

Beckman Center for Mental Health Services

Board of Directors Meeting

December 1st, 2025

Meeting held In Person and by Zoom

Attendance: Rauch Wise, Terri Mostiller, Robbie Christie, Jamison Tinsley

Absent: Dr. Disasa, Angela Christopher, Dr. Chacko, Robert Wilson

Staff Members: Tacey Perillo, Melanie Gambrell, Dr. Eman Sharawy, Jessica Baker, Koshay Arnold, Laureen Dawson-Riley

Staff Members Absent:

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Related Documents</u>
Welcome and Introductions	Ms. Mostiller called the meeting to order at 6:15pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
Approval of the Minutes	Minutes from November 2025 meeting were approved as written on a motion by Robert Tinsley, and seconded by Rauch Wise. All in favor.	
Communications		
Program Highlight ACT Team Laureen Dawson-Riley	Role & Approach • ACT = Assertive Community Treatment; provides intensive, community-based mental health care.	

	• Laureen Dawson-Riley, ACT nurse, brings care directly to patients' homes and focuses on building trust. • Advocates for both mental and physical health needs, ensuring access to medication and a medical home. • Attends medical appointments with patients to prevent stigma and ensure proper care. Medication & Clinical Support • Works closely with nurse practitioner to resolve medication issues in real time. • Uses investigative skills to identify hidden medications and prevent complications. • Shared example: intervened when a diabetic patient was misusing insulin and arranged specialist care. Safety & Professional Conduct • Home visits require awareness of surroundings, patient agitation, and exit routes. • Emphasizes patience, kindness, empathy, and avoiding stigma. Team Structure & Daily Operations • Works with team members Evan, Brynna, and manager Nicole. • Daily team discussions ensure coordinated care and awareness of each member's location. • Each team member uses their own vehicle as a mobile office. • Provides transportation for appointments, groceries, and food banks. Patient Care & Support • Team currently serves 19 patients, with at least nine visits per month per patient. • Ensures patients have medications (e.g., before holidays like Thanksgiving).	
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	• Patients are informed about crisis lines and admission procedures for suicidal thoughts. • Biggest challenge: meeting patients “where they’re at.” Advocacy & Case Management • Attends doctor appointments with patients and brings their medications for review. • Example: arranged podiatry care for a patient with OCD and ensured insurance coverage. • Advocates with Medicare/Medicaid to secure needed services. • Helps patients update DSS/Medicaid information to maintain transportation access. • Assists with SNAP applications and other benefits when patients remain medication-compliant.	
Center Director’s Report Tacey Perillo	• The ACT team is meeting patient care hours, but there are three open positions: peer support specialist, MHP, and admin. • The CCBHC is doing well, with 405 follow-up visits indicating patients are using primary care services. • Madeline, the CCBHC coordinator, is certified in smoking cessation and organized a Great American Smoke Out Day event. • Access to care is at 98%. • The speaker distributes the TMI report and county contribution data. • Center directors are challenged to seek a 10% increase in funding from county councils. • Greenwood county currently contributes zero funding. • With an increase in appropriations, the county would be able to save money. • Programs like the ACT program, 24-hour mobile crisis, and embedding staff in law enforcement save counties money. • Need to work on a presentation to Greenwood and Laurens counties.	

	• The center has the largest land mass, seven counties, but only three people on the forensic wait list because doctors and county directors are proactive with jails, detentions, and solicitors. • We continue to work through the details of our new collaboration with OIDD Office of Intellectual Developmental Disabilities in Laurens. • WS Hall census has been down and they are planning some marketing to help with referrals. • EHR will move forward to all regions should be live by the end of the fiscal year. • We are working through some Medicaid and Medicare billing issues. • 16 new Primary Care referrals in October bringing the total to 146 for the year 405 patients returning for follow up primary care or for other health concerns. • There is an ongoing focus on wellness groups, smoking cessation • We are currently struggling to maintain an A&D provider in Greenwood, Abbeville and Newberry. Spoke to Dr Gaffney in Spartanburg and her provider may be able to provide telehealth for this population until we can get some constant coverage.	
Chief of Staff Report Koshay Arnold	Financial Report: • As of October 31st, we were operating at a \$351,798 deficit and projecting a \$66,442 surplus at the end of the FY. The revenue and expenditures are broken down in the report handed out. • We showed significant improvements in the employee survey in the following survey: • I enjoy the work that I do at The Beckman Center • The mission or purpose of The Beckman Center makes me feel my job is important • I feel engaged and part of a team at The Beckman Center • The Beckman Center offers adequate opportunities for professional and career development. • I would refer others to work at The Beckman Center • At least monthly, someone talk to me about my performance, and I received recognition and praise for doing good work.	

	• The Beckman Center gives me the tools, technologies, and training that I need to do my job. There was also significant positive mention of the Abbeville Clinic, Kevin Terry, and the change in Leadership in our surveys.	
Deputy Director's Report Melanie Gambrell	• Melanie reported no new news from the Office of Mental Health and Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability. • Dr. Banks continues as director of the Office of Mental Health, with Debbie as her deputy director. • Patient Care Hours Committee: Looking to standardize patient care hours across centers, aiming to increase the standard of 780 hours. • EHR (electronic health record) will go live in Region 8 (Midland center) around February 2nd, followed by a rollout to all other centers in the state about 60 days later. • Melanie is working on sequential intercept mapping model events in 12 counties, starting in Charleston, Dorchester, and Berkeley, focusing on homelessness. • These events bring stakeholders together to identify resource gaps, focusing on mental illness, substance abuse, and involvement with the criminal justice system.	
Medical Director Report Dr. Eman Sharawy	• The Spravato Clinic continues to provide medication for treatment-resistant depression. • Working with Carolina Health Center for patient labs, which is a quality measure for insurance reimbursement. • Attended and chaired the medical chiefs meeting. • William S. Hall wants an easier referral process and more efficient response time.	
Committee Reports	<u>Community Awareness/Legislative:</u>	

	• None <u>Programs and Services</u> • None	
Unfinished Business	•	
New Business	•	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm on a motion by Rauch Wise.	

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Baker