Tri-County Community Mental Health Center

Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2026

Attendance:
Members Present:
Mr. Clifford McBride Mr. Harvell Parnell Mr. James Aldridge Ms. Billie Sikes
Members Absent:
Ms. Sue Mangum Ms. Angela Johnson
Staff:
Ms. Teresa Meakins-Linn Ms. Melanie Gambrell

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 per Teresa Meakins-Linn	Teresa discussed the following: **Budget** • The August 2026 forecast is included in the packet. No changes will be made to the forecast until the 1st quarter of the fiscal year ends.	
Building and Vehicles Crystal Pressley per Teresa Meakins-Linn	Teresa discussed the following: **Buildings** • The purchase order for the backflow repair has been issued; the work is being coordinated by James Pammel.	
Policy Review	• Next policy review in October.	
Old Business		
New Business		
Director's Report Teresa Meakins-Linn	Teresa discussed the following: **Personnel** 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 with us last week (Sept. 17th). We're excited to welcome our IDD Clinician-Sarah Ellegood. She is coming to us as a lateral reassignment from the Office of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (OIDD). Our other new employee is Lashonda Dobson, who has been hired as our Highway to Hope MHP I. Ms. Dobson has previously worked for the Commission for the Blind as well as with Dillon County DSS. We're very happy to have both of these excellent clinicians joining our Tri County team. • We have also hired a second peer support specialist, Ashly Kelly. Ashly will be starting with us on October 2nd and once she is credentialed and ready to provide services, she will be delivering peer support services primarily to patients in the Chesterfield clinic. • **Still in the works:** ➢ We have the ICT Counselor I and the H2H Program Chief position posted and are currently reviewing applications. ➢ Submitted requests to post/advertise positions: ▪ Intensive Community Treatment (ICT) program Supervisor. ▪ MHP I position in Chesterfield. **<u>Data from latest TMI report:</u> (July)** 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 July TMI: Center CD** = 89.3%**; Access=**81% **Center's YTD # of services provided=**1,666 (since July 1st) We ran our Center report on 9/13 and it showed our current **number of active patients= 1,348** Breakdown by Clinic: **Marlboro**= 484 **Dillon**= 518 **Chesterfield**= 346 • For our FY26 QA audits, YTD-we are averaging 93%, which is very good. Recently we completed the center QA audit for the 4th quarter FY26. This was our first audit done on patient charts which cover the months since we went to our new electronic health record system. Centers have been anticipating some lower audit scores initially as we are all learning the new system as well as use of the revised auditor reliability guide. Teresa has heard from our Center's QA Coordinator that the preliminary scoring for our audit is actually looking good-around 91%.	

	Center Activities/Events/Training/Outreach: • **9/1/26**-Miranda Bailey attended Patrick Town Hall meeting and provided info on Tri County Mobile Crisis and other programs/services. • **9/2/26**-Marlboro clinician, Teressa Patterson spoke at the Cheraw HeadStart parent meeting and provided information on children and family mental health and available resources. • **9/10/26-**Miranda Bailey participated in Chesterfield County Opioid Abatement Coalition meeting. Discussion of proposed new jail-advocated for dedicated space for mental health services. • **9/15-16/26**-Mobile crisis staff visited numerous locations to distribute suicide awareness information and resource packets. Sites included: libraries, law enforcement offices, medical offices and pharmacies, rec. centers, DSS, Emergency Services, and county Health Departments. • **9/15/26**-Clinical Staffing Day was held in the Bennettsville office large training room. Clinical staff received refresher training on Avatar (new EHR) and had hands-on group exercises to enhance documentation skills using the new system. • **9/18/26**-Aimee McGregor and Miranda Bailey presented Suicide Awareness/Prevention training to Chesterfield County school district guidance and school counselors. Training was held at the Palmetto Learning Center in Chesterfield. **Upcoming:** • **9/29/26-**presentation to Marlboro County Adult Education (Miranda Bailey). Mini-workshop on MH and TCCMHC programs/services. • **10/9/26-**Amy Kulo (Marlboro clinic director), Shamika Rowley, and Lauren Simmons (Mobile Crisis) will participate in the Marlboro County Health & Resources Fair at the Community Center. Board members received a flyer for the event. • **10/23/26-**Miranda Bailey will present a workshop for the Chesterfield and Marlboro county libraries, topic: How to identify and respond to mental health crises.	

OMH Director's Report Melanie Gambrell	Ms. Gambrell discussed the following: • Ms. Gambrell updated the board of her new role as Director of OMH as of September 2md. Dr. Rudd is now the State Operations Director, she is over inpatient hospitals, regional facilities, autism homes, and CMHC until a regional supervisor is hired for CMHC. Both will be supervising CMHC executive directors and splitting duties. • Deborah Blalock now has a senior consulting role until her retirement in January. • Reach out with any questions or concerns.	
Public Comment		
Adjournment	• The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 pm on a motion by Ms. Sikes. • Next meeting will be October 19, 2026, at 5:30 pm.	

Signatures:

_Clifford McBride_____ _Tammy Johnson_____

Mr. Clifford McBride, Chair Ms. Tammy Johnson, Administrative Assistant