

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

December 9, 2025

10:00 am – 12:00 pm CST

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

AGENDA:

- 10:00 am – 10:15 am **Welcome/Introductions** – Paul Fuchcar, TDMHSAS Planning & Policy Council Chair
Approval of Minutes from Statewide Meeting held on August 12, 2025
Approval of 2026 Meeting Calendar
- 10:15 am – 10:45 am **TDMHSAS Update** – Commissioner Marie Williams, LCSW
- 10:45 am - 11:15 am **Reports**
Regional Council Reports I-VII – Chairs
Adult Committee – Candace Allen, Chair
Children’s Committee- Mary Katsikas, Chair
Consumer Advisory Board (CAB) – Amy Coleman, Chair
Planning and Budget Committee- Ben Harrington, Chair
- 11:15 am - 11:35 am **Needs Assessment Department Update**
Sejal West, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Mental Health Services (DMHS)
Taryn Sloss, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Substance Abuse Services (DSAS)
Beth Goodner, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Children and Youth Mental Health Services (DCYMHS)
TDMHSAS
- 11:35 am - 11:55 am **Sources of Strength**
Kearee Jackson, Greater Nashville Regional Director
Anna Sever, Executive Director
Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network (TSPN)
- 11:55am-12:00pm **Public Comment*/Wrap up/ Adjourn**
- 12:00pm-1:00pm **Lunch and Networking**

*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, February 10, 2026 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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