

Lexington County Community Mental Health Center

Board Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2026 Meeting held by ZOOM

Attendance:

Darren Rogers
Lucy Caldwell
Sandra Knight
Kelli McClure
Jeff Morehouse
Karen Tingen

Ari Edmiston
Debbie Blalock
Dr. M Anna Cherry
Sarah Main

Excused: Debbie Nieri, Camille Reeder

Topic	Discussion	Follow – Up
Welcome and Introductions	The Board called the meeting to order at 5:31PM.	
Approval of Minutes	It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes be approved as written. All were in favor.	
Executive Director Report: Sarah Main	Ms. Main discussed the following: 1. The Center launched the new electronic health record on February 3rd. Overall, the launch has gone well and staff have done an amazing job of minimizing the impact on patient care. We are in the process of adjusting our workflows to better align with the EHR. 2. We signed a contract with the Sheriff's department to add another Mental Health Professional position. The Sheriff's department has hired an officer to respond with our staff to calls related to mental health.	

	3. We received approval to become a Naloxone/Narcan Distributor. This will be very beneficial to the rural areas where there is currently very little access to community distributors. 4. LRADAC staff are officially on board and working here 3 days per week. They are taking all referrals for substance treatment and engaging the patients in services. They are also able to do a warm hand off. 5. Our Sequential Intercept Model Mapping is scheduled for April 1st and 2nd. This workshop will help to identify the touch points in the criminal justice system for individuals who have mental health or substance use disorders. 6. We will have our annual compliance update at our next meeting.	
SCOMH Report Debbie Blalock	Ms. Blalock discussed the following: 1. Department of Administration has started posting the new leadership positions for our new Agency. They have already filled the Facilities Management position for the new agency. 2. The Governor's office and Department of Administration have determined that Centers will not be allowed to keep their carryforward funds. This could be beneficial for Centers that have substantial physical plant needs and lack resources to pay. 3. The agency budget will be presented to the Senate next week. The presentation will be done by the Governor's office.	
Financial Update Ari Edmiston	Mr. Edmiston discussed the following: 1. Write offs – The Center wrote off \$4,895.61 in the month of January. 2. Budget report - FY2026 December published report was presented. The launch of the new EHR will likely impact revenue. Longer term, the EHR has a much more efficient billing platform. In the short term, it is delaying billing for February which may create a short term cash deficit.	

	3. Hiring has improved in general. There are still more approval layers than we had in the past, but requests are moving faster through the approval process.	
Old/New Business	None	
Adjournment: Darren Rogers	With no further business before the Board, it was moved and seconded to adjourn at 5:58pm. The next meeting of the LCCMHC Board will be Monday, March 23rd at 5:30 PM	

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sarah Main