

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
MISSOURI MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION**

Missouri Department of Mental Health
1706 East Elm Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

January 11, 2018

PRESENT

Mary Patrick Seigfreid, J.D. (via phone)
Kathy Carter (via phone)
Dennis Tesreau, J.D. (via phone)
Karl Wilson, Ph.D. (via phone)
Steve Roling (via phone)

STAFF

Mark Stringer, Director
Mike Nietzel, Director's Office
Debra Walker, Public & Legislative
Affairs
Susan Flanigan, Public & Legislative
Affairs
Laurie Epple, Division of Behavioral
Health

Wendy Witcig, Division of
Developmental Disabilities
Rachel Plaggenberg, Director's Office
Sara Murphy, Human Resources
Lynne Fulks, Division of Administration
Rick Gowdy, Division of Behavioral
Health
Gail Vasterling, General Counsel
Valerie Huhn, Division of
Developmental Disabilities
Molly Boeckmann, Division of
Administration
Laine Young-Walker, MD, Chief
Medical Officer for Children's
Services
Dave Kingsbury, Deaf Services

Amber Daugherty, Investigations
Robin Rust, Division of Developmental
Disabilities
Angie Stuckenschneider, Division of
Behavioral Health
Connie Cahalan, Division of Behavioral
Health

GUESTS

Hannah Swann, Senate Appropriations
Greg Kramer, ESMW
Pami Wallen, Parent
Sarah Willson, MHA
Vicky Davidson, MODDC

TOPIC/ISSUE	DISCUSSION
<p>CALL TO ORDER/ INTRODUCTIONS</p> <p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p>	<p>Dr. Karl Wilson, Chair, called the Missouri Mental Health Commission meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. on January 11, 2018. The meeting was held at the Department of Mental Health, 1706 East Elm Street, Jefferson City, MO.</p> <p>Self-introductions were made.</p> <p>Mary Seigfreid motioned for approval of the December 14, 2017, meeting minutes. Dennis Tesreau seconded the motion; motion carried.</p>
<p>DIRECTOR'S UPDATE</p>	<p>Mark Stringer provided a Director's update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark welcomed Val back to DMH full-time and thanked Mike for stepping in while Val was working at Medicaid. • The State of the State Address took place last night. The Governor did not release his budget recommendations. We are anticipating that they will be released next week. • Justice Reinvestment Initiative Task Force <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Council of State Governments did an exhaustive analysis of things within Corrections, with Probation and Parole, and our community treatment system. DMH has seen a draft report and had a chance to make comments. The report should be distributed sometime this month.
<p>BUDGET UPDATE</p>	<p>Lynne Fulks and Molly Boeckmann provided an update on the budget. Handouts are located at: https://dmh.mo.gov/about/diroffice/commission/2018MeetingSchedule.htm.</p>
<p>LEGISLATIVE UPDATE</p>	<p>Susan Flanigan provided the legislative update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning January 12, 2018, bills can be tracked on the DMH website. The link to the legislative update page will be provided when the January minutes are distributed. • The annual Legislative Briefing document will be finalized next week and will now include a section regarding preferred language. These documents are located at: https://dmh.mo.gov/opla/pubs/.
<p>DIVISION UPDATES</p>	<p><u>Division of Behavioral Health</u></p> <p>Rick Gowdy, DBH Director, provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last month, The Joint Commission began their state hospital system survey with Hawthorn Psychiatric Hospital and found various ligature risks. This month, Metropolitan St. Louis Psychiatric Rehabilitation Center was surveyed and no significant ligature risks were found. DBH is unsure what to expect in the surveys of the other hospitals.

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	<p><u>Division of Developmental Disabilities</u> Val Huhn, DD Director, provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DD received staff stability survey information yesterday from the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS). This information will be added to the Legislative Briefing. NASDDDS does a survey on wages for direct support professionals. This year's survey includes 20 states and the District of Columbia, so there is a broad base of information for comparing compensation. <p><u>Administration</u> Lynne Fulks, Director of Administrative Services, provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget has been working on fiscal notes. As of January 5, 2018, we have received 140 requests for fiscal responses. Last year at this time, we only had 100. • The Reimbursement Unit handles estate claims. For the 2nd quarter, those estate claims brought in \$17,000, which goes into GR. • We were finally able sell the old generator behind the building for \$10,000, which also went to GR. <p><u>Human Resources</u> Sara Murphy, HR Director, provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last week the Governor's Office announced that PERforM, an annual performance rating system, will no longer be used. The expectation is to keep it simple and meet monthly. HR is working on how we are going to meet with employees moving forward. • A fiscal note has been submitted on a bill that would potentially eliminate the merit system.
PUBLIC COMMENT	Pami Wallen, a parent, shared information about her 15-year-old son with autism. She stated her family is seeking a waiver slot from the Division of Developmental Disabilities and she is having difficulty understanding the process. She gave a brief history of what her family has gone through and is asking for help.
NEXT MEETING	The next Mental Health Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2018. The meeting will be held at the Department of Mental Health, 1706 East Elm Street, Jefferson City, MO.
ADJOURN	Mary Seigfreid made a motion for adjournment; Dennis Tesreau seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m. <hr style="width: 30%; margin-left: 0;"/> Dennis Tesreau, Secretary