

**SOUTH CAROLINA MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION**  
**Morris Village Alcohol & Drug Addiction Treatment Center**  
**610 Faison Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29203**

**February 7, 2025**

**Morris Village Alcohol & Drug Addiction Treatment Center Presentation**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Commission Members:**

Dr. Elliott Levy, Chair, Dr. Carl Jones, Mr. Bobby Mann, and Dr. Crystal Maxwell were present.

**Staff/Visitors:**

Dr. Robert Bank	<i>Present virtually via Zoom</i>	<i>Present virtually via Zoom</i>	<i>Present virtually via Zoom</i>
Dr. Versie Bellamy	Lee Bodie	Tracy LaPointe	Anne Summer
Debora Blalock	Dr. Robert Breen	Erin Laughter	Susan von Schenk
Dr. Chad Pollock	Jackie Brown	Bill Lindsey	Lindsay Walker
Robin Crawford	Jennifer Brush	Kathleen Martin	Bryant Williams
Dr. Trey Causey	Jennifer Butler	Wanda McMichael	Kevin Woods
Elizabeth Hutto	Andrew Fowler	Valarie Perkins	
George McConnell	Jeffery Ham	Dr. Lynelle Reavis	
Chaplain James Stokes	Darla Helms	Vicki Redding	
Gwen Watson	Joy Hodge	Stacey Rowell	
Brett Williams	Charice Jones	Angie Salley	

A meeting of the S.C. Mental Health Commission was held in Meeting Hall Conference Room at Morris Village Alcohol & Drug Addiction Treatment Center (MV) on Friday, February 7, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. Chairman Levy welcomed everyone to the meeting and turned the meeting over to Mr. George McConnell, Director.

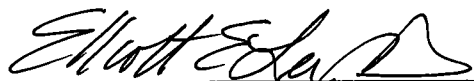
**PRESENTATION**

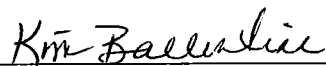
Mr. McConnell welcomed everyone and introduced Dr. Harvey (Trey) Causey, Medical Director. They gave a presentation on MV, a copy of which is filed with the minutes in the Office of the State Director. Following are highlights from the presentation.

- MV is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> year in 2025.
- MV has 42 beds currently operational.
  - Women's program has 16 beds.
  - Men's program has 26 beds.
- Key staff include:
  - Multidisciplinary teams composed of a dedicated team coordinator, case managers, and nursing staff (nurses and BHAs)
  - Activity therapists and medical providers are shared between teams.
  - Medical staff consists of two doctorate level nurse practitioners, an internist, part-time psychiatrist, and an addiction psychiatrist medical director.
  - Admission staff manages referral lists, coordinates with referral sources, gathers information, and builds the admissions schedule.
  - Director of Operations and Quality Management reports and tracks physical plant issues, tracks improvement initiatives and liaisons with the Office of Performance Improvement.

- Director of Nursing Development and Staff Training assesses nurse training need and ensures in-service trainings of all staff are completed as mandated.
- In FY 24, MV served a total of 621 patients. Approximately 70% of those patients were male, and 30% were female.
  - 22% of patients were ages 18-24
  - 35% of patients were ages 30-40
  - 20% of patients were ages 41-50
  - 16% of patients were ages 51-60
  - 7% of patients were ages 61-70.
- Admissions to MV come through voluntary, judicial, emergency, and court order. Mr. McConnell noted that the MV data included in the SCDMH Inpatient Services report for December 1, 2023-December 31, 2024 has approximately 70 individuals on the Judicial waiting list. About 50 of those individuals are listed as “inactive” meaning that they have either failed to show up over a period of time or they cannot be found by law enforcement to transport. The judges insist those “inactive” individuals remain on the waiting list. He reported as of this week, there are 27 on the active waiting list.
- The most common drug that is associated with a diagnosis for admission to MV is amphetamine and other psychostimulants. Other drugs associated with a diagnosis for admission to MV include opioids, alcohol, cocaine, and cannabis.
- In 2023, the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS) estimated that approximately 451,000 South Carolinians needed immediate intervention and treatment for substance use problems.
- Increased exposure to higher potency substances has led to an increase in the occurrence and severity of psychiatric complications, particularly substance induced psychotic disorder. A considerable number of patients with an initial diagnosis of substance-induced psychotic disorder will eventually receive a diagnosis of a schizophrenia spectrum disorder.
- A new initiative for Extended Care at MV was presented to executive leadership in February 2024. Extended Care at MV is a partial hospitalization/day treatment program with onsite boarding as a step-down program. Extended Care will reconceptualize the structure of MV to make up for deficits in the state’s outpatient SUD (substance use disorder) system; fill a “missing step” in the transition from inpatient/residential to IOP/outpatient and community living; allow for leaner staffing without compromising care; potentially increase the number of patients seen without increasing the number of hospital-designed bed; and have a positive impact on budget through savings and revenue. Extended Care at MV will be accredited by CARF and reimbursed by private insurance and Medicaid.

On behalf of the Commission, Chairman Levy thanked Mr. McConnell and Dr. Causey for their continued services and for the very informative presentation. The center presentation concluded at 10:30 a.m.

  
 Dr. Elliott Levy, Chair  
 SC Mental Health Commission

  
 Kim Ballentine, Recording Secretary  
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