

Tennessee Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services Planning and
Policy Council – Region IV

11.05.2025 Wednesday 11:00 am to 1:00 pm CST
TAADAS Nashville, TN

Chair: Morenike Murphy
Vice Chair: Tomill Newsom
Secretary: Stacey Yarbrough

11:00 – 11:15

Welcome and Introductions

Region IV 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 IV or has questions or concerns about the process of becoming a member can contact Stacey Yarbrough, the Region IV secretary.

11:15 – 11:20

Old Business

Approval of August minutes

11:20 – 12:00

2026 Needs Assessment Discussion

12:00 – 12:45

Quarterly Reports and Updates

12:00 – 12:15| **TDMHSAS Update** | Kirby Fye, TDMHSAS

12:15 – 12:30| **TennCare MCO Reports** | Wellpoint, UHCCP, & BlueCare/TCS

12:30 – 12:45 | **Committee Reports**

12:45 – 1:00

**Meeting Planning, Public Comment*, Member Announcements,
Adjournment**

*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 a public comment. Please make your intent to speak known, and the Chair will recognize you.

Quarterly Region IV meetings continue regularly on the first Wednesday in Feb., May, Aug., & Nov.
from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm unless otherwise stated. Membership is required via application.
Next meeting will be held on Feb. 4th, 2026 @ TAADAS 11am to 1pm