

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
MISSOURI MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION**

Center for Behavioral Medicine  
1000 East 24<sup>th</sup> Street  
Kansas City, MO 64108

**July 12, 2018**

**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

Stephen Huss, Ph.D.

**STAFF**

Mark Stringer, Director  
Debra Walker, Acting Deputy Director  
Gail Vasterling, General Counsel  
Rick Gowdy, Division of Behavioral Health  
Valerie Huhn, Division of Developmental Disabilities

Lynne Fulks, Division of Administrative Services  
Rachel Plaggenberg, Director's Office  
Julia LePage, Division of Developmental Disabilities

**GUESTS**

Alan Flory

TOPIC/ISSUE	DISCUSSION
CALL TO ORDER/ INTRODUCTIONS	Dr. Karl Wilson, Chair, called the Missouri Mental Health Commission meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on July 12, 2018. The meeting was held at the Center for Behavioral Medicine in Kansas City.  Self-introductions were made.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Mary Seigfreid motioned for approval of the May 10, 2018, meeting minutes. Dennis Tesreau seconded the motion; motion carried.  Dennis Tesreau motioned for approval of the June 19, 2018, meeting minutes. Mary Seigfreid seconded the motion; motion carried.
OPEN DISCUSSION	Steve Roling welcomed Alan Flory to the Mental Health Commission meeting. Alan recently retired from ReDiscover after roughly 24 years of service as CEO of a community provider with the Department of Mental Health.
NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT	The nominating committee of Mary Seigfreid and Kathy Carter proposed the slate of officers for the Mental Health Commission. The committee made a motion for Dennis Tesreau to serve as Chair and Steve Roling to serve as Secretary for FY19. The motion carried and the new officers were elected.

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DIRECTOR'S UPDATE	<p>Mark Stringer provided a Director's update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A week ago, the Governor came to Mission Missouri in Sikeston where he signed House Bill 2010, the Department's budget bill. Mission Missouri is one of our recovery support providers. The Governor received a tour of the facility, asked some good questions about recovery support providers, and made nice remarks about the Department of Mental Health. The staff at Mission Missouri were excited and the event was very well received.</li> <li>• Dr. Rob Paul, Director of the Missouri Institute of Mental Health (MIMH), announced that he is stepping down as the Director. The future of MIMH is unknown, but we will let the Commission know as soon as DMH learns more.</li> </ul>
BUDGET UPDATE	<p>Lynne Fulks provided an update on the budget. Handouts are located at: <a href="https://dmh.mo.gov/about/diroffice/commission/2018MeetingSchedule.htm">https://dmh.mo.gov/about/diroffice/commission/2018MeetingSchedule.htm</a>.</p>
DD TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE	<p>Val Huhn, DD Director, was at the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS) Conference in Columbus, Ohio last month, and the direct care workforce crisis was among the key issues discussed. The Governor of Ohio issued a "Technology First" Executive Order. Val and Julia LePage provided a presentation on the "Technology First" Executive Order. Handouts are located at: <a href="https://dmh.mo.gov/about/diroffice/commission/documents/DDTechnologyAssistance.pdf">https://dmh.mo.gov/about/diroffice/commission/documents/DDTechnologyAssistance.pdf</a> Videos are located at: <a href="https://dmh.mo.gov/dd/communitylivingandaccessiblehousingsuccessstories.html">https://dmh.mo.gov/dd/communitylivingandaccessiblehousingsuccessstories.html</a>.</p>
DIVISION UPDATES	<p><b><u>Division of Developmental Disabilities</u></b></p> <p>Val Huhn, DD Director, provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The repeat single state audit findings from the State Auditor related to DD group home reimbursements was unsubstantiated by CMS. CMS accurately responded to the State Auditor that the findings were not calculated on the appropriate acuity-based rates; therefore, DD does not owe money to the federal government.</li> <li>• We continue to work on the workforce crisis. On September 19, 2018, Amy Hewitt from the University of Minnesota is coming to Missouri to give a state specific presentation on the economics of the direct support professional crisis and strategies to help resolve it.</li> <li>• DD has a \$79 million dollar need to standardize reimbursement rates in order to increase direct support professional pay. This will get staff up to \$12.00 an hour. We need to get a quote as to how much it would cost to get the pay rate to \$11.00 and \$11.50 an hour because then we will have something to work toward.</li> </ul>

