

Aiken-Barnwell Mental Health Center Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2026, Meeting held by TEAMS

Attendance:

Board Members:

Dr. Rosa Ishmal	Present	Janie Key	Present	Terry Lee	Present
Marion Gary	Present	Barry Head	Present	Shandra Drayton-Bryant	Present

DMH Staff and Guest:

Tamara Smith	Present
Erin Laughter	Present
Jeanna Judy	Present

Topic	Discussion	Follow-Up
Call to Order	Mrs. Key called the meeting to order at 5:35pm. Berry Head led the Board in Prayer.	None needed
Acceptance of Agenda	Berry Head accepts the agenda, and Mrs. Key seconded the motion. All in favor of accepting the agenda.	None needed
Approval of the Minutes	Board members reviewed the June, August, September, and October Minutes. Minutes will be approved at the next Meeting if there is a quorum. Janie Key Motioned seconded by Shandra Drayton Bryant.	None needed.
Old Business	Dr. Ishmal advised that she has a name to submit for a potential board member from Barnwell Area her name is Roselin F. Kenner lives in Blackville. Tamara also advised of Don B and potentially Derrick Bush will be submitting their information to join the board. Tamara advised that The Board Members had an executive meetings on February 10, 2026 to discuss	
New Business	- The Board went through an election for a Vice Chair. - Janie Key nominated Berry Head, however, he advised that he would have to decline at this time. - Dr. Ishmal nominated Mrs. Janie Key. - The Board all in favor of electing Mrs. Janie Key as the Vice Chair. - Tamara reminded that the Board needs to have a member on the ABRF. - The Board reviewed the bylaws.	None needed.

	• Berry motioned and Terry Lee seconded to remove Secretary and Treasure from section 1 under Article IV. • Janie Key motioned Seconded by Terry Lee strike through section 5 and make section 6 (5) under Article IV. • The Board discussed the different committees and the needs for the committees. • The Board decided that the finance committee is no longer needed. Motioned by Terry Lee and seconded by Janie Key. All in favor. • The Board will continue to keep the Policy committee and Service Committee. Motioned by Janie Key, seconded by Terry Lee. • Article VII, Section 6 was updated the time. <u>5:30p.m or at an alternate time at notified with at least a 5-day notice.</u> • The Board discussed a member joining the Recovery Foundation. Dr. Ishmal asked if there was a volunteer to join the Foundations Board. Mrs. Shandra Drayton Bryant that volunteered to service on the Board. Dr. Ishmal thanked Mrs. Drayton Bryant for volunteering.	
Executive Director's Report by: Tamara Smith	Tamara discussed her report, in addition to the following: • Thanked Dr. Ishmal for continuing to service as the Chair and Mrs. Key for agreeing to serve as the Vice Chair. • Aiken, Lexington, Columbia, and Orangeburg Areas went Live with the new EHR on Feb. 3. • All Agency Meeting will be on March 27, 2026, at Cedar Creek Church. • ABMHC Co-Facilitated a SIM's Workshop for Aiken County on Feb. 18 & 19. • Work to Establish a Criminal Justice Coordinating Counsel. • Increase the number of EMS & Law Enforcement officers in Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) and Mental Health First Aid. • Increase the resources serving unhoused individuals within Aiken County. • Develop more Post Overdose	S

	• Tamara thanked Mrs. Shandra Drayton-Bryant for representing ABMHC BOD at the SIM Workshop. Mrs. Drayton-Bryant gave a brief overview of the information she took away from the workshop. • Meet with Barnwell County Detention Center. • The Recovery Foundation is planning a raffle from April. • The H2H vehicle will be in the shop. • Meet with the Aiken County Council Chair about funding H2H program. • Living Room Program: Furniture and Marketing • Thanked the staff and the Super Users for their resilience during the go Live of the EHR. • ABMHC has started its Strategic Planning for this year. Tamara asked the board to start identifying their goals for the year.	
Finance Report: Jeanna Judy	• FY27 Budget will be presented in May. • Earned Revenue. • Budget Review • Projects (HVAC at Polly Best, Roof at Main Center, Living Room Remodel, Paint the Polly Best Center, Standardized Operations Manuals) • Emergency Planning • Thomas Adams has been doing a wonderful job. • IT updates.	
State DMH Report by: Erin Laughter	Erin discussed the following: • Erin introduced herself. • There has been no update to the Restructuring Outline of BHDD.	None needed.
	Motion to accept the Reports by Terry Lee's and seconded by Janie Key. All in Favor Dr. Ishmal Thanked Tamara, Jeanna and Erin Laughter for their reports.	
Finance Committee Report	No report	None needed.

Board Development/ Policy Committee Report	No report	None needed.
Programs/Services Committee Report	No Report	None needed.
Community Action Items by: Dr. Ishmal	Overflow Foundation will be doing Mental Health First Aid training for Aiken County School District (Feb. 26), New Spring Church on (Feb. 28), and the Public Defender's Office (March 26). Dr. Ishmal Thanked Terry Lee for all that she is doing for the community.	None needed.
Adjournment	Dr. Ishmal advised the Board will need to have another Executive Meeting on Tuesday, March 3 @ 6pm. Berry Head Motion for adjournment seconded by Mrs. Key & Terry Lee. The meeting was adjourned at 7:06pm	None needed.