya Pack Marti Landrum Rochelle Caton Nancy McCormick Charlie Sproule Kimberly Rudd, MD	Vicki Walker Kester Freeman Chris McKethan Jeff Ham Alexis Small Doug Glover	
APPROVALS	<hr/> Alison Y. Evans, PsyD, Chair	<hr/> Christie D. Linguard, Recording Secretary	

**S.C. MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING
CONFERENCE CALL
Monday, September 22, 2014**

TOPIC	DISCUSSION		FOLLOW UP, ETC.
CALL TO ORDER	<p>A conference call meeting of the SC Mental Health Commission took place on September 22, 2014 at 3:30 PM in room 321 of the SCDMH Administration Building, 2414 Bull Street, Columbia, SC.</p> <p><i>At 3:35 p.m. Alison Y. Evans, Psy.D. called the conference call meeting to order.</i></p> <p>Mr. Magill commenced by stating that this meeting was called in order for the Commission to approve the proposed budget request for 2016.</p> <p><i>On a motion by Dr. Rutledge, seconded by Joan Moore, the Commission approved the Proposed FY16 Budget Request for submission. *It was noted that Buck Terry voted in favor of the Request during his 11:00 a.m. conference call meeting.</i></p> <p><i>All voted in favor to the above motions; all motions carried.</i></p>		
ADJOURNMENT	<p><i>At 3:52 p.m., on a motion by Jane Jones, seconded by Joan Moore, that the Commission entered into executive session to discuss contractual matters. Upon convening, it was noted that only information was received; no votes or actions were taken.</i></p>		
ATTENDANCE Commission Members	Alison Y. Evans, Psy.D., Chair Jane B. Jones Everard O. Rutledge, PhD Sharon L. Wilson	Joan Moore, Vice Chair *James Buxton Terry (excused) Beverly Cardwell	
Staff/Guests	John H. Magill David Schaefer	Mark Binkley Tracy LaPointe	
APPROVALS	<hr/> Alison Y. Evans, PsyD, Chair	<hr/> Christie D. Linguard, Recording Secretary	
	<p>*Mr. Buck Terry, John H. Magill, Mark Binkley and David Schaefer met via telephone at 11:00 AM to go over budget request.</p>		

**S.C. MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
S.C. Department of Mental Health**

**Catawba Community Mental Health Adult Center
205 Piedmont Boulevard
Rock Hill, SC 29732
803-328-9600**

**October 2, 2015
Center Presentation**

Attendance:

Commission Members

Alison Y. Evans, Psy.D., Chair
Joan Moore, Vice Chair
Everard Rutledge, PhD (*excused*)
Beverly Cardwell

J. Buxton Terry (*excused*)
Bob Hiott
Sharon Wilson (*excused*)

Staff/Guests:

John H. Magill
Paul Cornely, PhD
Kim Sconyers
Steve Sanders
Christian Barnes-Young

Geoff Mason
Dr. Thomas Muller
Carol Cochran
Brenda Parker
Kevin Burroughs

Sheena Willis
Glen Poore
Elizabeth Schrum
Liz Seeger
Sandra Ramirez

The S.C. Mental Health Commission met at the Catawba Mental Health Adult Center on Friday, October 2, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Moore expressed appreciation to the center for the courtesies extended to the Commission during its visit. Mr. Steve Sanders provided the invocation. Commissioner Moore then turned the meeting over to the center director, Paul Cornely, Ph.D. Dr. Cornely welcomed the Commission back to Rock Hill and Catawba Mental Health Center and thanked the Board members, DMH senior management and the Commission for the support given to the center. He then asked all members of the senior management team at Catawba to stand and introduce themselves.

Presentations - Dr. Cornely briefly gave an overview of the results of the FIN Initiative for Catawba Community Mental Health Center (CCMHC). Collaborative documentation, routine (non-urgent) and urgent appointments along with emergent same day access to care were topics discussed. Ms. Sheena Willis followed with a presentation on York Adult Outpatient Services. On August 3, 205 York Adult began servicing clients at 205 Piedmont Boulevard, Suite 100. Currently, York Adult Clinic has over 1365 active clients and a total of 934 admissions for FY2015. Some of the programs and services offered at York Adult include, but are not limited to, Care Coordination, Dual Diagnosis, ACT-Like, Intake/Crisis, Crime View and Peer Support.

