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AUGUST 7, 2020 SCDMH COMMISSION MEETING



U of SC School of Medicine Chairman's Award

Congratulations to Jennifer Alleyne, M.D., BPH Forensic Psychiatric Medical Chief. Dr. Alleyne received the U of SC School of Medicine's Department of Neuropsychiatry Chairman's Award for her ongoing collaboration with SCDMH and the U of SC in support of the forensic residency training program.

The chairman's award for the Forensic Residency training program recognizes outstanding contributions to the trainees and the community.

Dr. Alleyne's passion and commitment to advancing forensic training has brought about significant and tangible improvements in these educational programs.



Jennifer Alleyne, M.D.

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The past few weeks in Inpatient Services Hospitals and Nursing Homes have moved us further into uncharted waters. The constantly changing pandemic landscape has required that we quickly make change necessary to protect and provide our best care, regardless of the fear of the unknowns and the exhaustion of long hours. I can not ask more of our staff. Our challenge as a leadership is to create an environment which reminds our staff of their responsibility to not only take care of our patients and residents but themselves as well.

-Versie J. Bellamy, DNP

COVID-19 MITIGATION STRATEGIES

A number of mitigation strategies designed to stop or curb the spread of the virus among patients and staff were put in place early in the pandemic and continue to be appropriate for our facilities and are in line with recommendations from the SCDHEC and CDC.

- ☞ A negative COVID-19 test is required for prospective patients prior to admission, preferably within 72 hours, and the test is repeated immediately following admission.
- ☞ All persons presenting for entry into a facility or office area must have a negative screen before being allowed to enter.
- ☞ All persons working in a facility must wear a mask and other appropriate PPE at all times.
- ☞ The presence and spread of the virus among patients has resulted in interruptions to the admission pace. Some facilities are admitting patients in cohorts to allow for an observation and monitoring period before new patients are introduced into the milieu.
- ☞ We continue plans and negotiations for additional beds to establish an admission/observation unit for newly admitted Forensic patients and for the establishment of a Special Care Unit that would treat Bryan COVID-19 positive patients who do not require hospital level of care.
- ☞ • Point Prevalence testing of residents/patients and staff is on-going.



Morris Village Nurses' Station



Patrick B. Harris Hospital Electronic Message Screen

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EFFECT OF MITIGATION ON CENSUS

Due to a number of mitigation strategies, every facility has experienced some degree of decrease in the average daily census (ADC) over the past six months, and most notably since March. The combined ADC for **June** represents a 16% decrease as compared to the combined ADC for **February**.

Facility	Jan 2020 ADC	Feb 2020 ADC	Mar 2020 ADC	Apr 2020 ADC	May 2020 ADC	Jun 2020 ADC	% Decrease June as Compared to February
CM Tucker-Roddey	167	166	164	163	162	159	4%
CM Tucker-Stone	84	88	86	83	81	79	10%
Richard Campbell	219	218	218	208	199	195	11%
Veterans VH	218	219	216	211	204	192	12%
Patrick B. Harris	127	124	123	115	110	108	13%
Bryan Adult	149	147	144	139	132	132	10%
Bryan Forensics	197	196	194	177	163	156	20%
Hall Adol. Recovery	4	6	7	5	4	3	50%
Hall C&A	22	26	25	15	8	11	58%
Morris Village	87	88	73	11	33	35	60%

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Appointment of Bryan Psychiatric Hospital Medical Director

Effective July 17, 2020, Jeffrey Raynor, M.D. was appointed Medical Director of the Bryan Psychiatric Hospital (Adult Services, WSHPI Child and Adolescent Services, and Forensic Services).

Dr. Raynor, is double board-certified in General and Forensic Psychiatry and brings expertise and leadership experience in private and government psychiatric medical sectors.

Dr. Raynor has served multiple terms as the BPH Interim Medical Director during the past year. During these periods of coverage, he has engaged with several multi-disciplinary team processes impacting policy and positive treatment programming changes.

Appointment of Interim Morris Village Medical Director

Effective July 2, 2020, Dr. Wendy Wang, M.D. accepted the appointment of Interim Medical Director for Morris Village. Dr. Wang is double board-certified in General, and Addictions Psychiatry. During the interim, Dr. Wang will serve as the Morris Village Medical Director while maintaining a patient caseload at BPH Forensic Services.

Recruitment of Primary Care Medical Chief

Effective 7-20-2020, Kathryn Hollins-Lizarribar, M.D. joined the Bryan Forensic Medical Staff. Dr. Hollins is a board-certified Family Medicine physician and will serve as the Primary Medical Chief for the BPH Forensic hospital component. Welcome, Dr. Hollins.



Jeffery Raynor, M.D.

"I'm excited to step into the role of Medical Director at G.W. Bryan. I first worked at Bryan as a fourth year medical student in 2001 and later as a staff psychiatrist in 2008. I'm very glad to be back with SCDMH and to now have an opportunity to serve in a leadership role."

- Dr. Jeff Raynor



"One day at a time, we will get the work done!"

- Dr. Wendy Wang

COVID-19 REPORT



Testing Line, Forensics

SCDMH-DIS COVID-19 TASK FORCE REPORT - 07/24/2020

The DIS COVID-19 Task Force Continues to work on protecting our patients and staff from the novel coronavirus. With a surge in Covid-19 cases across the southern tier of states, things will be difficult in South Carolina for a while.

