

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH
HUDSPETH REGIONAL CENTER
WHITFIELD, MISSISSIPPI
THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2022**

The Mississippi State Board of Mental Health held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at Hudspeth Regional Center in Whitfield, Mississippi.

In Attendance:

Board Members: James Herzog, Ph.D.; Sampat Shivangi, M.D.; Teresa Mosely, M.Ed.; Mr. Robert Landrum; Sara Gleason, M.D.; and Alyssa Killebrew, Ph.D.

Absent: Mr. Stewart Rutledge; Manda Griffin, DNP; and Mr. Courtney Phillips

Guests: Ann Fisher, Executive Director, Harbor House

Department of Mental Health Executive Staff: Wendy Bailey, Executive Director; Jake Hutchins, Deputy Executive Director Behavioral Health Services; Craig Kittrell, Deputy Executive Director IDD Services; Katie Storr, Chief of Staff; Kelly Breland, Chief Financial Officer; Toni Johnson, Director, Bureau of Human Resources; Dr. Kristin Merritte, Chief Clinical Officer, IDD Services; Brent Hurley, Director, Bureau of Behavioral Health Services; Stephanie Foster, Director, Bureau of Certification and Quality Outcomes; Cyndi Eubank and McCall Chastain, Attorneys

Central Office Staff: Grenaye Sullivan, Recording Secretary; Adam Moore, Office of Communication and Planning; and Betty Pinion, Bureau of IDD Services

Program Directors: Rinsey McSwain, Ellisville State School; Cindy Cooley, South Mississippi Regional Center; Dr. Paul Callens, North Mississippi State Hospital; Sabrina Young, South Mississippi State Hospital; Dr. Edie Hayles, North Mississippi Regional Center; Jerrie Barnes, Hudspeth Regional Center; James Chastain, Mississippi State Hospital; Shannon Bush, Specialized Treatment Facility; Jamie Prine, Mississippi Adolescent Center; and Clint Ashley, Boswell Regional Center

Other DMH Program Staff: Dr. Duncan Stone and Dr. Tom Recore, Mississippi State Hospital

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Dr. James Herzog. Dr. Herzog asked everyone to stand while Timela Bell opened the meeting with the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Herzog asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda.

On motion of Dr. Killebrew and second by Dr. Shivangi, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

Dr. Herzog then asked if there were any changes or additions to the March 2022 minutes.

On motion of Dr. Killebrew and second by Dr. Shivangi, the Board voted unanimously to approve the March 2022, minutes as presented.

Kelly Breland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Consolidated Financial Summary for the Nine Months Ended (FY22). After discussion, Dr. Shivangi

asked Mr. Breland to share information on the average salary for DMH employees at the May meeting.

Mr. Breland provided an overview of the Federal (DHHS) FY22 grant description, amount and purpose. Mr. Breland also provided an overview of the DMH Federal Grant Listing FY22 (CARES and ARPA Related) funds. The majority of these funds are distributed to community providers through subrecipient grants.

Mr. Breland presented for Board action, the "Request for Board Approval of Contracts" non-state retirees, \$50,000 or more annually and Contracts, state retirees, \$20,000 or more annually.

Contracts, non-state retirees, \$50,000 or more annually					
South Mississippi Regional Center					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
Precision Healthcare Staffing, LLC	4/01/22	3/31/27	\$500,000	\$100,000	Contractor will provide professional hospital sitter services at a rate of \$22/hour and \$28/Covid Positive Rate.
Taylor Made Lawn Care, Inc.	7/01/22	6/30/24	\$132,120	\$66,060	Contractor will provide lawn care services for Long Beach main campus at a rate of \$5,505/month.
Johnette Salinas, Dietician	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$55,800	\$46.50/hr.	Contractor will provide initial and annual nutritional assessments for individuals served.
Sun Coast Investments, LLC	7/01/22	6/30/27	\$402,000	\$80,400	Contract to provide physician services at Long Beach campus at a flat rate of \$5,500/month for on call and 8 hours of scheduled services; Poplarville community homes at a flat rate of \$1,200/month for on call and 8 hours of weekly scheduled services.
Steven Schepens Medical LLC, MD	7/01/22	6/30/27	\$312,000	\$62,400	Contractor will provide physician services to Biloxi and Gautier community homes at a flat rate of \$2,000/month for on call and 8 hours weekly scheduled services; Wiggins community home at a flat rate of

