

Greater Greenville Mental Health Center Board Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2026 Meeting held by Microsoft Teams

Attendance:

Ms. Frances Anderson	Dr. William Byars	Ms. Marci DeWolf	Ms. April Evans	Ms. Mary Greer
Ms. Jill Mann	Ms. Charlotte Walker	Ms. Alethia Walker	Ms. Carol Wilkins	Ms. Denise Harris-Stover
Mr. Terry Paden	Mr. Peter Camelo	Ms. Marie Young	Ms. Deborah Blalock	Ms. Jessica Wooten (Scribe)

Absent:

Ms. Edna Walsh
Ms. Kelly Willenberg
Mr. Samuel Cann
Dr. Megan Mitchell-Hoefer
Ms. Alice Matthews

Topic	Discussion	Follow-Up
Welcome and Introductions	Ms. Charlotte Walker called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM.	
Approval of the Minutes	March's Meeting Minutes were approved.	
GGMHC Mental Health Court Presentation <i>Ms. Denise Harris-Stover & Mr. Terry Paden</i>	Our Mental Health Court Team consists of two staff: Denise Harris-Stover and Terry Paden. Ms. Harris-Stover is over the Mental Health Court program. She has been with DMH/OMH for more than 30 years and has been a part of the Mental Health Court program since 2021.	

	• Mr. Terry Paden has been with DMH/OMH for over 33 years. He has been a part of the Mental Health Court program since its inception in 2005. • Established in 2005 by the Greenville County Probate Court and is administered by the Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office. • Purpose: To divert qualifying mentally ill offenders away from the criminal justice system and into appropriate treatment programs, without compromising the safety of the public. • Eligibility requirements include: Having a diagnosed or diagnosable mental illness. In cases of co-occurring mental illness disorder and substance use disorder, the mental illness disorder must be primary; Being charged as an adult with a non-violent misdemeanor or. felony offense(s) in Greenville County. Each applicant will be evaluated to determine if their mental illness is related to their current criminal justice involvement and whose participation will not create an increased risk to public safety; Resident of Greenville County. • Program lasts around 1 year with 3 phases. Sanctions or setbacks could extend the program for an individual. • Behind-the-scenes –GGMHC MH Court team works closely with the jail diversion program and the solicitor's office. Additionally, throughout the process, the team works with the Law Enforcement Center, Detention Center, Lawyers, Triune Mercy Center, OMH Care Coordination, Housing Programs such as the Miracle Hill Rescue Mission and Shepard's Gate, etc. • Referrals come from attorneys, the community, public defenders' office and/or GGMHC staff. Once a referral is received, they're evaluated by the jail diversion program and GGMHC MH Court staff for eligibility. SLED Background checks are run on every potential participant. The Solicitor's Office has the final authority to accept or refuse a referral. • Guidelines of the program dictate that ALL services during the MH Court program must be received at GGMHC. If participant is seeing a private psychiatrist, they must stop those services until after program. • Currently have 6 active participants in the MH Court – 4/6 are full-time employed in the community; There have been 4 graduates in 2026; There were 5 graduates in 2025 – Graduates have charges expunged from their record.	
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Administrator's Report <i>Ms. Marie Young</i>	Ms. Young discussed the following: • FY26 Statistics (July-March): - PCH- 792/780 OMH Standard; NSS- 90%/80% OMH Standard; - GGMHC served 5,908 Greenville residents (Last FY: 8,122); GGMHC provided 56,786 services (Last FY: 79,670). - 4,322 Current Open Cases; Demographics: 26% children & 74% adults. <i>*New production requirement with OMH will be 854.</i> • Staffing: - 134 filled positions; 91 clinical, 43 administrative; 3 New Hires; 11 current vacancies, 8 clinical, 3 admin; 3 New Hires - • Building updates: No current building projects in SVL Clinic; No current building projects in Greer Clinic; GVL Insulation and Roof project – \$1.55 Mil (price reduced back to \$1.55 mil from \$1.8 mil 11/7/23 per PPS). Pre-Bid Conference was 11/14/24. The Bid Opening was 12/12/24. Bid (Tecta of America, Vu w/ Terracon) came in- within budget. Project began on 4/25/25. Project has been extended. We will be adding ice/snow guards. • Budget updates: FY26 expecting balanced budget by end of the FY. Current focus is on production and service provision, as well as program expansions in our ACT, Mobile Crisis and MDFT teams; 2 positions are advertised for ACT Team; Mobile Crisis and MDFT teams will be full as of 7/1/2026. • Uncollectable Debt Written Off (3 per year required at min.) – March 2026 - \$0; February 2026 - \$238,225; January 2026 - \$0; December 2025 - \$0; November 2025 - \$233,231; October 2025 - \$0; September 2025 - \$236,799; August 2025- \$0; July 2025 - \$300,764 ; June 2025 - \$301,331; May 2025 - \$0; April 2025 - \$0; March 2025- \$328,297; Feb 2025 - \$0; Jan 2025 –\$0; Dec 2024 - \$0; Nov 2024 - \$0; Oct 2024 - \$306,318; Sept - \$0; Aug 2024 - \$0; July 2024 - \$287,165.	
Director's Report <i>Mr. Peter Camelo</i>	Mr. Camelo discussed the following: • Major Programming Shifts:	

