

Santee-Wateree CMHC Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2026, Meeting held by ZOOM.

Mission of Santee-Wateree Community Mental Health Center

“To support the recovery of people with mental illnesses within our communities of Sumter, Clarendon, Kershaw and Lee Counties.”

Attendance: Jason Massey, Lawrence Graham, Mark Champagne, Douglas Mixon, Virginia Lawson, Dr. Lara Kolb, Dr. Helene Guess-Goldsmith, Deborah Blalock, Sylvett Porter, and Belinda Caudle

Topic	Discussion	Follow-Up
Welcome and Introductions	Our Board Chair, Mr. Jason Massey, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and welcomed everyone. The meeting was held via Zoom. Mr. Jason Massey gave the invocation.	
Approval of the Minutes	May Minutes were approved.	None
Center Update Dr. Helene Guess-Goldsmith, Executive Director	Dr. Helene Guess-Goldsmith discussed the following: • With observations of the operational and clinical support, there have been several noteworthy reports that are being distributed throughout the centers. To assist with maintaining their service delivery for the consumers that we serve for the purpose of clinical procedures and best practices. • Concerns of the Carolina-wide re-organization and the ongoing development of the agency. The senior level management has been very active in providing information and support by giving us the key leaders to contact for any concerns we may have or questions. • Last month was very active for Mental Health Month. All four clinics did a phenomenal job engaging our patients, stakeholders, consumers and the community. Thank you all for your support. • I had the opportunity to have some leadership development and center engagement with other center directors that have served in their role for a	Copies of the TMI Report have been distributed to the Board and staff prior to the meeting.

	significant number of years. I have one more center director that I will be shadowing this week in Aiken SC. • Community partnerships and advocacy-I had the pleasure of presenting to a church over the weekend on mental health. • Extend my sincere thanks along with appreciation to all my colleagues for their hard work and dedication. They have been stepping up to the plate and assuming roles by doing extra hard work without complaining. She is thankful for the staff.	
Deputy Director SCDMH Report: Deborah Blalock, OMH Deputy Director	Mrs. Deborah Blalock discussed the following: • There have been a lot of moving parts in Cayce. There has been some confusion of lot of empty spots in the organizational chart. Changes were made today effective today in SCEIS. It has caused some anxiety among staff because in those meetings people weren't informed that there will likely be a reduction in force in some areas so they don't know if they will have a job or not. Leadership was not invited to the meetings of the new organizational chart, and they were not shared with us. • We have a new CFO, a new Communications Director, new HR Director, and a new facilities director the Chief Informational Officer backed out. • Dr. Bank retired yesterday, June 1st. Dr. Kimberly Rudd will be acting state director in Dr. Bank's position. • We have a lot of people that are hesitant about applying for new positions. • The General Assembly has not landed on the budget. They will come back on June 16th to finalize the budget, which is important for the new upcoming fiscal year. • HR, IT and Finances will be moving from under Dr. Goldsmith's supervision. I have been advising all center staff to just function as usual until we get further directions. • I attended the Lee County Mayfest and it was very impressive, an amazing event! I shared pictures with the centers. Mr. Massey thanked Mrs. Blalock for her report.	

Financial Update: Sylvett Porter, Center Administrator	Mrs. Sylvett Porter discussed the following: • Mrs. Porter shared the budget forecast on the screen for the board to review. • Since our go-live date of the new Avatar system we haven't been able to submit bills. We are on target for spending on personnel costs for positions. • Overall, we are at 87% for revenue. • We are projected at a surplus of 82,000.00. • Please send per diems in on time.	Information was sent to participants prior to the meeting.
Patient Care Hours: Dr. Helene Goldsmith, Executive Director	Dr. Helene Goldsmith discussed the following on productivity: • Due to our new implanted electronic health record, I will not be able to give you the accurate number for our patient care hours at this time.	
Core Report:	• No report for this month.	
Unfinished Business:	• No report currently.	
Council Reports	• No report currently.	
New Business:	• No report currently.	
Community Update:	• Kershaw County NAMI meets on the 4th Monday of each month at Grace Episcopal Church in Camden.	
Announcements:	• The NAMI conference will be held on September 3rd.	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Mark Champagne, seconded by Mr. Larry Graham.	The next Board Meeting will be held via Zoom @ 6:00pm on August 4 th , 2026.

NOTES/COMMENTS: Minutes recorded and respectfully submitted by Belinda Caudle.

Approved by: _____

Date: _____