Brenda Parker gave an overview of CAF Services. Services such as Parent Child Interactive Therapy (PCIT), Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavior Therapy (TFCBT) and CAF staffing were all discussed. Ms. Parker noted that two years ago when the Commission was last at Catawba, she and Yvonne Stewart, York County Department of Social Services, described a protocol entitled, "Enhanced DSS/MHC Protocol Assessment", which is a community collaborative. The intent of the protocol is to immediately address the trauma that the child and family members experience at the child's removal. It is a system to bring children and families together with a families other than their immediate family. This protocol, which will help determine the level of care a child needs, has been examined and will be implemented statewide very soon.

Kevin Burroughs, CCMHC's Peer Support Specialist, brought two of his clients to his presentation to show what peer support for mental illnesses looks like and to show how well it is working. Mr. Burroughs reiterated that peer support changes lives for the better.

Liz Seeger, York County School Based Services Coordinator, was the last presenter. Currently, there are 60 schools in York, Chester & Lancaster Counties who use our school based counseling services. One parent was present to share her relationship with school based counselors and how this program has enhanced the lives of two of her children.

Dr. Evans thanked everyone for their excellent presentations.

There being no further discussion, the center presentation concluded at 10:05 a.m.

Alison Y. Evans, Psy.D., Chair
SC Mental Health Commission

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

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW UP, ETC.
CALL TO ORDER	The October 2, 2015 meeting of the South Carolina Mental Health Commission was called to order at 10:24 a.m. by Alison Y. Evans, Psy.D., Chair, at the Catawba Community Mental Health Adult Center, 205 Piedmont Boulevard, Rock Hill, SC. Mr. Steve Sanders provided the invocation.	
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS	Dr. Evans welcomed regular attendees; there were no guests.	
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	<i>On a motion by Joan Moore, seconded by Beverly Cardwell, the Commission approved the agenda for today's Business Meeting.</i>	
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	<i>On a motion by Joan Moore, seconded by Beverly Cardwell, the Commission approved the minutes of the Commission Business Meeting of September 4, 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 24 pending cases on the Patient Protection Report, thirteen (13) are being retained by SLED as potentially criminal; seven (7) cases were referred to the State Long Term Care Ombudsman's Office (SLTCOO) in the Lt. Governor's Office on Aging; two (2) were being investigated by the Attorney General's Office; one (1) has been referred to a local law enforcement agency; and one (1) to DMH Client Advocacy. Of the cases closed during the preceding month, there were no substantiated allegations. Last month, since there was an increase in the number of client advocacy reports, Rochelle Caton noted that we would monitor this over the next few months. However, it looks as though there is no trend at this time as the number of cases this month dropped back to the average range.	
DEPARTMENTAL OVERVIEW AND UPDATE ● Health Care Integration Presentation – Christian Barnes Young	Geoff Mason introduced Christian Barnes-Young, the Executive Director for Tri-County Community Mental Health Center. Mr. Barnes-Young commenced by stating that four years ago Tri-County partnered with a Federally Qualified Healthcare Provider (FQHC) and a hospital at different periods of time to deliver integrated primary care to its Mental Health Center patients through a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration	

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW UP, ETC.
<p>● Report of Inpatient Facilities Governing Body Meeting – Versie Bellamy</p>	<p>(SAMHSA) Grant. Some of the reasons to integrate care for behavioral health patients include the following: 1) mental health, substance abuse, and physical health conditions impact each other; 2) the cost of treating physical health conditions increases significantly when co-occurring behavioral health conditions are present; 3) integrated care is effective; and 4) co-occurring health conditions are the rule in patients with serious mental illness, not the exception. The Department is developing a Behavioral Health home model for Mental Health Center patients who have one or more co-occurring health conditions. The approach will embody best practices to include population health management to reduce health disparities, motivational interviewing, trauma-informed care, collaborative documentation, peer support services, open access/enhanced scheduling and tobacco recovery and control programs. There are several cost and buy-in challenges to integrated care such as recruitment of skilled professionals, establishing and maintaining effective partnerships, cost of certified electronic health record to practice population health management, transportation, developing an integrated health record and agreed use of health information technology, and a willingness to participate in shared risk payment models. Nevertheless, it is the proven approach for improving patient health, and is clearly the approach which will be expected of providers by the major payors for healthcare in the future.</p> <p>The Inpatient Facilities Governing Body Committee meeting minutes from the July 8, 2015 meeting were presented for approval to the Commission. William S. Hall Psychiatric Hospital is due for a triennial Joint Commission survey. Joint Commission has agreed to extend the survey until the end of the month to allow for the move to the G. Werber Bryan Psychiatric Hospital campus. Ms. Bellamy gave brief highlights of the meeting as it related to accreditation/regulatory surveys, plan for services/scope of services, recruitment and retention, and performance data for each inpatient facility. Video cameras have been installed at C.M. Tucker Roddey and Stone. The roofing project at C.M. Tucker Roddey is set to be completed in a few weeks. Commissioner Moore commended the C.M. Tucker Stone administration on the beautiful landscaping and grounds.</p> <p><i>On a motion by Joan Moore, seconded by Beverly Cardwell, the Commission approved the Governing Body Meeting minutes from the July 8, 2015 meeting as presented.</i></p> <p><i>All voted in favor to the above motion; motion carried.</i></p>	