					\$1,200/month for on call and 8 hours of weekly scheduled services.
Ellisville State School					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
Redd Pest Solutions	7/01/22	6/30/27	\$1,75,440	\$35,088	Contractor will provide pest control services for ESS and SMRC main campuses and all affiliated community homes at a rate of \$2,924/month.
Cleanearth, Inc.	7/01/22	6/30/27	\$174,720	\$34,944	Contractor will provide medical waste pick up and disposal services for ESS and SMRC at a rate of \$16/container for approximately 30 containers/week at ESS and 12 containers/week at SMRC.
Outdoor Services, LLC	7/01/22	6/30/24	\$72,520	Varies	Contractor will provide lawn care services for community homes of ESS: \$304/service at Prentiss; \$325/service at Sumrall; \$304/service at Lumberton; \$300/service at Richton; \$260/service at Ellisville; & \$320/service at Waynesboro.
Mary Harper	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$72,771	\$65/hour	Contractor will provide consultant pharmacist services.
Catherine Reich	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$64,913	\$65/hour & \$50/hour travel	Contractor will provide physical therapy services at a rate of \$65/hour at 15 hours/week and \$50/hour for 16 hours of travel/month.
Jill Williamson,	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$55,800	\$90,000	Contractor will provide dietetic evaluations and

Dietetic Evaluations					work with OT to foster eating skills.
East Mississippi State Hospital					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
Horne LLP	5/01/22	4/30/23	\$90,000	\$90,000	Contractor will provide business advisory services, analysis of bank reconciliations, payroll proves, salary analysis and contract employees analysis.
Boswell Regional Center					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
Safari Barnes, LPN	4/01/22	6/30/22	\$69,561	\$35/hour	Contractor will provide LPN services. Original amount of contract was \$45,760.76 and \$23,800 was added for the remainder of the FY22.
Mississippi State Hospital					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
Cindy Tuberville dba Ajax Industrial Cleaning, LLC	5/27/22	5/26/26	\$3,355,200	\$838,800	Contractor will provide housekeeping services at a rate of \$69,900/month.
Wheeler's Janitorial Supplies and Equipment, Inc.	5/27/22	5/26/26	\$3,503,808	\$675,952	Contractor will provide housekeeping services at a rate of \$72,996/month.
Donna Schaferkotter, MLS	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$68,640	\$68,640	Contractor will provide medical lab scientists services at a rate of \$30/hr.
Katherine Keenan, MLS	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$68,640	\$68,640	Contractor will provide medical lab scientist, specimens, quality control and lab processes services at a rate of \$30/hr.
Jeffifer Diez, MLS	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$54,340	\$54,340	Contractor will provide co Lab Director and medical lab scientist services at a rate of \$38/hour.
Melba Ann Morris, RHIT	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$67,754	\$31,432.50	Contractor will provide revenue/billing, compliance and CDI subject matter

					expertise.
John Caleb Green, MD	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$257,400	\$64,350	Contractor will provide medical officer of duty services at a rate of \$75/hour.
Ashley Villarreal, MD	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$257,400	\$64,350	Contractor will provide medical officer on duty services at a rate of \$75/hour.
Derrick Edwards, MD	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$514,800	\$128,700	Contractor will provide medical officer on duty services at a rate of \$75/hour.
Samuel Metcalf, MD	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$429,000	\$107,250	Contractor will provide medical officer on duty services at a rate of \$75/hour.
Ardarian Gilliam, MD	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$343,200	\$85,800	Contractor will provide medical officer on duty services at a rate of \$75/hour.
Hudspeth Regional Center					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
Billy Smith, Licensed Plumber Contractor	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$70,320	\$70,320	Contractor will serve as licensed plumber in Maintenance at a rate of \$29/hour.
Dr. Jo Harbour, MD	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$168,000	\$168,000	Contractor will provide physician services to individuals at HRC at a rate of \$150/hour.
Dr. Gray Hillsman, Psychiatrist	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$58,000	\$58,000	Contractor will provide psychiatric consult services for HRC at a rate of \$150/hour.
Claudia White, Physical Therapist	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$86,000	\$86,000	Contractor will serve as Director of PT Department at a rate of \$65/hour.
Specialized Treatment Facility					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
Service Master	5/01/22	12/31/22	\$52,480	\$52,480	Contractor will provide janitorial services in all facility buildings at a rate of \$6560/month.

