

OAMHC BOARD MEMBER MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 26, 2026

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW-UP
CALL TO ORDER	The February 26, 2026, meeting of the Orangeburg Area Mental Health Center Board of Directors was called to order by Dr. Melvin Ransom at 1:00pm in the Executive Board Room at the Orangeburg Area Mental Health Center, 2319 Saint Matthews Road, Orangeburg South Carolina. The meeting was also available via Teams.	
APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA	There were no additions to the agenda.	
ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES	The minutes for January 22, 2026, board meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Mrs. Judy Harrold and Second by Mr. William Green.	
INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS	Dr. Ransom welcomed both Dr. Sherral Brown-Guinyard and Mr. William Green and thanked them for being a part of the Board of Directors.	
PRESENTATION-SPOTLIGHT	Mrs. Tasha Pittman gave a presentation on School Mental Health with CAF (Children, Adolescent and Family) services that are serving Orangeburg, Calhoun and Bamberg Counties. Ms. Marie Ryant also gave a presentation on MDFT (Multidimensional Family Therapy) services.	
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT	Mr. Bryant Williams presented the Executive Director's Report. <u>Community Involvement</u> The Bamberg Clinic hosted a coat drive on January 22, 2026. Mt. Sinai Baptist Church in Rowesville, South Carolina, and the Denmark Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. were sponsors.	

	- The Mobile crisis and IPS staff were scheduled to participate in a Community Health and Resource fair at Williams Chapel AME Church on January 28, 2026; however, it was canceled due to weather conditions. <u>Staff Involvement</u> - Staff provided support to Willie Jeffries School. - ED along with Chief of Staff and Director of Emergency Service met with Orangeburg County Detention Center. - ED met with Chief of Police, Orangeburg County Sheriff, Chief of Staff and County Rep. about an Alliance Position. Jen Brush from Charleston Dorchester assisted me. - ED is in the process of searching for crisis respite apartments.	
ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT	Mr. Bryant Williams presented the Administrator's Report on behalf of Mrs. Shawnta Locks, Director of Administrator. <u>Financial</u> - Just to catch up on published forecast, in January 2025, OAMHC was forecasting a surplus of \$993 and the last published forecast for January was a deficit of \$51, 852. - Continued billing issues agency wide. <u>Projects</u> - Project for the HVAC system replacement started today. They are currently running Refrigerant lines throughout the building. This is not affecting the services we render. Eventually we will have to make accommodations for the contractors and when that time comes, it will not stop operations of the Center. <u>Other</u> - Preparation for FY 27 Budget has begun. Our Center is scheduled to submit our budget proposal May 13th.	

	In summary, OAMHC closely monitors the operational and financial health of the center and make appropriate decisions that best fit the center's needs.	
DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT	Mrs. Melanie Gambrell, Assistant Deputy Director, presented the Deputy Director's Report. Mrs. Melanie Gambrell let the Board Members know that she has had the privilege of coming to Orangeburg and hear the ladies talk about their work in Children services and was very impressed. She informed the Board about the Sequential Interceptor Model Mapping events. There was a total of 5 and the first SIMs event was held in Orangeburg County. At the event, they talked about the good work done by our community partners, looked at gaps and resources in the community. The center is to look at resources in the community to assist individuals who are involved with Mental Health Services, possible alcohol and drugs and the justice programs in the community. Ms. Gambrell's take away from the event was the community was very interested in Crisis Respite apartments. She mentioned EHR (Electronic Health Record) has gone live and there are some issues, however, Center directors and Region A are meeting with Matt Dugan, Ameerah Barnes and Mrs. Gambrell weekly discuss those issues. Mrs. Deborah Blalock, Deputy Director, reviewed the new Organizational Structure on last meeting about the restructuring on our new agency. The following positions has been advertised: • HR Manager • Chief Financial Officer • Chief Information Officer • General Council • Director of Communications Mrs. Gambrell mentioned at the end of this Fiscal Year with the new agency, there are 2 other offices involved with the Center agency. Centers may not be allowed to keep any surplus funds; they could go to the general good of the agency.	

OTHER	Mr. William Green passed out flyers for a Town Hall meeting on 3/7/2026 that he is hosting. He mentioned he is trying to make a change and have people from the community to come out and state their opinions of what is going on and need to be changed in the community.							
ADJOURNMENT	Motion for adjournment.							
ATTENDANCE	<u>Board Members Present at Meeting</u> <table><tr><td>Dr. Melvin Ransom</td><td>Dr. Sherral Brown-Guinyard</td></tr><tr><td>William Green</td><td>Andria Jeffries</td></tr><tr><td>Nancy Harrison</td><td>Judy Harrold</td></tr></table> <u>Board Members Present at Meeting (Teams)</u> Sadie Jarvis Dr. Sheridan Coleman <u>Board Members Absent from Meeting</u> None <u>Staff/Guests Attending Meeting</u> Shaunette Lloyd Tasha Pittman Marie Ryant <u>Staff/Guests Attending Meeting (Teams)</u> Melanie Gambrell	Dr. Melvin Ransom	Dr. Sherral Brown-Guinyard	William Green	Andria Jeffries	Nancy Harrison	Judy Harrold	
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