	- 2 Addt'l Mobile Crisis Staff on Deck > Team of 5 across all clinics - 2 MDFT on Board, 1 starting 7.1.26 • SMH Unwind: 0 staff remaining, SMH transition plan complete • GO Live EHR– Netsmart/myAvatar System went live the week of 4/13. All of OMH is now working out of the new EHR program. Overall, transition has been a challenge. Medical staff has had an especially challenging time. Hopeful that this system will be efficient when staff get used to it and kinks get worked out. • Homeless Response Systems Mapping event – 4/21-4/22; Hosted many community partners and stakeholders involved with the homeless community at our Greenville Clinic Auditorium. Purpose was to map out pathways for care for the unhoused with mental illness and/or substance abuse issues in the Greenville community and to identify gaps in services that we can bridge to reduce and eliminate homelessness. Facilitated by PRA – Policy Research Associates. • Highway to Hope (H2H) Roll Out – Aug 1, 2026 @ Community Health Summit: Pete met with the Executive Director of New Horizons, Brandon Gaffney, at a partners meeting for an RV (H2H) Event that will be at McAlister's Square in GVL on August 1. This will kickstart GGMHC's Highway to Hope program.	
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Deputy Director's Report <i>Ms. Deborah Blalock</i>	Ms. Deborah Blalock discussed the following: • Gave congratulations to GGMHC for the HRSM Workshop; Dr. Byars attended and his impression was that the workshop was productive. • Shoutout to Chris Bishop, HR Manager, for his great part in the SMH transition. SMH program was the largest in the state and GGMHC had to figure out where staff could land. Chris and the leadership team did	
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	a great job at paying attention and getting staff where their skills could best be used. • OMH Budget – Senate sent out budget recommendations - \$23M for BHDD altogether. Last FY, OMH, alone, received \$31M. No funding recommendation from house or senate for 988 Program - Grants that support the call centers expire in September 2026; OMH requested \$7.1M for the Forensic Hospital – House recommended \$1M and Senate did not recommend any funds for the hospital. • Update from OMH – - To Be Hired: BHDD Executive Director, Chief of Staff, Director of OMH, Director of OIDD, Director of OSUS, Medical Oversight Psychiatrist. General Counsel positions are posted currently. OMH will have one counsel member as of May 1, 2026, as attorneys have left the dept. - Dr. Bank is retiring on June 1, 2026. No OMH Director has been named yet. - New email addresses and websites are active or “live”. - Integration of care between OIDD, OSUS and OMH has been good. Incorporating a new position, an IDD specialist, at GGMHC in conjunction with OIDD, creating a “no wrong door” situation. • Hired: HR Director and State Facilities Director – Center Directors will be meeting these directors at tomorrow’s OMH Center Director’s monthly meeting; New CFO will be announced at 1pm today, 4/28/26.	
Other	Next Meeting May 26, 2026	
<i>Ms. Charlotte Walker</i>		
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 12:51 PM on a motion by Ms. Charlotte Walker.	