Central Office					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
TBD	5/02/22	5/01/23	\$65,228	\$65,228	Contractor will provide outreach and awareness campaign for the Navigate project.
Contracts, state retirees, \$20,000 or more annually					
Mississippi State Hospital					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description of Services
Adlene Durham, LPN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$33,020	\$33,020	Retiree will provide LPN services at a rate of \$25/hour.
Gwendolyn Nicks Lyle, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$48,870	\$48,869	Retiree will provide RN services at a rate of \$37/hour.
Phillip Cothorn, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$48,870	\$48,869	Retiree will provide RN services at a rate of \$37/hour.
Eula Kathy Greer, Librarian	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$33,020	\$33,020	Retiree will serve as school and medical staff librarian.
Pamela Magee, MLS	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$39,624	\$39,624	Retiree will provide medical lab scientist services, specimens, quality control and lab processes at a rate of \$30/hour.
Joe Thornton, MLS	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$50,190	\$50,190	Retiree will serve as Co Lab Director and medical lab scientist at a rate of \$38/hour.
Ellisville State School					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description of Services
May Rose Darby, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$41,616	\$41,616	Retiree will provide RN services at a rate of \$40/hour.
Dorene Cancel	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$55,822	\$55,822	Retiree will provide dietetic evaluations and treatment at a rate of \$46.50/hour.
Hudspeth Regional Center					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description of Services
Janice Fitten	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$25,000	\$25,000	Retiree will serve as a licensed purchasing agent at a rate of \$30/hour.
Seno Cleggett, Psychologist	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$22,500	\$22,500	Retiree will serve as a psychologist and provide psychology

					services at a rate of \$30/hour.
Suzie Rosser, Audiologist	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$32,500	\$32,500	Retiree will serve as Audiologist and compete assessments at a rate of \$53/hour.
Debra Lovell, Psychometrist	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$28,600	\$28,600	Retiree will provide testing services for the Diagnostic and Evaluation Department at a rate of \$40/hour.
Brenda Patterson, Psychometrist	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$28,600	\$28,600	Retiree will provide testing services for the Diagnostic and Evaluation Department at a rate of \$40/hour.
Central Office					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description of Services
Aurora Baugh	5/01/22	6/30/23	\$27,605	\$27,605	Retiree will provide Peer Bridger Education at a rate of \$20/hour.

On motion of Dr. Killebrew and second by Mr. Landrum the Board voted unanimously to approve the "Request for Board Approval of Contracts" non-state retirees, \$50,000 or more annually and contracts, state-retirees, \$20,000 or more annually.

Wendy Bailey, Executive Director, provided a COVID-19 update. She reported that as of April 15, 2022, there were five active cases (3 staff and 2 clients combined) at the DMH Programs. Ms. Bailey reported that currently 86% of staff at DMH Programs have had at least one COVID vaccination shot, while 85% are fully vaccinated. These percentages include all staff that fall under the vaccine mandate. As of April 15, 32 had received medical exemptions while 773 had received religious exemptions. She reported that in total, 1% of DMH program staff were out of compliance (not fully vaccinated and no exemption granted) with the mandate. Ms. Bailey provided an update on SB 2865 ARPA funding. She provided a copy of the PowerPoint and a breakdown of the ARPA proposal that was provided to the Legislature.

Ms. Bailey provided a Legislative Update. She reported that the Mississippi Legislature side die on April 5, 2022. Ms. Bailey provided an update on SB 3027, DMH's FY23 appropriations bill; SB 3062, ARPA funding related to capital projects at state agencies which includes \$40 million for DMH programs; and HB 1353, which includes \$7.75 million in funding for projects at DMH programs. She also highlighted SB 3045, DFA's FY23 appropriation bill which includes approximately \$1.8 million for the CHOICE housing program, and SB 2899, which prohibits insurance companies from denying participation to CMHCs or agencies CMHCs have contracted with based on DMH certification. She reported that while many bills are still awaiting the governor's signature, he has until late April to sign them.

Ms. Bailey reported that three members of the Board of Mental Health were confirmed by the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee on Thursday, March 24 and Friday, March 25. Dr. Sara Gleason of Jackson was confirmed for

her first term on the board, while Robert Landrum of Ellisville and Teresa Mosley of Clinton were re-confirmed for new seven-year terms. She reported that Dr. Gleason represents the psychiatrist category, Mr. Landrum represents the Fifth Congressional District, and Mrs. Mosley represents the Fourth Congressional District.

Ms. Bailey reported that HB 732 has been signed by the Governor. She reported 988 will be launching nationally on July 16 which will be the three-number call system for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and will serve as a behavioral health crisis line. She reported that Chairman Sam Mims and Rep. Kevin Felsher introduced legislation this year in support of 988, along with Chairman Briggs Hopson and Chairman John Polk who supported funding 988 implementation and continuation in the ARPA legislation for mental health. Ms. Bailey reported that enhancing the state's crisis system and implementing 988 will help bring hope to hundreds of thousands of our citizens and further our mission for people to be served in their local communities. She reported that mental health providers, advocates, and others met in the Mississippi State Capitol on Monday, March 21 to celebrate the passage of House Bill 732. The bill, sponsored by Mississippi State Representative Kevin Felsher of Harrison County, provides legislative intent for the 988-suicide prevention and crisis lifeline system. Those who gathered are members of the 988 Planning Coalition that has prepared for the implementation of this lifeline for more than a year. Since early 2021, the DMH has participated in the 988 Planning Coalition with mental health providers and advocates, crisis line operators, law enforcement, and others to prepare for infrastructure needs, training, staff education and more.

