



## Mississippi Department of Mental Health

### Provider Bulletin

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**Subject: Changes in DMH Workforce Development Responsibilities**

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### Scope

All DMH Certified Providers

### Purpose

To inform all DMH Certified Providers of recent changes in the Department of Mental Health workforce development responsibilities including the Relias Management Learning Systems and continuing education services.

### Subject

The Mississippi Department of Mental Health recently transitioned workforce development responsibilities when Michael Jordan, DMH Director of Workforce Development, began working for the Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Services. While DMH will continue to encourage educational and professional development opportunities for staff to support the growth of a high performance workforce, we will not be filling the role of Director of Workforce Development. Instead those responsibilities will be transitioned to other people at Central Office.

Ina Jordan at DMH Central Office is the new contact person for the Relias Management Learning System (online learning). If you are interested in obtaining a current list of your participants registered in the DMH Relias system, please contact Ms. Jordan. The list will provide you with an opportunity to add or delete participants. You can contact Ms. Jordan at 601-359-6266 or [ina.jordan@dmh.ms.gov](mailto:ina.jordan@dmh.ms.gov).

Effective January 1, 2017, DMH will no longer continue to provide continuing education services for submission or approval of continuing education credit for disciplines/professions outside of the DMH credentials issued by our Division of Professional Licensure and Certification (PLACE).

In the interim, if you have already submitted a conference/workshop and received approval for the event through the Division of Professional Development, we will continue to work with you until completion of the event.

Additionally, we will be working with the PLACE Board to redesign the processes for the approval and issuing of continuing education hours for the DMH credentials. Our goal is to make this process user-friendly while maintaining the integrity of both the continuing education opportunities and the DMH credentials. Please continue to submit requests for the approval of continuing education credit as you have done in the past until you receive further guidance on the new processes. Those requests should be submitted electronically to Kris Jones at [kris.jones@dmh.ms.gov](mailto:kris.jones@dmh.ms.gov).

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