

**SOUTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH
COASTAL EMPIRE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER
BOD MINUTES
1/15/2026**

Board of Director Meeting Attendance:

NAME	Position	PRESENT	EXCUSED	ABSENT
Deborah Blalock	Deputy Director	X		
Melanie Gambrell	Assistant Deputy Director		X	
Angie Salley	Executive Director	X		
Jennifer Cobb-Hayes	Director of Administration	X		
Frances Moody	Director of Clinical Operations		X	
Brittany Sauerborn	Medical Chief	X		
Andrea Miley	Clinic Director		X	
Yokina Williams	Clinic Director		X	
Omega Smalls-Frances	Clinic Director		X	
Narlea Scott	Clinic Director	X		
Karen Williams	Clinic Director	X		
Nina Bilder	Nurse Manager		X	
Touray Beaton	Mobile Crisis Supervisor	X		
Tiffany Swinton	Executive Admin Assistant	X		
Dr. Tom Miller	Board Member		X	
Genora Kennedy	Board Member	X-V		
Henry Hiott	Board Member	X-V		
Korey Williams	Board Member	X-V		
LeeAnne Smith	Board Member			X
Linus Wright	Board Member	X		

TOPIC	DETAILS/ACTIONS																
Welcome	- The following are notes taken from the Board of Directors meeting. It does not detail all the intricate discussions but is intended to give an overview and action items from the Meeting. - The Interim Board Chair (Hiott) called the meeting into order and provided a brief description of the agenda items. - Minutes were not approved. No quorum. 4 Board Members attended.																
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County	# of Schools Per County	# of Schools Served by CECMHC SMH
Beaufort/Beaufort Schools	33	5 (Potentially 6)
Beaufort/Hilton Head & Bluffton		6
Hampton/Allendale	13	4
Jasper	4	4
Colleton	9	9

Community Support Partners

MDT- Beaufort County (Multidisciplinary Team)

A functioning and effective multidisciplinary team (MDT) is the foundation of Hopeful Horizons' Children's Advocacy Center (CAC). The MDT is a group of professionals from specific, distinct disciplines that collaborates from the point of report and throughout a child and family's involvement with the CAC. MDT members include the core disciplines of law enforcement, child protective services, victim advocacy, mental health, prosecution, and other professionals who provide insight and other services to the children and families served at the CAC. The MDT coordinates intervention to reduce potential trauma to children and families and improve services overall. All cases of children who receive a forensic interview or medical examination at Hopeful Horizons will be staffed at monthly MDT case review.

TIP- Beaufort County (Truancy Intervention Panel)

Consists of the student, family members, School social workers, Beaufort County Human Service Coordinator, Beaufort County Sheriff and Mental Health/ Behavioral Health community providers.

Connect (Previously COSY)

Therapeutic treatment plan coordination for youth service agencies.

Updates:

Wellness in the Workplace (virtual workshop) has been offered in separate cohorts for free through a grant. WOW is a new wellness program for mental health clinicians providing care to students in South Carolina schools. The skills can be utilized to enhance individual wellness or implemented in treatment strategies with students.

One CAF Therapist completed EMDR- Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) is a psychotherapy treatment that is designed to alleviate the distress associated with traumatic memories.

HH CAF Therapist has been attending a virtual group twice monthly working towards her LPC hours and it's included training in Internal Family Systems. Her supervisor is a certified IFS provider. IFS is an approach that helps you make sense of your inner voices and parts. It's helpful in healing from trauma.

Single Session Consultation- CAF Coordinator completed the train the trainer. A single session consultation is a brief, 1 hour consultation, in which you will meet with one of our trained providers or utilize a self-guided system to learn skills and strategies to help you address a specific problem or concern in people's lives. (2 additional staff have participated in the model training)

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	Summer Training Manual- OMH is working on a training manual to share with the centers for summer activities and ideas to keep patients engaged in services. SC South Carolina Suicide Prevention and Risk Assessment Protocol and Policy for school districts- As part of a grant, OMH is developing the SC South Carolina Suicide Prevention and Risk Assessment Protocol and Policy for school districts. OMH is working with the grant participating districts to further refine the document with direct district input. At the end of the grant, OMH will have technical assistance (TA) materials (presentation and handouts) that can be provided to other districts in SC. In between now and the end of the grant we are available to provide <i>limited</i> TA for districts in need. Trauma Informed Care for school districts- CAF Coordinator and one additional staff completed a Train the Trainer for providing Trauma Informed Care for school districts. The training has been provided for Colleton County School District and Hampton County School District. Additional Upcoming CAF Trainings: <i>Wellness in the Workplace-</i> Will begin a new cohort at the end of January. Dates have not been announced. 16 free CEU's for attendance with live sessions. <i>Annual Southeastern School Behavioral Health Conference</i> will be held April 15-17, 2026, in Greenville.
Clinical Ops. Report – Angie Salley	• Reports displayed within the agenda, emailed and printed copies provided. TMI Report is also included in the packet. ED asked if anyone had any questions regarding the presented reports/data. ○ December PCH – 802 – (did not meet expectation) ○ Collaborative Documentation ▪ Nov: 88% - met expectation ▪ Dec: 90% - met expectation ○ C20s ▪ Nov: 99% ▪ Dec: 91%
Dr. Jennifer Cobb-Hayes – Director of Administration – Financial Update	• HR Report ○ In the process of filling 5 positions – hope to have them filled by Feb. 2nd ○ 9 Positions currently posted • Financial & Budget ○ From a financial standpoint, we are probably in one of the best positions of all centers right now. ○ Currently showing 1A positive balance of \$369,000 in change. ○ Currently forecasting about \$659,000 in positive for year-end. ▪ That will come down just a little bit because we do have some outstanding projects that we're going to get going, and

