

MINUTES
STATEWIDE HEALTH COORDINATING COUNCIL
March 11, 2025

The Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC) held its quarterly meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, virtually via web conference. The minimum number of council members, required by law, was present in room 387 of the RSA Union building at 100 North Union Street in Montgomery, Alabama.

Council Members Present

Chairman Elaine Beech (In-Person)
Mr. Frank Brown
Ms. Brenda Carlisle
Mr. James Clements
Ms. Terri Connell (In-Person)
Mayor Harold Crouch
Mr. Mark Edwards
Ms. Barbara Estep (In-Person)
Mr. Keith Granger
Honorable Jeremy Gray
Mr. Dean Griffin
Mr. Bert Guy
Ms. Dare Underwood Meeks
Dr. David Montiel (In-Person)
Mr. Don Owens
Mr. Simeon Penton
Dr. Carol Ratcliffe
Mr. Danny Rickert
Mr. J. Tuerk Schlesinger
Dr. Wilburn Smith (In-Person)
Ms. Lisa Teel
Dr. Mickey Trimm
Mr. Hodges Washington (In-Person)

Council Members Not Present

Mr. Ralph Clark
Ms. Marcilla Gross
Dr. Scott Harris
Mr. David Hunt
Honorable Stephanie Kemmer
Mr. Carey McRae
Senator Tim Melson
Mr. Mark Traylor
Mr. Gregg Waycaster

SHPDA Staff

Mrs. Emily T. Marsal
Mrs. Toni Ferguson
Ms. Teresa Lee
Ms. Jelena Magallon
Ms. Melissa Treherm
Ms. Kristin F. Norman
Mr. Bradford Williams

LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE

Mark D. Wilkerson, Esquire

COURT REPORTER

Suzanne Lee

A copy of the register of participants is on file in the office of the State Health Planning and Development Agency.

Chairman Elaine Beech called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Mrs. Emily T. Marsal, Executive Director of the State Health Planning and Development Agency, performed a roll call and confirmed a quorum. Chairman Beech requested a motion to adopt the agenda. Ms. Terri Connell motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by Ms. Barbara Estep. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Beech requested a motion to adopt the minutes from the September 10, 2024, meeting. Mr. Keith Granger motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Vice Chair Hodges Washington. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair's Report

Chairman Beech welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council and welcomed the newest SHCC members to the Council.

New Business

PA2024-003, Behavioral Health Programs d/b/a Spencers of Alabama: proposes to adjust the Substance Abuse section of the 2024-2027 Alabama State Health Plan, Ala. Admin. Code §410-2-4-.11, to add thirty (30) total beds at a newly acquired and renovated facility in Valley, Alabama (four (4) dedicated beds for clinically monitored, medically assisted detoxification, twelve (12) beds dedicated to a Crisis Residential Unit, eight (8) beds dedicated to a partial hospitalization Residential Unit, and six (6) beds dedicated to Adult Residential Care Home with Specialized Medical Services) to Chambers County, Alabama. **Opposition: Bradford Health Services filed Opposition on November 13, 2024.**

Speakers for the Applicant:

David Belser, Mary Elizabeth Belser, Daniel, Bates, Krystle Newton, Chase Cameron

Speakers for the Opposition:

Kelli Fleming, Rob Marsh

After all questions and comments were addressed, Chairman Elaine Beech called for a motion regarding the plan adjustment. Dr. David Montiel made a motion to deny the proposed adjustment, seconded by Ms. Dare Underwood Meeks. After a roll call vote, the motion to DENY the plan adjustment passed with the following votes: 16 in favor, 4 against, 1 recusal (Mr. Mark Edwards), and 1 abstention (Mr. J. Tuerk Schlesinger).

PA2025-001, Birmingham Recovery Center, Inc. d/b/a Longleaf Lodge: proposes to adjust the Substance Abuse section of the 2024-2027 Alabama State Health Plan, Ala. Admin. Code §410-2-4-.11, to add sixty (60) total beds (ten (10) detox beds – ASAM Level 3.7 and fifty (50) residential beds – ASAM Level 3.5) to its future substance abuse facility in Shelby County, Alabama. **Opposition: Bradford Health Services filed Opposition on February 25, 2025.**

Speakers for the Applicant:

Gaines Brake, Stephen Preston, Colin Harris, Ian Henryon, Thomas Harris, John Giannetto

Speakers for the Opposition:

Kelli Fleming, Rob Marsh

After all questions and comments were addressed, Chairman Elaine Beech called for a motion regarding the plan adjustment. Mr. Bert Guy made a motion to approve the proposed adjustment, seconded by Mr. J. Tuerk Schlesinger. After a roll call vote, the motion to APPROVE the plan adjustment passed with the following votes: 9 in favor, 8 against, 1 recusal (Mr. Mark Edwards), and 3 abstentions (Mr. Keith Grainger, Representative Jeremy Gray, and Dr. Mickey Trimm).

Ms. Emily Marsal announced that the next meeting of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025. Ms. Marsal stated that SHCC committees would likely receive meeting notices to address pertinent topics prior to the full SHCC meeting in June.

There being no further business, Chairman Beech adjourned the meeting at 12:39 p.m.

PREPARED BY:

Toni Ferguson

Date

APPROVED:

Chairman Elaine Beech

Date