S. C. MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

SCDMH Administration

2414 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Special Called Meeting December 19, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

A special called meeting of the South Carolina Mental Health Commission was called to order on December 19, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. by Mr. Greg Pearce, Chair, in Conference Room 320 at the SC Department of Mental Health Administration Building, 2414 Bull Street, Columbia, SC. Commission members were present by telephone conference call.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion by Dr. Alison Evans, seconded by Ms. Louise Haynes, the Commission approved the Agenda for today's Special Called Meeting.

All voted in favor to the above motion; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Ms. Haynes, and seconded by Dr. Evans, the Commission approved the minutes from the Special Called Business Meeting of November 4, 2019.

All voted in favor to the above motion; the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Ms. Haynes, and seconded by Dr. Evans, the Commission voted to enter into an executive session to discuss the recruitment efforts for a permanent State Director.

OPEN SESSION

Upon convening in open session at 4:27 p.m., Mr. Pearce announced the Commission made an offer to Kenneth W. Rogers, MD to be the State Director for the South Carolina Department of Mental Health. Dr. Rogers is the Chief of Psychiatry with the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, Texas. He announced Dr. Rogers accepted the position. The tentative start date for Dr. Rogers to begin his duties as State Director is April 2, 2020.

There was no discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Haynes made the motion to adjourn. Dr. Evans seconded the motion, and the motion was approved. The December 19, 2019 Special Meeting of the Commission adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Commission Members

L. Gregory Pearce, Jr. Chair Louise Haynes, Vice Chair

Dr. Alison Evans Robert Hiott

Staff

Mark Binkley, JD Debbie Calcote Tracy LaPointe
Ernestine Middleton

Eleanor Odom Kim Ballentine

APPROVALS

L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.

Chair

Kim Ballentine Recording Secretary