

OAMHC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

January 22, 2026

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW-UP
CALL TO ORDER	The January 22, 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 Zoom.	
APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA	There were no additions to the agenda.	
ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES	The minutes for October 23, 2025, board meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Mrs. Judy Harrold Second by Mrs. Jeffries.	
INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS	Shaunette Lloyd asked the two (2) newest board members to stand and introduced themselves. Both William Green and Dr. Sherral Brown-Guinyard provided a concise overview of their extensive background and professional experience. Dr. Ransom and the board welcomed them. received the letter before Orangeburg County he was unsure of but proceeded to let Board members know he is now a part of the Board and will be at the next meeting. Dr. Ransom confirmed the next meeting will be January 22, 2026.	

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PRESENTATION SPOTLIGHT	Teresa Gadson, Director of Emergency Services, presented Individual Placement and Support (IPS), Mobile Crisis and Services provided at the Orangeburg County Detention Center.	
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT	Shaunette Lloyd, Chief of Staff, presented the Executive Director's report in his absence. <u>Recruitment and Retention</u> • The ACT team RN position has been filled. • The Peer Support -ACT position has been approved to repost. • Tracy Garner appointed to Orangeburg Clinic Director • Tasha Pitman is serving as interim CAF Director • Calhoun County Clinic is in the process of hire for the MHP/School-Based position. • Orangeburg MHP/School-Based position has been posted. • The MHP DJJ position is awaiting approval to post.	

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (CONT.)	• The MHP Adult Holly Hill Clinic position is vacant. • Orangeburg Peer Support position is awaiting approval to repost. • The Clinical Counselor II (Forensic Outreach) Detention Center position is vacant. • We received approval to repost the MHP Addiction Counselor -ACT position. • Two adult MHP, one temp psychiatrist, and RN non-institutional positions remain on hold. • Orangeburg MHP/MDFT position has been posted; we are currently conducting interviews. • Orangeburg has 75 full-time employees and 2 temp employees. <u>Service Data</u> • Orangeburg currently serves 2,195 patients. • CARF Accreditation through June 2028 (We had no recommendations) • New EHR Go Live February 3rd through 5th	

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (CONT.)	<u>Community Involvement</u> - Executive Director attended Delegation meeting January 12, 2026 - The CAF unit sponsored a patient for Christmas. - OAMHC hosted Sequential Intercept Workshop at the Orangeburg County Conference Center (January 13th & 14th) <u>Staff Involvement</u> - Highway 2 Hope maintains its presence in the communities located within our service areas from Monday to Thursday to inform individuals about available services and to provide comprehensive assessments for individuals who require mental health treatment. - Manager Retreat at OAMHC on Friday, January 23, 2026	
ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT	Mrs. Locks informed the board there was a surplus of \$48,080 as of November 2025. She mentioned the Center has switched	

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	from a “budget forecast” to “Live Forecast” which is typically more accurate. She stated there are still some billing issues agency-wide, and the Center will continue to monitor the budget as it is subject to change. Mrs. Locks stated there are currently no major projects; however, there are small projects to address quarterly inspections of the building and property. She reminded the board that the upgrade to the HVAC unit will begin late February and a preconstruction meeting will be held with Physical Plant Services (PPS) January 29th. Mrs. Locks also informed the board that the Department of Transportation (DOA) is now over vehicle management, and we are working closely with them to provide the Center maintenance services to ensure staff has the proper transportation resources to meet the needs of the community.	
SCDMH Deputy Director Report	Erin Laughter, Children Adolescent Director, went over the new agency structure the Department of Administration introduced	

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	the agency to just recently. The Office of Mental Health (OMH) has not change much, but the biggest change is the centers will go under the State Facilities' Director and that person will be hired soon, but Deputy Director Blalock will still be over the centers and Melanie Gambrell with report to the office director who is Dr. Bank. Another change to the agency structure is to hire someone who will be over medical oversight and that position will be posted over the next several weeks. This person will be over quality management, performance improvement and clinical and complex case management. Mrs. Laughter explains that as of right now there is no knowledge of what changes will take place with central administration as it is to be determined and there is still no agency director at this current time. She stated we will find out more about what the structure will look like once the new director is in place.	
OTHER	Mrs. Locks wanted to briefly address the budget plan summary packet that Dr. Ransom asked about. She stated that it is not for Orangeburg Area Mental Health Center (OAMCH), but for the overall agency and Erin confirmed that was the first budget we have as BHDD versus that of the Office of Mental Health. No other questions or business were addressed. not be a Board training this year.	

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ADJOURNMENT	Motion for adjournment.	
ATTENDANCE	<u>Board Members Present at Meeting:</u> Dr. Melvin Ransom Nancy Harrison William Green Judy Harrold Dr. Sherral Brown-Guinyard Andria Jeffries <u>Board Members Present at Meeting (Zoom):</u> Samella Capers Sadie Jarvis <u>Board Members Absent from Meeting:</u> Dr. Sheridan Coleman <u>Staff/Guests Attending Meeting:</u> Shaunette Lloyd Shawnta Locks Teresa Gadson <u>Staff/Guests Attending Meeting (Zoom):</u> Erin Laughter	
APPROVAL	_____	