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW UP, ETC.
<p>● Approval of 2016 Commission Dates – Dr. Alison Evans</p> <p>● Financial Status Update – Mark Binkley</p> <p>● Forensic Update – Versie Bellamy and Dr. Allyson Sipes</p> <p>Bull Street Update – Mark Binkley</p>	<p><i>On a motion by Beverly Cardwell, seconded by Bob Hiott, the Commission approved the 2016 SC Mental Health Commission Meeting Dates and Locations.</i></p> <p><i>All voted in favor to the above motion; motion carried.</i></p> <p>Although it is early in the year, we are projecting that the agency will finish within budget. Today is the deadline for State agencies to submit their 2017 budget request to the Governor's office. The Department is seeking an increase in its recurring general appropriations in excess of \$21.0 million. A majority of the increase is for the hospitals and long-term care facilities. It was hard to estimate the increased costs for Veterans' Victory House and Richard M. Campbell Veterans Nursing Home because both are in a contract renewal period. The agency will also be increasing the number of beds at C.M. Tucker/Stone. The costs of the Forensics program are increasing as the number of orders for evaluation and commitments increase. Management is also projecting a significant increase in the cost of the Sexually Violent Predator Treatment Program related to a current Request for Proposals (RFP) as well as projected increases in the census. Mr. Binkley recommended additional discussion of the RFP take place in Executive Session. Other projected increased costs are for the creation of a central clinical contract monitoring program, and for greater hospital and community IT support services.</p> <p>Versie Bellamy introduced her team to include Dr. Allyson Sipes, Dr. Kimberly Rudd and Stuart Shields. The Forensics division has been in consultation with Circuit Court Judge Frank Addy to discuss some opportunities for improvement in conducting evaluations and reducing the waiting list for forensic patients. In response to this challenge, Ms. Bellamy appointed Dr. Allyson Sipes to provide direct management and oversight to give more focus in this area and to get court ordered evaluations caught up. With the utilization of some contracts with private psychiatrists and psychologists, Dr. Sipes reported that we are now scheduling evaluations as the Orders are received. As we go forward, we are looking to contract with two additional private practice psychiatrists for ongoing assistance. We are also improving the data tracking process and working very closely with IT. Ms. Bellamy and Dr. Sipes thanked the legal staff, especially Alan Powell and Monique Lee, for all of their assistance.</p> <p>Mr. Mark Binkley began by reminding the Commission of a memo that was sent out detailing monies received by the Department from recent parcel sales that took place a week and a half ago. The parcels sold included the Parker Annex Buildings, which was</p>	

