

A G E N D A

Region I Planning & Policy Council
Tuesday, November 4th, 2025 – 10:00 AM EST
Frontier Health Gray, TN

- I. Call to Order/Introductions – Melissa Birdwell, Chair / Gina Clark, Vice-Chair
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.
This meeting is taking place via a hybrid option. With that being said:
 - Keep phone or zoom on mute except when speaking
 - Keep information shared to a minimum for time purposes
 - Remember, be sure and say your name and agency when giving a report, making a comment, or when voting.
 - All votes must be verbal with yes, no, or abstain from voting members
- II. Approval of August 2025 Minutes (Roll Call Vote)
- III. Old Business
 - Invite local legislators, service recipients, and/or family members of service recipients to future meetings
 - Reminder for member enrollment / applications continuing
- IV. New Business
 - 2026 Needs Assessment: Open floor to discuss possible needs we might want to address next year keeping in mind that we can have up to 6 goals but must have an equal number of mental health and substance use related goals (Plan to vote at the February 2026 meeting)
- VI. Reports
 - Adult Subcommittee- Vonda Wagner
 - C&Y Subcommittee- Melissa Birdwell
 - Legislative Subcommittee- Tim Perry
 - Managed Care Organizations (MCOs)

- Inpatient Facilities
- Crisis Continuum
- Youth Villages
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
- Community Justice
- Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth (TCCY)
- Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network (TSPN)
- Tennessee Mental Health Consumers' Association (TMHCA)
- Disability Rights
- Other Providers
- University Updates
- TDMHSAS Update- Kirby Fye

VII. Public Comment*/Adjournment

VIII: Next Meeting

Tuesday February 3rd, 2026
 10:00 a.m. – 12:00pm EST
 Frontier Health Corporate Office
 1167 Spratlin Park Drive
 Gray, TN 37615

Region I meeting dates for 2026 are: 2/3, 5/12, 8/4, 11/10

*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.