

MINUTES
STATEWIDE HEALTH COORDINATING COUNCIL
June 10, 2025

The Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC) held its quarterly meeting on Tuesday, June 10, 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)
Ms. Brenda Carlisle
Mr. James Clements
Ms. Terri Connell
Mayor Harold Crouch (In-Person)
Mr. Mark Edwards
Ms. Barbara Estep (In-Person)
Mr. Keith Granger
Mr. Dean Griffin
Ms. Marcilla Gross
Mr. Bert Guy
Mr. David Hunt
Mr. Carey McRae
Ms. Dare Underwood Meeks
Senator Tim Melson (entered at 10:50)
Mr. Don Owens
Dr. Carol Ratcliffe
Mr. J. Tuerk Schlesinger (entered at 10:36)
Ms. Lisa Teel
Dr. Mickey Trimm
Mr. Hodges Washington (In Person)
Mr. Gregg Waycaster

COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Mr. Frank Brown
Mr. Ralph Clark
Representative Jeremy Gray
Honorable Stephanie Kemmer
Dr. David Montiel
Mr. Simeon Penton
Mr. Danny Rickert
Dr. Wilburn Smith
Mr. Mark Traylor
Dr. Scott Harris

SHPDA STAFF PRESENT

Ms. Emily T. Marsal, Executive Director
Mr. Bradford L. Williams
Ms. Toni Ferguson
Ms. Teresa Lee
Ms. Jelena Magallon
Ms. Kristin F. Norman
Ms. Melissa Trehern

LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT

Mr. Mark Wilkerson, Esq.

COURT REPORTER PRESENT

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 10:30 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. Barbara Estep motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by Mr. Hodges Washington. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Beech requested a motion to adopt the minutes from the September 10, 2024, meeting. Mayor Harold Crouch motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Terri Connell. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair's Report

Chairman Beech welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

Old Business

Mr. Bradford Williams updated the Statewide Health Coordinating Council on the most recent statistical updates as published and informed the SHCC that SHPDA has received notice from multiple facilities on their intent to file for CONs in the near future.

New Business

PA2024-002, Coosa Valley Medical Center: proposes to adjust the Psychiatric Care section of the 2024-2027 Alabama State Health Plan, Ala. Admin. Code §410-2-4-.10, to add five (5) geriatric psychiatric care beds and establish a new Adult Behavioral Health Center with the addition of twenty (20) adult inpatient psychiatric care beds to Talladega County within the North Central Region. To accomplish these additions, Coosa Valley Medical Center proposes to relocate its current Senior Behavioral Health Center to a different wing within the hospital to make room for the proposed expansion and remodel the existing space for the establishment of the newly proposed Adult Behavioral Health Center. **Opposition: NONE.**

Speakers for the Applicant:

Colin Luke, Esq., Glen Sisk, Judge Chad Joiner, Dr. Shankar Yalamanchili, Senator Jerry Fielding

After all questions and comments were addressed, Chairman Elaine Beech called for a motion regarding the plan adjustment. Mr. Hodges Washington made a motion to APPROVE the proposed adjustment, seconded by Ms. Barbara Estep. After a roll call vote, the motion to APPROVE the plan adjustment passed unanimously.

Hospital Committee Update

Mr. Bradford Williams updated the Council Members on the work to be performed through the SHCC Hospital Committee, the Alabama Hospital Association, and SHPDA regarding Rural Emergency Hospital language to be added to the *2024-2027 Alabama State Health Plan*.

Secondly, Mr. Williams stated that further work will be ongoing regarding Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Beds and their official definition within the *2024-2027 Alabama State Health Plan*.

Chairman Elaine Beech announced that the next meeting of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2025.

There being no further business, Chairman Beech adjourned the meeting at 10:59 p.m.

PREPARED BY:

Toni Ferguson

Date

APPROVED:

Chairman Elaine Beech

Date