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW UP, ETC.
<p>● Blue Ribbon Programs – John Magill</p> <p>OTHER ADDITIONAL COMMENTS</p> <p>NOTICE/AGENDA</p> <p>ADJOURNMENT</p> <p>ATTENDANCE Commission Members</p>	<p>not on the list to be preserved but which now will be, along with the Bakery building, which is on the list to be preserved.</p> <p>Last month, Mr. Magill asked several staff members to present to members of the Hospital Association, Rural Health Association and the Institute of Medicine about some of the outstanding clinical programs the Department offers. This presentation went very well. As a result, we are repeating this presentation on November 16, 2015. This time the audience will include members of the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Foundation, the Duke Endowment, the Senate Legislative Oversight, Legislative Audit Council, and budget staff from the House and Senate. If this one is as successful, we will do a third presentation in January or February giving focus on the inpatient side of DMH. The Commission was invited to attend the November presentation.</p> <p>The first Quarterly Training will take place at the Pee Dee Mental Health Center in January or early February of next year. We have space for approximately 100 physical attendees and everyone else will attend via video conference.</p> <p>The budget presentation to the Governor's Office will take place at the end of October.</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> <p><i>At 11:40 a.m., on a motion by Joan Moore, seconded by Beverly Cardwell, the Commission adjourned the Business Meeting and entered into executive session to discuss negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements arising from the Request for Proposal for the Sexually Violent Predators Treatment Program. Upon convening in open session at 12:30 p.m., it was noted that only information was received; no votes or actions were taken.</i></p> <p>Alison Y. Evans, Psy.D., Chair Beverly Cardwell Everard O. Rutledge, PhD (<i>excused</i>) Sharon L. Wilson (<i>excused</i>)</p> <p>Joan Moore, Vice Chair James Buxton Terry (<i>excused</i>) Bob Hiott</p>	

TOPIC	DISCUSSION		FOLLOW UP, ETC.
Staff/Guests	John H. Magill Geoff Mason Kimberly Rudd, MD Mark Binkley Sandra Ramirez Carol Cochran Kim Sconyers Steve Sanders Sheena Willis Christian Barnes-Young Kevin Burrough Stuart Shields	Robert Bank, MD Ligia Latiff-Bolet, PhD Allyson Sipes, MD Paul Cornely Elizabeth Schrum Glen Poore Dr. Thomas Muller Brenda Parker Liz Seeger Dr. Allyson Sipes Versie Bellamy Alan Powell	
APPROVALS	Joan Moore, Vice Chair	Christie D. Linguard, Recording Secretary	

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

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW UP, ETC.
CALL TO ORDER	The November 6, 2015 meeting of the South Carolina Mental Health Commission was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Joan Moore, Vice Chair, in the Commission Room at the SC Department of Mental Health Administration Building, 2414 Bull Street, Columbia, SC. Mr. Jeff Ham commenced with the invocation.	
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS	Commissioner Moore welcomed all regular attendees as well as guests to the November Commission meeting. Each guest present introduced themselves and told where they worked.	
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	<i>On a motion by Sharon Wilson, seconded by Beverly Cardwell, the Commission approved the agenda for today's Business Meeting.</i>	
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	<p><i>On a motion by Beverly Cardwell, seconded by Sharon Wilson, the Commission approved the minutes from the Dinner Meeting held on October 1, 2015.</i></p> <p><i>On a motion by Sharon Wilson, seconded by Beverly Cardwell, the Commission approved the minutes from the Center Presentation on October 2, 2015.</i></p> <p><i>On a motion by Beverly Cardwell, seconded by Sharon Wilson, the Commission approved the minutes from the Business Meeting of October 2, 2015.</i></p> <p><i>All voted in favor to the above motions; all motions carried.</i></p>	
MONTHLY/QUARTERLY INFORMATIONAL REPORTS	<p>Mark Binkley presented those items listed under Monthly/Quarterly Informational Reports. There was one founded incident of abuse under the Public Safety Report. The employee mentioned in the report has been terminated. Of the twenty-six (26) pending cases on the Patient Protection Report, ten (10) are being retained by SLED as potentially criminal; twelve (12) 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) were referred to local law enforcement; and two (2) cases are being investigated by the Attorney General's Office alleging financial exploitation.</p> <p>There is nothing notable in the Client Advocacy report.</p>	

