

Spartanburg Area Mental Health Center Board Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2026

Meeting held in person and by Zoom

Attendance:

Board Members: Mekeshia Bates, Terrance Dawkins, Jennie S. Montgomery, Gayle Singletary, Brooke Henderson, Jane McCall

Members Excused: Cecila Cogdell, Jennifer Parker, Tamer Elshennawy

Members Unexcused:

Staff Members: Ebony Gaffney, M.D.; Melanie Gambrell, 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 March 5, 2026, meeting were approved by unanimous consent.	None.
Board Orientation: Talia Byrd	Alliance Program This program strengthens collaboration by reducing strain on the hospital and jail system.	None.
Finance/Budget/Building & Grounds Ebony Gaffney, MD	In Tamers absence Dr. Gaffney discussed the following: - Budget Forecast for March shows \$425,000 surplus is expected. Surplus goes into OMH / BHDD to help all centers across the state. - In the final stages of completing the FY27 projection it is due April 6, 2026. - Building & Grounds: The most significant update is the fleet transition. We will be leasing the vehicles for \$184 per month plus mileage. This will be a substantial burden on our FY27 budget.	Continue to follow.
Quality Assurance Coordinator	No QA Report	None.

Legislative Cecilia Cogdell	The Spartanburg County Legislative Committee meets May 4, 2026, at 5:30pm at the Spartanburg County Administration office.	Continue to follow.
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> : <u>Death of Employee</u> : Michelle Kelley 3/12 <u>Retirees</u> :	Continue to follow. 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 - Next stakeholder meeting June 11, 2026, 12:00-12:45 pm	Continue to follow.
Community Events	- Spartanburg Mental Health Fair May 9, 2026, 10-1pm - Cherokee Community Health Awareness Day May 16, 10-1pm - Union Mental Health Fair May 28th 10am-1pm.	None.
Comments from Central Office Melanie Gambrell, Assistant Deputy Director	Melanie discussed the following: - Columbia, Lexington, Orangeburg and Aiken-Barnwell centers have gone live with EHR. They are developing tip sheets for the other 12 centers. - Meeting with DOA regarding budget, money is not coming in as we expected. State office is going through billing to catch any issues.	Continue to follow.

	• We will have 13 Sequential Intercept Models one will be in Spartanburg in September, more details to come. • The house gave budget recommendations. They recommended \$1 million for forensics, \$1 million for psychiatric residential treatment facility, \$1 million for alternate transportation and over \$800,000 for ACT, Mobile Crisis and IPS.	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.	Next meeting – May 7, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m. at the Spartanburg Area MHC.

Respectfully submitted,
Amber Alverson, Accounting