

THE WACCAMAW CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH
Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2026
The meeting was held via Zoom

MEMBERS' PRESENT:

Arthur Tisdale, Carolyn Hickman-Williams, Sherry Buie James, Roscia Hardee, Amy Elder, Katrina Reaves, Amy Flagler, Debbie Heller, Joyce Phillips

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Amy Jo Kyle, Jacob Lee, Teresa Robinette, Katie Wise

Topic	Discussion	Comments/ Follow-Up
Welcome	Mr. Tisdale called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.	
Prayer	In remembrance of Nedra Black (former board member) who passed away, Mr. Tisdale asked Reverend Katrina Reaves to say a prayer.	
Approval of the Minutes	Approval of minutes June 16th minutes Ms. Carolyn Hickman-Williams made a motion to approve, all in favor	
Clinic Report Kisha Guess-Black for Katrina Pressley	• Welcome all. • Highlighted: ○ Katrina could not be with us today. She is attending the mentoring program in Columbia. ○ Staff: they serve 380 patients, South Strand is considered our satellite clinic, and they have a hefty caseload size for a small clinic. ○ A staff member attended the Low Country Mental Health Conference. ○ A staff member attended the Waccamaw EOC Parent Orientation at Green Sea Head Start on 7/23/2026.	
Executive Director Jackie Brown	• Highlighted: ○ Linda Wright has retired after 50 years of service. She has been such a dedicated employee to Waccamaw and she will be missed. ○ We are getting ready for CARF, if you would like to attend the opening, let Joy know we can do via Zoom.	
Corporate Compliance Officer, Jackie for Pearl Calhoun	• There are no corporate compliance issues. • The third quarter audit: we received an overall score of 85%. • The state office is currently auditing us for the fourth quarter, and that audit is still ongoing.	

Administrator Ronald Crites	Finance report in your packet reflects the final FY26 budget. You'll notice our deficit is a little bit larger than what we had originally forecast. A lot of that is due to the switch over to Avatar. We did not do any billing after April 15th. We're just doing the billing for April 15th because of some initial glitches within the system. It was bad news for FY26, but since we're billing now, those revenues will hit FY27, and it should put us strong in FY27.	
Medical Director Dr. Shetty	- We have sufficient coverage in all the clinics. - Avatar has been a challenge. - We have a couple of nursing positions posted.	
Chief of Staff Kisha Guess-Black	- PCH for FY26 was 889.70, CSN: 94.3%, Access: 97%. Total patients served that was unduplicated was 2,044 for the fiscal year, and total services provided was 49,863. - Met with the clinic directors. - Getting ready for CARF. - All the clinics have hosted back-to-school events where they gave out book bags and supplies and food for the kids. - Gave a presentation to Waccamaw EOC Head Start and Horry County School Counselors.	
OMH, Deputy Director Deb Blalock	- Positions are getting filled up here that are related to the infrastructure of BHDD, the positions that have been hired: - CFO - HR Director - Communications Director - Facilities Manager - Procurement Director - The Office Director for OMH position posted and closed, and interviews are occurring for that position. - The State Operations Director position posted and closed, and interviews are occurring for that position. - Medical Chief position for the whole agency has been posted and closed, and I know there have been interviews for that one. - All the centers are hiring a master's level clinician to serve the intellectual and developmental disability population. - The Medical Chief for OMH is training all our doctors on medication-assisted treatment for the substance use population.	

	• The budget was passed yesterday staff will receive a 2% increase. • Mentioned, she is in the middle of her farewell tour, she is retiring on January 4th. As a part of her retirement, she is going out to all the mental health centers and thanking the staff, listening to their concerns, sharing her vision for them going forward and talking about what their needs are. • Mentioned the RIF. WCMH had the greatest number of staff riffed, they had 3. There was a total of 47 staff being riffed across the whole agency. Thank you to Jackie for the grace, professionalism and the empathy that she showed.	
New Business	No new business to report.	
Old Business	No new information to report.	
Nominating Committee	No new business to report.	
Mental Health Planning	No new information to report.	
Personnel	No new information to report.	
County Council Report	No new information to report.	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned.	