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DEPARTMENTAL OVERVIEW AND UPDATE	<p>This presentation was designed to give a special “thank you” to the many employees who went the extra mile during the recent rain/flood disaster. Mr. Magill noted that SCDMH as a whole did a superb job to provide shelter in place for over 1000 DMH patients in DMH inpatient facilities throughout the State. In the Community Mental Health Services Division, personnel left the safety of their own homes to make sure their patients received needed medication and were safe. Mr. William Wells presented a summary of the collaborative efforts of SCDMH, the Governor’s Office (Team SC), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the American Red Cross. Every place that SCDMH has been asked to provide services, staff responded. SCDMH employees have been available at the Mental Health Centers, in emergency shelters and at disaster recovery centers. The State is now under a Presidential Declaration of Disaster in 24 of its 46 counties. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and FEMA have asked that SCDMH provide outreach services to victims of the disaster under a Grant program designed for that purpose, and the agency is in the process of establishing that outreach program.</p> <p>Mr. Magill introduced Mark Bellamy who told of his efforts to ensure the clients in the Waccamaw catchment area received needed mental health care services, shelter and safety. Mr. Bellamy was only one of many employees who worked during hazardous weather conditions during this unprecedented 1000 year rain/flood event. Ken Roey described the efforts which Physical Plant Services staff made during the storm to prevent water intrusion in the inpatient facilities. And Versie Bellamy told of the superb efforts from many of the inpatient services employees during the rains and floods and several days afterwards to keep patients safe, fed and cared for. Many employees working in DMH inpatient facilities kept their focus on caring for their patients, while not knowing if their own homes were damaged by the rain and flooding.</p> <p>Lastly, a note from Dr. Alison Evans, Commission Chair, was read by Mr. Magill commending agency staff for their response to the disaster.</p>	
• Rain/Flood Response		
• SC Suicide Prevention and Early Intervention Initiative – Louise Johnson	<p>Louise Johnson commenced by stating that suicide is the second leading cause of death for individuals ages 15-34 in South Carolina and the fourth leading cause of death for ages 10 – 14. Forty-five states applied for these federal grant funds, of which five (5) states received</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bull Street Update – Mark Binkley • Hall Institute Update • Financial Status Update – Dave Schaefer 	<p>awards, along with seven (7) tribes. South Carolina’s application was ranked 6th overall in terms of quality.</p> <p>This is a statewide grant but we will focus closely on the seven (7) counties which have the highest rates of suicide (Beaufort, Lexington, Berkeley, Spartanburg, Greenville, Charleston & Richland Counties). Youths and young adults ages 10-24 will be the targeted population. This is a five (5) year grant that has a maximum funding of \$736,000 per year. Funds will be used for evidence-based best practices in reducing/preventing youth suicide. These measures include emergency room rapid follow up services following an unsuccessful attempt; timely care transition and coordination; raising public awareness and the awareness of adults who work with children and adolescents concerning the signs and symptoms of depression and what to do if they become concerned; and raising awareness of youth through Young Lives Matter of what resources are available if they are having feelings of despair or thoughts of suicide. We have already begun to work on reinstating the State Suicide Prevention Coalition and implementing the regional suicide prevention task forces. We are hoping to partner with Dr. Meera Narasimhan and the USC School of Medicine in order to provide a very strong evaluation component.</p> <p>There have been no more scheduled sales of parcels. The sewer replacement project is still ongoing. The flooding set this project back a bit.</p> <p>Versie Bellamy noted that the transition had been on schedule to move to the Bryan campus but due to the floods, we have been set back. We are expecting an inspection from Joint Commission at any time. Dr. Forand added that once the transition has been completed, we will see Joint Commission once again in the new facility. The Notice of Completion has been issued by DHEC for the two (2) lodges and the school. We are probably looking at physically moving in December. The lodges are divided into pods of which there will be three (3) pods in each building. This will allow for smaller sub-communities the facility. The bedrooms will be primarily private and all bathrooms will be private. All of the furniture is child-friendly and more “home-like” which will create a better atmosphere for the patients. There will be a fence to provide separation between the children and the adults. Mr. Magill announced that we hope to have an Open House sometime after the first of the year.</p> <p>Dave Schaefer called everyone’s attention to the financial information in their packets. Medicaid and payroll expenses are coming in a little lower; we are watching both of these.</p>	

