

Aiken-Barnwell Mental Health Center Meeting Minutes

June 23, 2026, Meeting held by TEAMS

Attendance:

Board Members:

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

DMH Staff and Guest:

Tamara Smith	Present
Deb Blalock	Present
Jeanna Judy	Present

Topic	Discussion	Follow-Up
Call to Order	Mrs. Key called the meeting to order at 5:33pm and welcomed everyone Berry Head provided prayer.	None needed
Acceptance of Agenda	Motion to accept agenda- Berry Head made a motion and second by Terry Lee.	None needed
Approval of the Minutes	Board members reviewed the May 26 th minutes. - One Correction to the Day of the Previous Minutes. - Berry Head motioned and seconded by Terry Lee, all in favor to approve the minutes.	None needed.
ABMHC Program Presentation. by Tamara Smith and Jeanna Judy.	Tamara and Jeanna discussed FY27 Strategic Planning. - Six Pillars of Excellence - Clinical Operations Goals - Clinical Training Priorities - Staff Development and Retention - Customer Service - Finance - Highway to Hope Mrs. Key inquired about the different CBT trainings. Mrs. Key Thanked Tamara and Jeanna for the Presentation.	
Old Business		
New Business	- The Board Welcomed Dereck Bush as the new ABMHC Board Member. - Dereck Bush introduced himself to the Board. - The Board discussed the July Board Meeting. Berry Head made a motion to not have a July Board meeting, Seconded by Marion Gary. All in favor.	None needed.
Executive Director's Report	Tamara discussed her report, in addition to the following: Tamara Thanked Derek for joining the Board.	

by: Tamara Smith	• We may have a Candidate for our North Augusta Office. • Aiken Center Staff Embedded at the Main Center and North Augusta. • Highway to Hope will be on hold until we backfill the admin positions. • Village Café in Woodside Village is hosting Open Mic Night on May 29th. A portion of proceeds from mocktails sold was given to the ABRF. • Medication policy update. • ABMHC does not do mediation services at this time.	
Finance Report: Jeanna Judy	• Closing out the Budget for FY26. • Reviewing new Account Codes for BHDD. • Living Room furniture has been delivered. Artwork will be delivered on 6/24/2026. • The Roof project has been approved. • OMH has helped with the ground's maintenance.	
State DMH Report by: Deb Blalock	Deb Blalock discussed the following: • Waiting on the State's Budget. • New OMH Acting Director- Dr. Kimberly Rudd. • OMH Director, State Operations Director, State Medical Chief position posted and closed. • Meeting to discuss how restructuring has been going. • Centers are having to navigate a great deal of change.	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	Derek Bush, Dr. Gothard, Rochelle, and Major Nick Gallam will be doing a presentation on Jail Based Restoration with ACDC at All Rise in Tennessee in July.	None needed.

Adjournment	Derek Bush Motion for adjournment seconded by Marion Gary. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42pm	None needed.
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