

Spartanburg Area Mental Health Center Board Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2026

Meeting held in person and by Zoom

Attendance:

Board Members: Mekeshia Bates, Cecila Cogdell, Terrance Dawkins, Jennie S. Montgomery, Gayle Singletary, Brooke Henderson, Jane McCall, Jennifer Parker, Vanessa Thompson, Robert Usry

Members Excused: Gayle Singletary, Erica Savage-Jeter

Members Unexcused:

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

Topic	Discussion	Follow-Up
Welcome and Introductions	Brooke called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.	None.
Approval of the Minutes	The minutes of the May 4, 2026, meeting were approved by unanimous consent.	None.
Board Orientation:	• IPS (Individual Placement Service) – Cambia Williams	See PowerPoint
Finance/Budget/Building & Grounds Tamer Elshennawy	Tamer discussed the following: • Budget Forecast for year-end shows \$275,000 surplus is expected. Surplus goes into OMH / BHDD to help all centers across the state. • FY 27 budget will be presented May 22, 2026, to State Office and DOA. • Actively looking to hire a new maintenance supervisor since David Moss resigned due to health issues.	Continue to follow.
Quality Assurance Coordinator	• No QA Report	None.

Legislative Cecilia Cogdell	Delegation has passed Terence Dawkins, Gayle Singletary, Vanessa Thompson, Rob Usry and Lauren Foster.	Continue to follow.
Nominating Brook Henderson	Brook discussed the following: Andy Cooper, the director of Miracle Hill in Cherokee County, is interested in becoming a Board member. He will be submitting an application.	Continue to follow.
Personnel Ebony Gaffney, M.D.	None. <u>New hires</u> : NONE <u>Resignations</u> : David Moss 5/1/26 <u>Retirees</u> : Deana Kerr 5/1/26,	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) - Due to EHR going live in April we did not meet PCH hours due to training staff. - Completed transition of ICT Team (Intensive Community Team). This will allow ACT to service high level needs of the patients. - For our embedded clinician for April, we have received over 100 referrals from the city	Continue to follow.
Community Events	- Mental Health Fair Saturday May 9, 2026 - Community Health Awareness Day Cherokee May 16,2026	None.
Comments from Central Office Melanie Gambrell, Assistant Deputy Director	Melanie discussed the following: - Senate's recommended budget is 1 million in recurring and 1.5 million in non-recurring for alternate transportation. 6.5 million recurring for psychiatric residential treatment facility. - Dr. Bank is retiring on June 1, 2026, no office director has been selected. - Jason Edwards is the HR director. - Beth Moore is the Commutations director. - Brandon Koehler is the Chief Financial Officer. - Health and Human Services put out a RFP and OMH will be doing proposals for all 16 centers for Mobile Crisis.	Continue to follow.

	Spartanburg will have a Sequential Intercept Model Mapping Event on September 9 & 10th. OMH received funding for this event.	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.	Next meeting – June 4, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m. at the Union MHC.

Respectfully submitted,
Amber Alverson, Accounting Technician