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	We are anticipating additional expenditures due to the flood. We also anticipate loss of revenue related to the disruption caused by the flooding. We are working with FEMA for possible reimbursement. Geoff Mason spoke a little about the new FEMA grant for outreach workers that SCDMH just received. This is expected to be a ten (10) month program of community outreach to victims of the disaster; Mallory Miller will coordinate the grant efforts with some help from William Wells.		
• Presentation on ADD/ADHD – Dr. Victor Evans	Dr. Bank introduced Dr. Victor Evans, who is the Medical Director of the Lexington Community Mental Health Center. Dr. Evans talked briefly about how we identify and treat patients at our clinics and centers who are diagnosed with ADHD. Materials were provided to all in attendance.		
• LAC Report – Mark Binkley	SCDMH has not received the final copy of the Legislative Audit Council’s Report. Therefore, there is nothing to report on this item.		
OTHER ADDITIONAL COMMENTS	There were no additional comments.		
NOTICE/AGENDA	A notice and agenda of the meeting were sent out to all individuals and news media who requested information in accordance with state law.		
ADJOURNMENT	At 12:03 p.m., on a motion by Buck Terry, seconded by Sharon Wilson, the Commission adjourned.		
ATTENDANCE Commission Members	Alison Y. Evans, Psy.D., Chair (excused) Beverly Cardwell Everard O. Rutledge, PhD (excused) Sharon L. Wilson	Joan Moore, Vice Chair James Buxton Terry Bob Hiott	
Staff/Guests	John H. Magill Dave Schaefer Alan Powell Jeff Ham Faye Irvin Randy Harrison	Versie Bellamy Dr. Angela Forand Mary Jaskowski Lou Ann Williams Walter Whitfield Frank Johnson	

TOPIC	DISCUSSION		FOLLOW UP, ETC.
	Peggy Fulton Mark Bellamy Galen Sanders Norma Jean Mobley Wayne Edwards Aldevone Ardon Gloria Prevost Victor Evans, MD	M. Janice Smith Vicki Walker Joyce Polen Bill Lindsey Michael McCane Geoff Mason Ken Roey	
APPROVALS	<hr/> Alison Y. Evans, PsyD, Chair	<hr/> Christie D. Linguard, Recording Secretary	

S.C. MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING
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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW UP, ETC.
CALL TO ORDER	The December 11, 2015 meeting of the South Carolina Mental Health Commission was called to order at 10:35 a.m. by Alison Y. Evans, Psy.D., Chair, at the Lexington Community Mental Health Adult Center, 301 Palmetto Park Boulevard, Lexington, SC. Ms. Karen Busha provided the invocation.	
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS	Dr. Evans welcomed regular attendees; there were no guests.	
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 Buck Terry, seconded by Sharon Wilson, the Commission approved the minutes of the Commission Business Meeting of November 6, 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 19 pending cases on the Patient Protection Report, eight (8) are being retained by SLED as potentially criminal; nine (9) cases were referred to the State Long Term Care Ombudsman's Office (SLTCOO) in the Lt. Governor's Office on Aging; and two (2) were being investigated by the Attorney General's Office. Of the cases closed during the preceding month, there were no substantiated allegations.	
• Corporate Compliance Update – Ligia Latiff-Bolet, Ph.D.	Dr. Latiff-Bolet commenced by stating that the Compliance Department (Department) is reviewing their entire program. They are extending Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs) audits up to 18 months to accommodate medical record audits for the Division of Inpatient Services (DIS) as well as reviewing procedures for reimbursement. These program changes have been approved by Mr. Magill as well as the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The Department has standardized credentialing. For the last six months, compliance with Local Coverage Determinations from Medicare for Patrick B. Harris (Harris) and G. Werber Bryan Psychiatric Hospitals Acute Adult Services is steady at 97%. Closed Medical Records for the last six months is also at 97%. Audits of coders started last month. A total of 89 records were reviewed for accuracy and diagnostic coding. There was a 97% accuracy at William S. Hall and a 92% accuracy for Evaluation and Management Services. Regarding the CMHCs, ten of the sixteen centers had >90% overall performance; sixteen of	