The ability of this illness to spread from asymptomatic persons who are unaware they have the virus has made it nearly impossible to prevent spread among at least some of our patients. The Covid-19 task force is continuously updating education and procedures to mitigate the spread of the virus amongst patients and staff. Bryan Adult and Forensics, CM Tucker Roddey and Stone have had or now have COVID-19 positive patients/residents. Bryan Adult and Forensics, Morris Village, CM Tucker Roddey and Stone, and the SVPTP have reported staff testing positive. Rapid identification of ill patients and monitoring through point prevalence testing partnership with SCDHEC have allowed us to isolate ill patients and in most cases significantly limit the spread of Covid-19 through affected units.

When patients have required tertiary hospital admission, the hard work of Prisma/USC medical teams using convalescent plasma when needed has enabled most of these patients to leave the hospital and return to their treatment units. The presence of the virus and spread on our admitting units has prevented us from admitting as many patients as we could and interruptions of our admission pace are expected to continue for at least the next month.

We have begun bringing back students and now have a limited number of students on our campus but we are requiring testing and self-monitoring from trainees to limit the chance of these individuals bringing the virus into our inpatient programs. Undergraduate nursing programs have typically used our facilities as a training site for their psychiatric rotation. However, because these students come in groups, we will not be able to accommodate them for the foreseeable future.

We remain concerned over the rapid increase in new cases and the increasing number of South Carolinians requiring hospitalization due to Covid-19. The next four weeks will remain a period of high risk for our staff during their private lives and we risk staff shortages if multiple staff have to quarantine or isolate at home. We are again employing some staggered scheduling to preserve staff availability. While asymptomatic spreading of the virus has made this a much more difficult pandemic to deal with, we will continue making every effort to keep our patients and staff as safe as possible.

- Robert Breen, M.D., Chair, Division of Inpatient Services COVID-19 Taskforce

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INCREASED IMPACTS FROM COVID-19

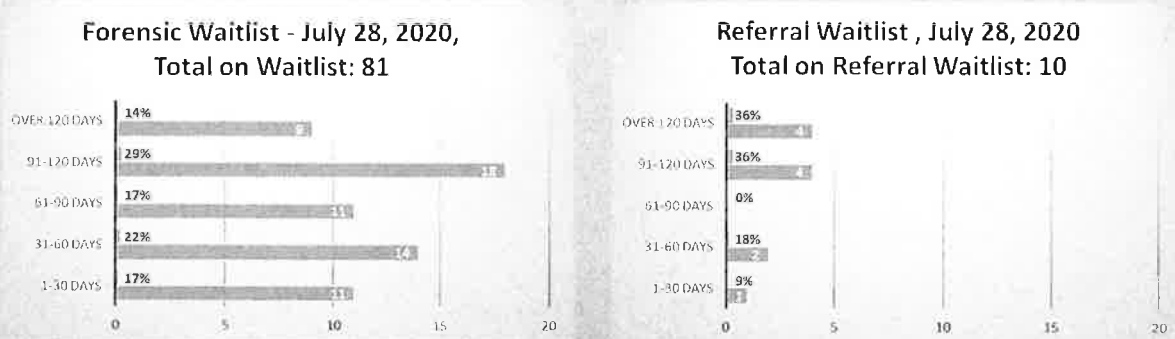
As the local communities have continued to see increased impacts from COVID 19, so has our forensic facility:

- **As of the week of July 6, scheduled admissions had to be postponed** due to active COVID 19 cases within the facility. Full facility testing of all patients and staff have been ongoing since that time, with a small number of declinations.
- **Additional Allocation of Beds for COVID-19:** Given the number of positive cases outnumbering the number of beds available on the existing quarantine/isolation unit, a larger unit had to be quickly converted into the new quarantine/isolation unit for treatment of COVID positive patients. Patients under investigation, with possible symptoms or exposure to the virus, were moved to the smaller quarantine/isolation unit for observation and separation from the rest of the population. These two units combined account for sixty-seven beds, which now must be allocated to the quarantine or isolation of COVID-19 positive patients or patients under investigation.
- **Four of five forensic units remain on quarantine status** due to exposure to either positive patients or staff.
- **As increasing numbers of staff have needed to self-quarantine**, maintaining adequate staffing levels has become increasingly challenging. Fortunately, a Family Medicine physician was recruited and began employment on 7/20/2020. Additional nursing staff have also been recruited.
- **Increased numbers of forensic patients have required tertiary hospital level of care** which has put a strain on Public Safety staff who support these transports and provide supervision while at the community hospital. This month, DMH Department of Public Safety, Bryan Forensic Leadership, and Prisma Hospital System administration staff participated in a collaborative meeting to plan for and support the needs of our patients while they are receiving care in Prisma facilities.
- In order to expand our capacity to safely meet the needs of those patients on the forensic waitlist, **work on the Forensic Alternate Care Site has continued**. Contract negotiations are currently underway. This Alternate Care Site would allow for large cohorts of new admissions to be brought in. Required physical modifications to the proposed site are being arranged, as well as technological requirements. Telehealth screenings of all individuals on the forensic waitlist for appropriateness for the Alternate Care Site are in progress.

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As the **forensic waitlist has continued to build at a stable pace**, letters updating the Forensic facility status and impacts to those on the waitlist have been sent to all referring parties. Communication continues between forensic staff and these parties regarding individual case questions or concerns. A status update was also sent to Judge Addy on 7/17/20.

Forensic evaluations continue through modified means. Utilizing newly established telehealth connections, supplemented by limited in-person evaluations, we have been able to safely meet the demand for evaluations and to be in compliance with statutory timelines.

HIGHTLIGTING HANDS OF OUR MEDICAL STAFF



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BPH Forensic Medical Staff