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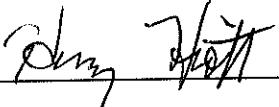
	as we start to onboard those payrolls. So, a positive about 450,000, probably. ○ Upcoming projects – approved for the bathroom and kitchen renovations (phase one) and parking lot expansion (phase two). Projected to start in Spring.
Medical Director's Report - Angie Salley, Executive Director	• Actively working to fill 2 MD full-time vacancies – temp agencies and contract agencies. Haven't gotten any applications on the State website. ○ Dr. Wright's- already vacated on 12/31/25 ○ Dr. Bishop's- vacating 1/21/26
Executive Director Report - Angie Salley, Executive Director	• Acknowledged the BOD for their contributions to the December all-staff event. Thank you, and expressed sincere appreciation for the board's support. • Introduced the board to the newest Jasper CD – Karen Williams. And Bft CD Narlea Scott again. Expressed her appreciation for some of the staff being in attendance of the BOD meeting, supporting. • Acknowledged Jennifer Cobb-Hayes for wearing many hats for the center while assisting Berkeley clinic – appreciative of her efforts and dedication. • Meeting with State HR and Office of Administration tomorrow – once we get more information, we will share with the board regarding the structure of the agency/organization. • Telematics – our state fleet vehicles have been upgraded with trackers. Our procurement and fleet manager, Shalonda Singleton, has handled the process of completing this stage. • We are backfilling a lot of positions and making good progress. We are making sure to keep reiterating to our staff that we are not on a hiring freeze. Due to the new process of HR – some posted position have an expiration, but they do get reposted/extended. ○ We will not be rehiring for the HR position. However, we were able to get an approval to backfill the administrative coordinators to role, which is the support role to the administration of the center. Utilizing that position to help with the backing of administration and also being able to do some of the administrative duties of HR, but not fully HR. Interviews have been conducted, and are still on-going. ○ We have all Clinic Directors in place. We know that we're still lacking 18 members, but we still need to ensure that we are following protocols and guidelines of all of the programs that we have in place here in Coastal. • We are continuing to look forward to the roll out of the new EHR. • We have identified one of our clinicians, our QAC, who fits the role for a first clinician. • SIMs Training (sequential intercept mapping) - that involves law enforcement and other entities that work with individuals in the community that are being touched by different systems, but trying to identify the correct resources and how to map different resources to identify correct services/resources. Tentative dates May 5th and 6th. We've already reached out and the Beaufort

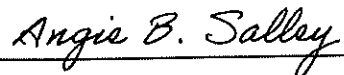
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	City Police Department thinks that they have a meeting room that would accommodate a group of 50.
Deputy Director Report Deputy Deborah Blalock	• Thanked all the center staff for helping the other centers when they have vacancies. Appreciate how collegial Coastal is and how Coastal is always willing to support others. • HR – has seen a uptick of processing positions and filling them faster. The DOA is finding a good rhythm of approving and posting positions. • Budget: presented to the Executive Budget Office. It will be presented to our committee and House Ways and Means on January 21st. • Meeting tomorrow -- unveiling of the org structure of the Greater Agency of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. As soon as we're allowed to share that information, the BOD will be notified. • Telematics – has been a bumpy process for some centers, glad it was a smooth process for Coastal. It's basically Big Brother tracking tool that's installed on every vehicle. Can tell how fast people are driving, how long they idle on a car, if they take sharp turns. • SIM (sequential intercept mapping) - we are paying for those out of a grant that we got and we're doing 12 of them around the state. Was intentional about having Coastal host an event. They cost us about 29,000 for each one. Yokina Willaims, Hampton Clinic Director acted as a facilitator for the Orangeburg Mental Health Center this week. • SAMHSA grant fiasco happened yesterday – millions were taken away, leaving staff that depended on the grant to be unsupported. Received notice from SAMHSA regarding these 2800 grants are not being terminated and they rescinded the termination letters. All four of our grants were reinstated, none directly affected CECMHC.
Additional Remarks / Topics	• Next Meeting: Thursday, February 19, 2026 • Adjourned: 6:50 PM
Henry Hiott, Chairman of Board (Interim)	• Asked about the PCH being low. ED responded with the handling of staff shortage—the staff who provide services. • No old business – other than to approve minutes at the next meeting. • Hold off on office elections. • Next Meeting: Thursday, February 19, 2026 – presenter: Shelisa Benson (Housing Coordinator) and Nicki Nichols (Quality Assurance Coordinator)

Scribe for Today's Meeting: Tiffany Swinton

Scribe for February 19, 2026 :


Henry Hiott


Angie B. Salley

CECMHC Board of Directors Chairman (Interim)

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