

Tri-County Community Mental Health Center

Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2026

Attendance:

Members Present:

Mr. Clifford McBride Ms. Sue Mangum Ms. Angela Johnson Mr. James Aldridge

Members Absent:

Ms. Billie Sikes Mr. Harvell Parnell

Staff:

Ms. Teresa Meakins-Linn Ms. Crystal Pressley Ms. Melanie Gambrell

Topic	Discussion	Follow-Up
Welcome and Introductions	Mr. McBride called the meeting to order at 5:46 pm with an invocation by Mr. Aldridge.	
Approval of the Minutes	Minutes were approved as written on a motion by Mr. Aldridge and seconded by Ms. Johnson. All in favor.	
Budget Crystal Pressley	Crystal discussed the following: Budget Crystal included the April 2026 forecast in the packet. Payroll, expenditures and revenue have been updated based on data for July-April 2026. It is imperative that each billing staff meet PCH, we fully utilize contract doctors and all front office staff obtain and enter accurate insurance information so the center can get paid for the services billed. The budget was presented on 5/14/2026 to Deborah Blalock (Deputy Director), Andrew Fowler (budget analysis), Ian Ross (grants), Liza Watson (grants) and Josh Brantley, DOA finance. The team questioned the cost of laptops and utilities. The cost of laptops was obtained through Dell state contract pricing and Walter, IT leadership confirmed the price is correct and no laptops can be purchased for the price stated in the budget meeting (\$800-\$850). Crystal has asked for clarification from central, the utilities were revised and updated. Once the laptop issue is resolved the budget will be resubmitted. The budget was built with a PCH expectation of 854 annual hours. Once the budget is approved it will be shared with the Board.	

Building and Vehicles Crystal Pressley	Crystal discussed the following: Buildings - We have identified at least 2 more vehicles that will be returned. There has been unconfirmed information reported that leased vehicles will be \$200.00 a month plus mileage in FY27, during the budget meeting Deb asked Josh to verify this information with state fleet. - Dillon has a water issue, James is working with a plumbing company to get a quote, it will likely be costly.	
Policy Review	Next policy review in October.	
Old Business		
New Business		
Director's Report Teresa Meakins-Linn	Teresa discussed the following: Personnel - Our newest hire is Monica Njoku, who started with us as a clinician in our Chesterfield clinic on April 17th. Current positions advertised: Marlboro clinic Med. Tech; Chesterfield adult clinician; Highway to Hope chief and clinician positions; Dillon RN and ICT positions. Peer support position will also be needed by the end of the month. - Offer of employment for the MHP I (CAF) in Dillon was presented and accepted. The MHP I School-Based in Marlboro will be offered to a candidate. - We are reviewing applications for the IDD position and hope to begin scheduling interviews soon. Data from latest TMI report: (March) PCH: Mar=750. (Down from our Feb PCH=780.50) OTHER data from March TMI: Center CD = 88% ; Access=95%. Center's YTD # of patients served=1,817, with number of services provided YTD-17,987. We ran our Center report on 5/5 and it showed our current number of active patients= 1,263. Breakdown by Clinic: Marlboro=453 Dillon= 463 Chesterfield=347	

	<u>Center Activities/Events/Training/Outreach:</u> 5/4/26: Spring Total Staffing and Strategic Goals Planning. This year’s TS was held in the large training room of the Marlboro office. The morning (mandatory) session included introduction of staff using a fun ice-breaker- “What Famous Person Would You Like to Join you for Dinner?” We had some really interesting and unique responses and it was a great way to get to know one another better. The remainder of the morning was spent in Strategic Planning-as we reviewed our current plan, including outcomes and developed our new SGP for FY2027. You have copies of both included in your packets. We also elicit feedback from our Patient Advisory Board through our CPSS, Christie Vest. The afternoon session was not mandatory (those not wanting to participate could return to work sites). Staff enjoyed a catered lunch and fun activities sponsored by the Wellness Committee. The Center Employee of the Year was announced, and this year’s recipient was Tammy Johnson. Tammy was presented with a plaque, and her name will be inscribed and added to our Center plaque which is displayed in the Admin entrance foyer. We congratulate Tammy and appreciate all she does for our Center. Our CPSS, Christie Vest gave a great presentation on self-care and how to avoid burnout. She shared her own experiences and provided strategies and tools that staff could use for themselves as well as share with patients. The day also included drawings for prizes and a 50-50 raffle. 5/6/26: Our HR Coordinator, Rita Oliver and Teresa attended the Marlboro County Job Fair, sponsored by SC Works and held at the Bennettsville Community Center. We had a table with information on current Center position vacancies, info on Tri County programs and services, and information on the state’s employment website. It was also an opportunity for some partner engagement work as Teresa was able to talk with both Diane Hall (Trinity Behavioral director) and Kim Willis (ED of Marlboro County Disabilities and Special Needs Board). The 3 of us are planning to schedule a date for a joint meeting of key staff from our 3 agencies to talk about how we can work together at our local level in our communities to implement the “no wrong door” philosophy of BHDD.	
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	• 5/8/26: In recognition of May as Mental Health Awareness Month, the Marlboro Clinic Director, Amy Kulo and our Clinical Services Chief, Miranda Bailey gave a presentation to the Marlboro County Coordinating Council • 5/12/26: Teresa gave a presentation to the Cheraw Town Council for MH Awareness month. She spoke about the importance of communication-why we need to talk about mental health and how we can work on breaking the stigma of mental health. The members were given resource bags with info on Tri County as well as information about SC MH statistics and other pertinent resources. <u>Upcoming:</u> • 5/20 and 5/21: Our QA Coordinator, Aimee McGregor, is conducting ASIST(Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) in Chesterfield for county 911 staff and area school resource officers (SROs). <u>Other:</u> • Tammy provided hard copies of the document that was emailed to you on May 1st, with some suggested talking points for you to use when you have an opportunity to speak with our area legislators.	
Deputy Director's Report Melanie Gambrell	Ms. Gambrell discussed the following: • No information on budget FY27. • Dr. Bank retiring June 1st. No appointment of agency director at this time. • New HR Director-Jason Edwards. • New communications director and CFO also. • Working on grants for rural health areas. Providing services in those areas. • The other agencies that are under the BHDD umbrella are working together on a no wrong door relationship. We want to learn more about each other and what each agency does.	
Public Comment		
Adjournment	• The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 pm on a motion by Mr. Aldridge. • Next meeting will be June 15, 2026, at 5:30 pm.	

Signatures:

Mr. Clifford McBride, Chair

Ms. Tammy Johnson, Administrative Assistant