

Aiken-Barnwell Mental Health Center Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2026, Meeting held by TEAMS

Attendance:

Board Members:

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

DMH Staff and Guest:

Lisa Hall	Present
Deb Blalock	Present
Jeanna Judy	Present
Karlin Cummings	Present
Brooke McCarthy	Present
Jessica Salley	Present
Jesi Ryerson	Present

Topic	Discussion	Follow-Up
Call to Order	Dr. Ishmal called the meeting to order at 5:34pm. Terry Lee provided prayer.	None needed
Acceptance of Agenda	Motion to accept agenda- Terry, second by Shandra Drayton.	None needed
Approval of the Minutes	Board members reviewed the March 28 th minutes. Terry Lee Motioned, seconded by Marion Gary.	None needed.
ABMHC Program Presentation.	Brooke McCarthy presented on the SMH programs in Aiken & Barnwell County. Jessica Salley presented on the IPS Program Jesi Ryerson presented on the Housing program.	
Old Business		
New Business		None needed.
Executive Director's Report by: Lisa Hall	Lisa discussed Tamara report, in addition to the following: - Highlighting the luncheon provided by Clubhouse - Adding an additional MHP to Aiken County Detention Center as part of the SCORF funding. Candidate identified. - Village Café in Woodside Village is hosting Open Mic Night on May 29th. A portion of proceeds from mocktails sold will go to the ABRF. - Two Peer Support staff were hired for the Living Room program. Furniture will arrive in June and a tentative open date in July. - The RV has been out in the community to bring awareness of mental health and bring resources to the community.	
Finance Report: Jeanna Judy	FY27 budget presented on May 18th, won't know of approvals for a while, presented successfully.	

	• Closing out the Budget for FY26. • Monitoring billing, coming in slower so monitoring that as well. EHR is updating on the billing part. • A grant was submitted to BHDD for approval- Wellness Within Reach. If approved, plan to expand the H2H program, upgrade RV, reaching patients with transportation barriers, medical psychiatry, RN, MHP, and some supplies for patients. Partnering with local groups- Aiken Center, Rural Health to partner and do pop-up clinics together. Hope to have approval and submit by June 6th. Asking for \$600k. • Technology upgrades • IT specialist will no longer be reporting to Jeanna as of June 2nd. Nate is excited to have more staff to support the region.	
State DMH Report by: Deb Blalock	Deb Blalock discussed the following: • No budget- General Assembly called back in Tuesday to work on redistricting and the budget. • Dr. Bank retiring, last day Friday and official last day is 6/1. • New OMH Acting Director- Dr. Kimberly Rudd AKA Butterfly. • OMH Director position posted today. State Operations Director position posted Friday, State Medical Chief position posted Friday.	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		None needed.
Adjournment	Terry Lee Motion for adjournment seconded by Marion Gary. The meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm	None needed.