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<p>DEPARTMENTAL OVERVIEW AND UPDATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institute of Medicine Long-Term Care Task Force Presentation – Lee Pearson, Eleanor Stein & Sam Waldrep • Report of Inpatient Facilities Governing Body Meeting – Versie Bellamy 	<p>sixteen had .90% Administrative Performance; and four of sixteen had >90% Clinical Performance. The mode was 86% and the range was 82-92%. The HIPAA/Privacy/Security 1st Quarter results were given: Inpatient – 18; Outpatient – 51; Administration – 9. Of the 82 reported cases, 10 were unauthorized access/disclosure, 67 hacking/virus IT; one (1) lost/unaccounted for; four (4) other and one (1) HHS reportable.</p> <p>Mr. Lee Pearson, Director of Operations at the Institute of Medicine and Public Health, began the presentation on the Long-Term Care Task Force Initiative. Mr. Pearson began by giving a brief history of the Task Force along with the list of members who participated. The report was released on June 10, 2015. The 30 recommendations were broken down into sub-headings to include promoting efficiencies in the system; strengthening the long-term care continuum; ensuring an adequate and trained workforce; protecting vulnerable adults; supporting family caregivers; promoting choice and independence through education; and future directions which include the development of the Implementation Leadership Council to work on follow through with each recommendation.</p> <p>The Inpatient Facilities Governing Body Committee meeting minutes from the October 14, 2015 meeting were presented for approval to the Commission. All three (3) Joint Commission accredited hospitals had their surveys. There were only four (4) minor citations of which two (2) are being contested. G. Werber Bryan Psychiatric Hospital construction continues. The plan for William S. Hall Psychiatric Hospital is to move into the new accommodations on Tuesday, December 15, 2015. Mr. Magill noted that the buildings are DHEC approved but there will not be a formal dedication ceremony until the early part of next year. Renovations are continuing at our long-term care facilities. Electronic Medical Records kick-off for DIS will take place in January. Commissioner Rutledge noted the number of clinical staff support at the long term care facilities is significantly low. He knows that this is due to the very low pay scale for clinical support such as certified nurse assistants. He has recommended that this issue be studied and addressed in the coming year.</p> <p><i>On a motion by Joan Moore, seconded by Buck Terry, the Commission approved the Governing Body Meeting minutes from the October 14, 2015 meeting as presented.</i></p> <p><i>All voted in favor to the above motion; motion carried.</i></p>	

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW UP, ETC.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bull Street – Mark Binkley 	<p>Currently, there are no scheduled sale of additional parcels on the Bull Street campus. Mayor Benjamin and Hughes Development recently made news by stating that there will be an announcement of new tenants by the end of the year. They are working on an all new storm sewer system on the campus. The renovation of the Parker Annex into office buildings has begun.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Status Update – Mark Binkley 	<p>We are projecting finishing the year in the black. The Medicaid Reimbursement is not where we have projected. We have divided our budget meetings into Outpatient and Inpatient services and we are having meetings more frequently. Mr. Magill added that he has talked to the chairs on both sides of the assembly and they have expressed a caution in what we are requesting due to the primary repair of the roads, schools and incidences due to the flood.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suicide – Robert Breen, MD 	<p>Versie Bellamy introduced Dr. Breen as the next presenter on suicide. Alarming, the rate for suicide is going up both statewide and nationally. This may or may not be because of a backlash in providing anti-depressants. Dr. Breen is hoping to collaborate in the future with the USC Geography Department to provide statistics on suicide in our state and nationally. The high risk area for the state is in the upstate (Anderson and Greenville Counties). Generally in South Carolina, most women commit suicide by a lethal effort (use of a gun); however, nationally most commit by non-lethal efforts.</p>	
<p>OTHER ADDITIONAL COMMENTS</p>	<p>Dr. Evans announced that she is a new grandmother. She also acknowledged and said farewell to Christie Linguard, who has for the past year and a half been the administrative coordinator for the SC Mental Health Commission. Well wishes were extended to her.</p>	
<p>NOTICE/AGENDA</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>	
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p><i>At 11:55 a.m., on a motion by Buck Terry, seconded by Sharon Wilson, the Commission adjourned the Business Meeting and entered into executive session to discuss negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements arising from the Request for Proposal for the Sexually Violent Predators Treatment Program. Upon convening in open session at 12:30 p.m., it was noted that only information was received; no votes or actions were taken.</i></p>	

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ATTENDANCE			
Commission Members	Alison Y. Evans, Psy.D., Chair Beverly Cardwell Everard O. Rutledge, PhD (<i>excused</i>) Sharon L. Wilson (<i>excused</i>)	Joan Moore, Vice Chair James Buxton Terry (<i>excused</i>) Bob Hiott	
Staff/Guests	John H. Magill Geoff Mason Mark Binkley Kimberly Rudd, MD Alan Powell Eleanor Stein Alexis Small Karen Busha Dona Ayers	Robert Bank, MD Ligia Latiff-Bolet, PhD Versie Bellamy Lee Pearson Sam Waldrep Marilyn Barnes Omar Troutman, PhD Robert Breen, MD Robert Morgan	
APPROVALS	_____ Alison Y. Evans, Psy.D., Chair	_____ Christi Davis, Recording Secretary	