

**Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (TDMHSAS)  
Planning & Policy Council Meeting**

June 10, 2025

10:00 am – 12:00 pm CST

Middle Tennessee Mental Health Institute  
221 Stewarts Ferry Pike Nashville, TN 37214

**AGENDA:**

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| 10:00 am – 10:15 am | <b>Welcome/Introductions</b> – Rikki Harris, TDMHSAS Planning & Policy Council Chair<br><b>Approval of Minutes</b> from Statewide Meeting held on February 11, 2025   |
| 10:15 am – 10:45 am | <b>TDMHSAS Update</b> – Commissioner Marie Williams, LCSW   |
| 10:45 am - 11:15 am | <b>Reports</b><br>Regional Council Reports I-VII – Chairs<br>Adult Committee – Candace Allen, Chair<br>Children’s Committee- Mary Katsikas, Chair<br>Consumer Advisory Board (CAB) – Dianne Sherrod, Chair<br>Legislative Committee- Debbie Hillin, Chair<br>Executive Committee- Rikki Harris, Chair<br>Planning and Budget Committee- Debbie Hillin, Vice-Chair |
| 11:15 am - 11:25 am | <b>TDMHSAS Media Campaigns</b><br>Matthew Parriott, Director, Office of Communications<br>TDMHSAS   |
| 11:25 am - 11:40 am | <b>Division of Hospital Services- General Updates</b><br>Melissa Sparks, RN, MSN, Deputy Chief of Hospital Operations<br>TDMHSAS- Division of Hospital Services   |
| 11:40 am – 11:55 am | <b>Knox County’s (Emergency Psychiatric Assessment, Treatment, and Healing) EmPATH Unit</b><br>Candace Allen, MS, Clinical Vice-President<br>McNabb Center  |
| 11:55am-12:00pm     | <b>Public Comment*/Wrap up/ Adjourn</b>   |

\*The Statewide 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 comments. Please make your intent to speak known and the Chair will recognize you.

**REMINDERS**

The next scheduled TDMHSAS Planning and Policy Council meeting is Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 10:00am CST.

More information about TDMHSAS Planning & Policy Council meetings can be located at:  
<https://www.tn.gov/behavioral-health/planning1/council-overview/statewide-committee-meeting-schedule.html>

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