

Aiken-Barnwell Mental Health Center Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2026, Meeting held by TEAMS

Attendance:

Board Members:

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

DMH Staff and Guest:

Tamara Smith	Present
Deb Blalock	Present
Jeanna Judy	Present
Toyshia Adams	Present
Varney Hodge	Present

Topic	Discussion	Follow-Up
Call to Order	Mrs. Key called the meeting to order at 5:40pm.	None needed
Acceptance of Agenda	Terry Lee accepts the agenda, and Sandra Drayton Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor of accepting the agenda.	None needed
Approval of the Minutes	Board members reviewed the February 24 th minutes. - There was one correction - Article 7 section 6 should read “as notified”. - Terry Lee Motioned seconded by Shandra Drayton Bryant.	None needed.
ABMHC Program Presentation. By Varney Hodge and Toyisha Adams	Varney Hodge and Toyisha Adams presented on the Justice Program. - What the Justice Program does? - How services are 7204 Contacts since 2018 – current. - Competency Recreation Program. - Discussed the Forensic Hospital Waitlist. - Mental Health Court Dr. Ishmal asked about the forensic hospital waitlist. Mrs. Key asked about the referral process. Dr. Ishmal thanked Mrs. Key for stepping in and helping with starting the meeting. Dr. Ishmal thanked Varney and Toyisha for their presentation.	
Old Business	Updated By-laws with the correction to Article 7 section 6. Janie Key motioned that approved the bylaws with the amendments. Seconded by Terry Lee.	
New Business		None needed.

Executive Director's Report by: Tamara Smith	Tamara discussed her report, in addition to the following: • All Agency Meeting will be on March 27, 2026, at Cedar Creek Church from 9-5pm. 9:30-10:30 – Recognition of Staff and EOY. 12:30 - Lunch • Leadership Development Group visited the State House and met with some of the local representatives. Our Group was recognized on the Senate Floor. • 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 completed their raffle. They are also helping with our SMH Spring Break Camp. • Meet with the Aiken County Council and Barnwell County Council about funding H2H program. • Thanked the staff for their resilience during the go Live of the EHR.	
Finance Report: Jeanna Judy	• 3rd Quarter is closing for FY26. • FY27 Budget will be presented in May. • Billing Concern with new EHR. Thanked Columbia and Catawba POC. • Facilities Updates (Roof at Main Center, Living Room Remodel, Paint the Main Center and Barnwell Center, Standardized Operations Manuals) • IT updates. • There is no Write off report.	
State DMH Report by: Deb Blalock	Deb Blalock discussed the following: • Present the Budget Request to the House. The House recommendations were sent to the Board previously. • Presented to the Senate early March. No recommendations have been provided.	None needed.

	• DOA is revising the Administrative Work Structure. • EHR Rollout. • IDD Positions. • 988 funding.	
	Motion to accept the Reports by Terry Lee's and seconded by Janie Key. All in Favor Dr. Ishmal Thanked Tamara, Jeanna and Deb for their reports.	
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 to the Public Defender's Office on March 26. Thanked Terry Lee for all that she is doing for the community. Terry thanked ABMHC for the referrals to the Clubhouse. Dr. Ishmal and Mrs. Key visited the ACDC to speak with the female inmates with their sorority. Congratulations to Rev. Philp Lee on his retirement.	None needed.
Adjournment	Janie Key Motion for adjournment seconded by Terry Lee. The meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm	None needed.