

Spartanburg Area Mental Health Center Board Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2026

Meeting held in person and by Zoom

Attendance:

Board Members: Mekeshia Bates, Cecila Cogdell, Terrance Dawkins, Jennie S. Montgomery, Gayle Singletary

Members Excused: Brooke Henderson, Jane McCall

Members Unexcused: Jennifer Parker, Erica Savage-Jeter, Vanessa Thompson

Staff Members: Tamer Elshennawy; Ebony Gaffney, M.D.; Melanie Gambrell, Assistant Deputy Director, Community Mental Health Services.

Topic	Discussion	Follow-Up
Welcome and Introductions	Rob called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.	None.
Approval of the Minutes	The minutes of the February 5, 2026, meeting were approved by unanimous consent.	None.
Board Orientation:	• CCBHC	See PowerPoint
Finance/Budget/Building & Grounds Tamer Elshennawy	Tamer discussed the following: • Budget Forecast for December shows \$367,000 surplus is expected. Surplus goes into OMH / BHDD to help all centers across the state. • DOA switching all equipment at Cherokee Office finished 2/19 and Spartanburg Office will start 3/17 & 3/18 • Building & Grounds: Hired engineering firm for roof assessment. Roof needs replacing-maybe 2027 fiscal year	Continue to follow.
Quality Assurance Coordinator	• No QA Report	None.
Legislative	Nothing new. Our Mental Health Center Board candidate will be reviewed during May 4, 2026 meeting.	Continue to follow.

Cecilia Cogdell		
Nominating Brook Henderson	Brook discussed the following: Nothing new to report	Continue to follow.
Personnel Ebony Gaffney, M.D.	No discussion. <u>New hires</u> : NONE <u>Resignations</u> : Lacy Teal 3/26, Elaisha Gibson 3/27 <u>Death of Employee</u> : Michelle Kelley 3/12 <u>Retirees</u> :	Continues. New Hires, Resignations, and Retirees are also listed on agenda.
Executive/Medical Director's Report Ebony Gaffney, M.D.	Dr. Gaffney discussed the following: (Power Point attached to original copy of minutes) - Executive Summary - Program Highlights – Service Delivery - Integrated Care Data - Program Highlights for New Services - Community Impact - The NEW Eubanks Center - BHDD Programmatic Integration - Strategic plan overview - Community Centered Outreach - Implementation Roadmap - All Staff Luncheon February 6, 2026 – Team Building, Staff Recognitions & Staff Appreciation - Next stakeholder meeting April 9, 2026, 12:00-12:45 pm - City of Spartanburg Healthcare Fair - Milliken Plant Health Fair – Cherokee	Continue to follow.
Community Events	- City of Spartanburg Healthcare Fair - Milliken Plant Health Fair – Cherokee	None.
Comments from Central Office Melanie Gambrell, Assistant Deputy Director	Melanie discussed the following: - BHDD addressing patient challenges. - A Consolidated budget with Office of Mental Health, Office of Substance Use Disorders, and Office of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities will not allow centers to keep surplus. - Discussed the new “EHR” Program – go live 4/13/26 - No HR Director yet	Continue to follow.

Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.	Next meeting – April 2, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m. at the Spartanburg Area MHC.

Respectfully submitted,
Deana M. Kerr, Human Resources Manager