

AGENDA

Region I Planning & Policy Council
Tuesday, August 5th, 2025 – 10:00 AM EST
Frontier Health Gray, TN

- I. **Call to Order/Introductions/Attendance** – Melissa Birdwell, Chair / Gina Clark, Vice-Chair
 - a. Region I welcomes applications for council membership, especially from consumers or family members of consumers. Due to open meeting laws and record-keeping requirements, council membership is required to vote on council matters, such as minutes, needs assessments, or leadership elections. Each one of you here today can provide this council with valuable perspectives on mental health and substance use issues important to this region and we'd love to have you as a member of this council. Anyone who is interested in becoming a member of Region I or have questions or concerns about the process of becoming a member can contact, Brittany Baker, the Region I secretary.
 - b. This meeting is taking place via a hybrid option. With that being said:
 - i. Keep phone or zoom on mute except when speaking
 - ii. Keep information shared to a minimum for time purposes
 - iii. Remember, be sure and say your name and agency when giving a report, making a comment, or when voting.
 - iv. All votes must be verbal with yes, no, or abstain from voting members
- II. **Approval of May 2025 Minutes (Roll Call Vote)**
- III. **Old Business**
 - a. Reminder for member enrollment/applications continuing
 - b. Invite local legislators, service recipients, and/or family members of service recipients to future meetings
- IV. **New Business**
 - a. 2026 Needs Assessment (Plan to bring ideas to the November meeting, and then we will vote/begin work at the February 2026 meeting)
 - b. Guest Speaker: Linda McClure, APN, Regional Primary Care Director, CHS / Northeast TN Regional Health Office
 - c. Legislative Summary- Angela Jackson, TDMHSAS
- V. **Reports**
 - a. Adult Subcommittee- Vonda Wagner
 - b. C&Y Subcommittee- Melissa Birdwell
 - c. Legislative Subcommittee- Tim Perry
 - d. Managed Care Organizations (MCOs)
 - e. Inpatient Facilities

- f. Crisis Continuum
- g. Youth Villages
- h. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
- i. Community Justice
- j. Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth (TCCY)
- k. Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network (TSPN)
- l. Tennessee Mental Health Consumers' Association (TMHCA)
- m. Disability Rights
- n. Other Providers
- o. University Updates
- p. TDMHSAS Update- Angela Jackson

VI. Public Comment*/Adjournment

*Public Comment: The Regional Planning and Policy Council shall reserve a period for public comment to provide the public with the opportunity to comment on matters that are germane to the items on the agenda for the meeting. The Chair will recognize guests who wish to make public comment. Guests attending in-person, please make your intent to speak known and the Chair will recognize you. Guests attending virtually, shall make their intent to speak known by clicking the “raise your hand” icon located at the top of the screen and the Chair will recognize the individual.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 4th, 2025, 10:00 am-12:00 pm EST, Frontier Health Corporate Office