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	<p data-bbox="449 175 892 204"><b><u>Division of Behavioral Health</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="449 211 1266 240">Rick Gowdy, DBH Director, provided the following update:</p> <ul data-bbox="499 246 1990 1130" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="499 246 1990 571">• Inpatient capacity for our Competency Restoration Program is concerning. If someone is in the criminal justice system and appears to have a mental illness or developmental disability that would prevent them from proceeding to trial, then the court will order an evaluation. The department has specialized doctors to handle these examinations. If the court issues a finding of incompetent to proceed then they will send them to the department for restoration of competency. The court allows six months for initial treatment to try to restore them to competency. At this point, we have roughly 60 orders for admittance that we cannot accommodate due to capacity limitations. This is an issue for nearly all states in the country. We are working on a pilot program in Jackson County and looking at other options across the state.</li> <li data-bbox="499 578 1990 646">• We received general revenue to support what was formally called “Access To Recovery” (ATR), which essentially funded our faith-based organizations and peer support groups.</li> <li data-bbox="499 652 1990 760">• We received some general revenue to support the “Engaging Patients In Cared Coordination” (EPICC) program. This program sends peers to emergency rooms after someone has overdosed on opioids. The peers help the individual get engaged in treatment.</li> <li data-bbox="499 766 1990 1019">• We are winding up our first year of the State Targeted Response (STR) grant for the Opioid Crisis and moving into the second year. Our Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) project officer says they have completed the first year review of the STR. Letters have been sent to state governors showing how much money was spent by their states. Missouri has spent 81% of its funding and is one of the leading states on getting these dollars out for services. We will have some compelling data from the first year and will have MIMH staff present results to the Commission.</li> <li data-bbox="499 1026 1990 1130">• We are applying for a new grant called the State Opioid Response (SOR) grant. Missouri would receive \$18 million additional funding for two years. As far as we know, there is not much difference between the STR and SOR grants.</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="449 1172 674 1201"><b><u>Administration</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="449 1208 1566 1237">Lynne Fulks, Director of Administrative Services, provided the following update:</p> <ul data-bbox="499 1243 1990 1503" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="499 1243 1201 1279">• Budget is continuing to finish year-end reports.</li> <li data-bbox="499 1286 1444 1321">• Accounting is working on closing out FY19 and setting up FY20.</li> <li data-bbox="499 1328 1990 1468">• Purchasing and General Services is live with MO BUYS in Central Office and Higginsville Habilitation Center. There is an IT Government Committee for contracting and there is now a Quarter Million Dollar Worksheet. This worksheet is for any contracts that are \$250,000 or above. This form needs to be filled out, reviewed by General Counsel, signed by Mark, and submitted to the Office of Administration.</li> <li data-bbox="499 1474 1747 1503">• The Medicaid and Reimbursement Unit is continuing to assist with program initiatives.</li> </ul>

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	<p><b><u>Human Resources</u></b>  Debra Walker, Acting Deputy Director, provided the following update on behalf of Sara Murphy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing to work on Engage, the employee professional development program.</li> <li>• Continuing to work on merit system reform.</li> <li>• The LinkedIn project was mentioned briefly at the last meeting. The State of Missouri has contracted with LinkedIn to help with employee recruitment. Missouri will have a LinkedIn page and every Department will have its own page. All state employees will be asked to create a LinkedIn profile and link up with their departments.</li> <li>• This year's Leadership Academy had its first meeting and was very well received. The Leadership Academy group will present its recommendations to the Commission in November.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Legislative</u></b>  Debra Walker, Acting Deputy Director, provided the following update on behalf of Susan Flanigan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Susan provided a Legislative Wrap Up Document to the Commissioners. This is a draft document because the Governor has until July 14, 2018, to sign bills. Once this document is complete, it will be posted on: <a href="https://dmh.mo.gov/opla/legislativeupdatepage.html">https://dmh.mo.gov/opla/legislativeupdatepage.html</a>.</li> <li>• Susan will provide a final update in August.</li> </ul>
PUBLIC COMMENT	No public comment.
CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION	<p>Karl Wilson requested a motion to move into closed session of the Missouri Mental Health Commission pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (1) Legal and (3) Personnel. Mary Seigfreid seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Dennis Tesreau – Yes  Steve Roling – Yes  Kathy Carter – Yes  Mary Seigfreid – Yes  Dr. Karl Wilson – Yes</p> <p>The Commission adjourned to closed session at 12:33 p.m. The Mental Health Commission meeting reconvened open session at 1:34 p.m.</p>
NEXT MEETING	The next Mental Health Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 9, 2018, at the Department of Mental Health, 1706 East Elm Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.
ADJOURN	Meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

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