

SUBCOMMITTEE COMMISSION ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
MINUTES

April 1, 2019

TELECONFERENCE MEETING:

Conference Call: 888-363-4734 –8334586 (Access code)

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Dr. Lisa Durette- Chair  
Tabitha Johnson  
Debra Scott  
Barbara Jackson

**STAFF AND GUESTS:**

Dr. Leon Ravin, DPBH  
Brook Adie, DPBH  
Dr. Betsy Neighbors, DPBH  
Christina Brooks, DPBH  
Jo Malay, DPBH  
Ellen Richardson-Adams, DPBH  
Joseph Filippi, DPBH  
Elvira Saldana, DPBH

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m. Roll call is reflected above. It was determined that a quorum was present. Introductions were made.

**Public Comments:**

No public comments were received.

**Approval of February 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Action: A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Jackson and passed to accept the minutes of February 12, 2019.

**Discussion and make recommendations for Behavioral Health Commission's Annual Letter to the Governor**

Chair Durette stated in reviewing previous letters, the format has been similar with an introduction section at the beginning following with a compilation of recommendations. Chair Durette

recommended inserting mental health ranking data from Mental Health America in the introduction section.

Ms. Johnson stated it is a great recommendation to include in the introduction.

Chair Durette made a special motion to include the state's current data from Mental Health America and a paragraph within the introduction of the Governor's letter.

Action: A motion was made by Ms. Scott, seconded by Ms. Johnson and passed to include the state's current data from Mental Health America and a paragraph within the introduction of the Governor's letter.

Ms. Jackson recommended having a standing committee and submitting the letter by December 21<sup>st</sup>.

Ms. Richardson-Adams suggested verifying the statute to confirm when the letter is due by.

Mr. Filippi stated there is not a specific due date in the statute. The statute states at the beginning of each year.

Ms. Scott commented if the reports used to obtain the information included in the letter would be completed at that time.

Mr. Filippi stated he would seek clarification on the due date from the Attorney General. Once clarification is obtained, an agenda item will be added to the next meeting agenda to vote to establish a due date and a subcommittee.

### **Discuss and approve recommendations/reports received from the agencies**

Ms. Scott inquired if the Governor receives the reports from the agencies.

Chair Durette asked Mr. Filippi if he knew if the agencies send the reports to the Governor.

Mr. Filippi stated he did not know specifically. The task of the Commission is to consolidate the mental behavioral health reports, addressing and sending the information to the Governor.

Dr. Neighbors informed when she was an agency director the reports were consolidated in the letter to the Governor.

Chair Durette asked subcommittee members for ideas on dividing the workflow and compiling the sections of the letter from the reports provided.

Ms. Johnson offered to work on the Division of Child and Family Services section.

Ms. Scott will work on NNAMHS and rural region.

Chair Durette will make the recommended changes to the introduction of the letter and provide the section for SNAMHS.

Mr. Filippi asked if the Commission would like to break it up into the different titled sections as previous letters or by agencies.

Chair Durette stated as she read the statute she thought it says it is appropriate to break up by agencies.

Ms. Scott commented it would be easier to take the reports and condense them.

Mr. Filippi asked if there were any updates from the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy.

Chair Durette asked Mr. Filippi to reach out to Alexis Tucey for an annual update.

It was agreed by subcommittee members; a rough draft of their identified sections be provided to Mr. Filippi by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Filippi will create a rough draft of the letter with the sections provided by the members and a meeting would be scheduled the following week.

#### **Identification of Future Agenda Items**

There were no future agenda items identified.

#### **Public Comments**

No public comments were received.

Ms. Johnson inquired if it would be possible to schedule the subcommittee meeting before or after the scheduled DPBH Commission meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Filippi agreed it would be scheduled following the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The subcommittee meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.