

## TDMHSAS REGION III PLANNING AND POLICY COUNCIL

January 15, 2026

10 a.m. EST/9 a.m. CST

### AGENDA

1. Call to Order:

\*Region 3 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 interested in becoming a member of Region 3 or with questions or concerns about the membership process can contact Jules Armstrong, the Region 3 secretary.

2. Review and Approval of October Minutes (Roll Call Vote)

3. TDMHSAS Report by Kirby Fye

4. Report from the Statewide Planning and Policy Council

5. Presentation: Kate Parsons, Southeast Tennessee Faith-Based Coordinator, Hamilton County Coalition

6. 2026 Needs Assessment:

- a. Overview of the Needs Assessment process
- b. Schedule of subcommittee meetings
- c. Encouraging new membership

7. Sub-Committee Reports

- a. Adult Subcommittee- Trish Cunningham
- b. C&A Subcommittee- Melanie Berg
- c. Legislative Subcommittee – Eddie Grant
- d. TDMHSAS Consumer Advisory Board (CAB) - VACANT
- e. Consumer update/questions

8. Provider Announcements

- a. Hospitals
- b. Community Mental Health Providers (CMHPs)
- c. Community Partners
- d. TennCare
- e. Public Comment\*

9. Next Meeting: April 16, 2026, at 10:00 EST/9:00 CST at the AIM Center, 472 W. MLK Blvd, Chattanooga, TN 37402. The meeting is in-person, with a virtual attendance option available.

10. 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 a public comment. Guests attending in person, please indicate your intention to speak, 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.