

Tri-County Community Mental Health Center

Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2026

Attendance:

Members Present:

Mr. Clifford McBride Mr. Harvell Parnell Ms. Angela Johnson Mr. James Aldridge Ms. Billie Sikes

Members Absent:

Ms. Sue Mangum

Staff:

Ms. Teresa Meakins-Linn Ms. Crystal Pressley Ms. Michele Murff

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 May 2026 forecast in the packet. Payroll, expenditures and revenue have been updated based on data for July-May 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 and the budget was built with a PCH expectation of 854 annual hours. We do not know if and when the budget will be approved, Crystal included a copy in the packet for the board review.	
Building and Vehicles Crystal Pressley	Crystal discussed the following: Buildings - We have identified at least 2 more vehicles that will be returned. - Dillon has backflow and sprinkler issue, the repair will have to wait until the new fiscal year, the timing for requesting purchase orders closed on 5/29/2026.	

	Maintenance has been centralized as of June 1, 2026. James will report to a regional supervisor and that program will take over the vehicle associated with maintenance.	
Policy Review	Next policy review in October.	
Old Business		
New Business		
Director's Report Teresa Meakins-Linn	Teresa discussed the following: <u>Personnel</u> - Since our last meeting, we received have received HR approval for the MHP I CAF position in Dillon-effective date June 17th. - The School-based clinician for Marlboro Clinic has been selected with a tentative start date of July 2nd. The individual is currently employed with another Center and we are waiting on the reassignment approval from Central office. - Interviews are scheduled this week and next week for the remaining vacant MHP position in the Chesterfield clinic. - We are reviewing applications for the IDD and H2H positions and hope to scheduled interviews soon. - We have received approval to post for a 2nd Peer Support Specialist (based in Chesterfield clinic). <u>Data from latest TMI report: (April)</u> With the new electronic health record-AVATAR, there are still issues related to data and reporting, which is the reason we do not have PCH data available on the April TMI. The issues with reporting and data collection are being addressed. OTHER data from April TMI: Center CD = 88.3% ; Access=95%. Center's YTD # of services provided=18,896. We ran our Center report on 6/5 and it showed our current number of active patients= 1,263. Breakdown by Clinic: Marlboro=455 Dillon= 461 Chesterfield=347	

	<u>Center Activities/Events/Training/Outreach:</u> • 5/19: Teresa attended Dr. Bank’s retirement party held on the Health Campus (Cayce). It was a wonderful event and a great way to honor him and recognize all he’s done during his years of service. On May 22nd, Gov. McMaster presented Dr. Bank with the Order of the Palmetto, the highest civilian honor in the state. Dr. Bank was recognized for his 50 years of service, contributions to the mental health field, and his dedication to the citizens of South Carolina. On his last day, the staff in Cayce lined up and gave him an ovation as he exited the building for the last time-Deb Blalock shared a video and it was very moving. Dr. Bank addressed staff at the May 27th CD/Admin meeting and shared a final message, telling everyone “not to change your direction even with all the changes”. Dr. Kimberly Rudd is the Acting Office Director for OMH now that Dr. Bank has retired. • 5/20 and 5/21: Our QA Coordinator, Aimee McGregor delivered ASIST(Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) in Chesterfield for county EMS staff and area school resource officers (SROs). • 5/22: The Dillon Clinic held a MH Awareness Fun and Community Day, providing patients/family members with boxed lunches (donated by local Food Lion), fun activities and mental health info and resources. • 5/27: Tri County was represented by the Dillon Clinic Director at Community Wellness Fair held at the QVC Café in Florence. Tri County had an info/resource table at the event. • 6/6: Center’s CPSS, Christie Vest and the Dillon Clinic clinical support staff, Iesha Wilson gave a presentation for Community Day at the Berean Baptist Church in Darlington. They spoke to the attendees about breaking the stigma around mental health. • 6/11: The Dillon Clinic Director and Teresa attended a planning meeting for Dillon County’s Opioid Task Force. <u>Upcoming:</u> • 6/16: Teams meeting with BHDD Partners. Meeting with Tri County (T. Linn), Diane Hall (Trinity Behavioral Health), Kim Willis (Marlboro Co. Disabilities and Special Needs Board), and Elaine Weston (Marion-Dillon County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs). We are planning for an upcoming in-person meeting scheduled for June 30th at 11:00 am here in the Bennettsville office large training room. We want to set our agenda and talk	
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	about focus for the meeting as well as a list of invitees. The purpose of the meeting is for all 3 of our agencies to learn about each other and talk about how we will be working collaboratively as the newly restructured BHDD organization (OMH/OIDD/OSUS) to serve the residents of our communities. We need to develop a strategy for implementing the “no wrong door” policy of our agency. • 6/24-6/25: ASIST Training for Chesterfield 911 employees	
Deputy Director’s Report Michele Murff	Ms. Murff discussed the following: • Introduced herself to board. Thanks to Crystal, Jennifer, and Tri-County as a whole for their community housing work and working hard. • Deborah Blalock and Melanie Gambrell are both on leave this week. • Announced Dr. Rudd as acting director of OMH. Actively recruiting for a permanent director of OMH, Medical Oversight Director, and State Operations Director. • Focus on what we are doing every day. Deborah Blalock is still over the Community Mental Health Centers and Melanie Gambrell is over the programs. • Working to get billing in since the start of the new Avatar.	
Public Comment		
Adjournment	• The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 pm on a motion by Ms. Sikes. • Next meeting will be August 17, 2026, at 5:30 pm.	

Signatures:

Mr. Clifford McBride, Chair

Ms. Tammy Johnson, Administrative Assistant