

Tri-County Community Mental Health Center

Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2026

Attendance:

Members Present:

Mr. Clifford McBride Mr. Harvell Parnell Ms. Angela Johnson Mr. James Aldridge Ms. Billie Sikes

Members Absent:

Ms. Sue Mangum

Staff:

Ms. Teresa Meakins-Linn Ms. Crystal Pressley Ms. Deborah Blalock

Topic	Discussion	Follow-Up
Welcome and Introductions	Mr. Aldridge called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm with an invocation by Ms. Sikes.	
Approval of the Minutes	Minutes were approved as written on a motion by Mr. Parnell and seconded by Ms. Sikes. All in favor.	
Budget Crystal Pressley	Crystal discussed the following: Budget - Crystal included the final FY26 report in the packet. The Center ended the year with a balance of \$17,720, including unspent community housing and crisis beds funds that were unused and returned. The Center has not heard anything about approval of the FY27 budget that was presented in May 2026. Write offs: - January 2026- June 2026 ➤ Deceased- \$21,010.02 ➤ Bankruptcy- \$354.49	
Building and Vehicles Crystal Pressley	Crystal discussed the following: Buildings - The center surrendered three vehicles to state fleet on 8/12/26, the savings will be a minimum of \$5,328 per year. - Dillon has a backflow and sprinkler issue; Crystal has begun the process to obtain the quotes for the most pressing issue which is the sprinkler issue at the water connection.	

Policy Review	Next policy review in October.	
Old Business		
New Business		
Director's Report Teresa Meakins-Linn	Teresa discussed the following: <u>Personnel</u> As Teresa mentioned in her email to the board on July 2nd, Tri-County lost their HR Coordinator, Rita Oliver, to a reduction in force that took place on June 30th. The board received copies of the OMH agency-wide announcement that was sent to all employees after the RIF actions had been completed and a copy of the email Teresa sent to our staff later that evening. It was a rough time for everyone, and we are still feeling the effects of losing our only HR staff. For now, Teresa is taking on the Center HR duties with guidance from our state HR office. Here is the latest personnel update: (2) new staff started July 17th both in the Marlboro Clinic: Katonya Smith-School-based clinician, and Tiffany McInnis, Med Tech. - We have selected a candidate for the IDD position and are waiting for approval from the Governor's office to make an official offer of employment. - The new Dillon RN started with us today (8/17). Her name is Vicki Britt, and she is coming to us from Waccamaw MHC. - We have selected a candidate for our Highway to Hope MHP I clinician and are waiting for approval from the Governor's office to make an official offer of employment. - We have selected a candidate for our 2nd Peer Support Specialist (Chesterfield County) and are waiting for approval from the Governor's office to make an official offer of employment. - Teresa submitted 3 separate requests to fill (post) positions: 2 are for our Intensive Community Treatment (ICT) program. These are the supervisor and counselor positions. Teresa also requested to repost for the remaining vacant MHP I clinician for the Chesterfield clinic. Teresa stated that we've got a few irons in the HR fire at the moment, but the good news is all this busy work will eventually result in our Center getting back up to full staffing.	

	Data from latest TMI report: (June) With the new electronic health record-AVATAR, there are still issues related to data and reporting, which is the reason we do not have PCH and some other data available. This is an issue that is being addressed. OTHER data from June TMI: Center CD = 88.3%; Access=95% Center's YTD # of services provided=21,878 We ran our Center report on 8/2 and it showed our current number of active patients= 1,340 Breakdown by Clinic: Marlboro= 470 Dillon= 520 Chesterfield= 350 <u>Center Activities/Events/Training/Outreach:</u> • June 30th BHDD: “No Wrong Door” partner meeting -Meeting was postponed due to RIF activity that day. Will be rescheduled for later date. • June 19: Wellness Committee sponsored a summer treat day and provided ice cream for staff in all 3 clinics. • June 24-25th: ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) for Chesterfield County 911 employees, SRO, and new TCCMHC staff. • July 21st/July 23rd: Clinical Services Chief, M. Bailey provided mobile crisis training to Marlboro Co. Sheriff Department. • July 30th-31st: Two (2) staff attended the annual Low Country MH Conference held in Charleston. Center had 1 staff who attended the conference in person, and the other staff attended virtually. • Aug 1st: Tri county staff participated in Wallace Elementary/Middle School “Back to School Pep Rally”. • Aug 3rd: Marlboro clinic director, Amy Kulo provided a staff in-service training for Marlboro/Chesterfield HeadStart employees. Her presentation was titled, “Lighting the Path-Guiding Ourselves, our Children, and our Families to Strong Mental Health”. • Aug 4th: Tri County’s Mobile Crisis clinicians, Shamika Rowley and Lauren Simmons participated in the “National Night Out”, and event hosted by the Marlboro County Sheriff. • Aug 8th: Miranda Bailey and Katonya Smith spoke at the Stop the Gun Violence Community Day in Clio.	
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	<u>Upcoming:</u> • Aug 24th : Deb Blalock will be at Tri County to attend our combined Management Team/Leadership meeting that day. Deb is planning to visit all of the Centers and meet with staff prior to her January 4th retirement. • Aug 25th : Dillon Clinic Director, Shawna Williamson will attend RALI (Rural Area Leadership Initiative) meeting, which serves as the county's Collaborative Council. • Aug 31-Sept 4th : Center's QA audit (first to be done under new EHR). • Sept 15th : Clinical Staffing Day.	
Deputy Director's Report Deborah Blalock	Ms. Blalock discussed the following: • The Governor vetoed certain things with the FY27 budget proposal. Nothing affected OMH. A 2% state employee pay increase was approved. Hopefully by the end of the week we will have the approved budget. They are starting to work on the budget for FY28. • New hires at BHDD: CFO, HR Director, Communications Director, Facilities Director, Procurement Director. All new employees are smart and responsive. They are learning how to manage this large new combined agency. • Reduction in Force happened on June 30th. There were a total of 47 employees and 22 were mental health agency related staff. Tough day for everyone and the results of it have affected many Centers regarding those lost positions. • Administrators will report to a Regional Supervisor. They will no longer report to Center Executive Directors. Hiring the position of the regional supervisor. • Center reports will hopefully start coming back out soon. Since the start of the new Avatar system we have not been able to run certain reports and they have been working on that. • Positions have been posted for the Office Director for OMH. That position will be over the programs/technical systems of OMH. A Director of BHDD has not been named or position posted at this time. • Farewell tour-Deborah is retiring January 4th. She plans on visiting all of the Community Mental Health Centers before leaving. She has a great secession plan and hopes the position will be hired before her departure.	

Public Comment		
Adjournment	• The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 pm on a motion by Ms. Sikes. • Next meeting will be September 21, 2026, at 5:30 pm.	

Signatures:

Mr. Clifford McBride, Chair

Ms. Tammy Johnson, Administrative Assistant