Ms. Bailey reported that Dr. Killebrew approached her about providing outreach to connect people to resources as they are leaving the correctional system and re-entering the community. She provided a resource guide that has been developed and will be shared with the Department of Corrections.

Ms. Bailey reported that DMH celebrated March as IDD Awareness Month with outreach through social media, newsletters, a proclamation from Governor Reeves and more.

Ms. Bailey reported that Campus Police Officer, Christopher Barron, was granted constable pay (5%) at Boswell Regional Center effective April 12, 2022.

Ms. Bailey then shared copies of the most recent news articles. The articles included:

1. Mental health program launched in Hinds County congregations
2. House Bill 732 signed by governor: 988 Suicide Prevention and Crisis Lifeline System
3. Contact Helpline fields 10K calls in 2021
4. Mississippi Legislature allocates \$1.5 billion in ARPA coronavirus state fiscal recovery funds
5. Report on mental health system shows disconnects

Ms. Bailey reported the May 2022 Board of Mental Health meeting will be held at the Department of Mental Health on May 19, 2022.

Adam Moore, Director, Office of Communication and Planning, presented the Strategic Plan FY22 3rd Quarter Highlights Flyer. The flyer highlights in March 2022, DMH participated in a Mississippi Public Health Workforce Summit hosted by the Mississippi Public Health Institute and the Mississippi Public Health Association. The flyer also highlights the launch of the Congregational Recovery Outreach Project in Hinds County on March 2, 2022. He reported that this project will improve mental health literacy through awareness and prevention efforts to educate Mississippi churches on suicide prevention and mental health.

Jake Hutchins, Deputy Executive Director, Behavioral Health Services, presented the Monthly Survey Reports for Mississippi State Hospital, North Mississippi State Hospital, and South Mississippi State Hospital. There were no significant findings during these surveys.

Mr. Hutchins presented the Mississippi State Hospital Emergency Amendment to the food service contract. He reported that MSH completed a successful procurement for food services and entered into an agreement with the vendor Cura in October 2020. He reported that Cura had no way of knowing the dramatic and lasting impacts the pandemic would have on services it provides. Since that time census levels and economic conditions have changed dramatically due to COVID. Because of these COVID driven changes, the parties are no longer able to operate under the original terms of the RFP and are seeking an Emergency Amendment to the contract. Mississippi State Hospital has been able to identify terms that would be agreeable for Cura to operate under. The vendor has an adequate workforce to fulfill the services required and owns adequate fleet to ensure the system of delivery on campus will continue.

Dr. Tom Recore, State Director of Forensic Services, provided a comprehensive overview of Forensic Mental Health Services in Mississippi including a total on the waitlist, inpatient wait list, Pretrial Competence Restoration Treatment, and Forensic Continued Treatment Services.

Craig Kittrell, Deputy Executive Director, IDD Services presented the Monthly Survey Report for Ellisville State School, Hudspeth Regional Center, North Mississippi Regional Center, and South Mississippi Regional Center. There were no significant findings during these surveys.

Mr. Kittrell, Betty Pinion, and Dr. Kristin Merritte, presented an overview of IDD Community Services. Mr. Kittrell provided an update on the State Operated Program census and staffing. Ms. Pinion provided an update on the ID/DD Waiver program and the 1915i Community Support Program. Dr. Merritte provided an overview of the SELECT Grant (Successful Education Leadership Empowerment to Community Transition) and future planning for IDD crisis and dual diagnosed individuals.

Patient Care Subcommittee Report:

Dr. Duncan Stone reported that the Patient Care Subcommittee met prior to the Board meeting. The Patient Care Subcommittee recommended the following medical reappointments/initial appointments:

Mississippi State Hospital

Thomas Recore, MD – Reappointment (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2024)
Steven Shoop, DO – Reappointment (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2024)
Samuel Metcalf, MD – Initial Appointment (April 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023)

North Mississippi State Hospital

Charles K. Lippincott, MD – Initial Appointment (March 6, 2022 – June 30, 2023)
Brian Doyal Maher, MD – Initial Appointment (April 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023)

On a motion by Dr. Shivangi and a second by Dr. Gleason, the Board voted unanimously to approve the reappointments/initial appointments.

With no further business, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn this meeting.


CHAIRMAN


EXECUTIVE SECRETARY