

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2021**

The Mississippi State Board of Mental Health held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, August 19, 2021, at the Department of Mental Health in Jackson, Mississippi.

In Attendance:

Board Members: James Herzog, Ph.D.; Sampat Shivangi, M.D.; Manda Griffin, Ph.D.; Courtney Phillips; and Mr. Stewart Rutledge

Department of Mental Health Executive Staff: Wendy Bailey, Executive Director; Jake Hutchins, Deputy Executive Director Community Operations; Craig Kittrell, Deputy Executive Director State Operated Programs; Kelly Breland, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Mallory Malkin, Chief Clinical Officer for Bureau of Community Mental Health Services; Dr. Kristin Merritte, Chief Clinical Officer for Community IDD Services; Toni Johnson, Director, Bureau of Human Resources; Stephanie Foster, Director, Bureau of Certification and Quality Outcomes; Cyndi Eubank, Office of General Counsel; McCall Chastain, Attorney General's Office; and Dr. Robert Maddux, DMH Medical Director

Central Office Staff: Grenaye Sullivan, Recording Secretary; and Adam Moore, Office of Communication and Planning

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

DMH Program Assistant Directors: Donna Creekmere, East Mississippi State Hospital; Dr. Kenneth O'Neal, Ellisville State School

Other DMH Program Staff; Dr. Duncan Stone, Dr. Tom Recore and Dr. Joe Griebler, Mississippi State Hospital; Andy Tucker and Misty Barrett, South 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 Craig Kittrell 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. Shivangi and second by Dr. Killebrew, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

Dr. Herzog then asked if there were any changes or additions to the July 2021 minutes.

On motion of Dr. Shivangi and second by Dr. Killebrew, the Board voted unanimously to approve the July 2021 minutes as presented.

Kelly Breland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Consolidated Financial Summary for the Thirteen Months Ended July 31, 2021 (FY21) and Financial Summary Report for the Month Ended July 31, 2021 (FY22).

Mr. Breland presented for Board action, the "Request for Board Approval of Contracts" non-state retirees, \$50,000 or more annually and 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
Reginald Lawrence, RN	8/20/21	6/30/22	\$51,301	\$37/hr.	Contractor will provide nursing services for persons served by the agency.
Johnette Salinas, RD	7/01/21	6/30/22	\$55,800	\$46.50/hr.	Contract approved in June for services at ESS, but now will serve at SMRC.
Mississippi State Hospital					
Mississippi Elevator, LLC	7/01/21	6/30/22	\$56,400	\$4700/month	Contractor will provide maintenance service agreement to comply with law inspections.
Central Office					
National Association of State MH Program Directors Research Institute, INC (NRI)	8/01/21	6/30/22	\$60,625	N/A	Contractor will design, conduct and evaluate stakeholder feedback to inform future iterations of Mississippi's strategic plan.
Contracts, state retirees, \$20,000 or more annually					
Central Mississippi Residential Center					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
Angela Marshon Mars	9/1/21	8/31/22	\$32,513	\$25/hr.	Retiree will provide Behavioral Health Specialist services to CMRC.

On motion of Dr. Shivangi and second by Mr. Phillips 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 August 18, there were 94 active cases among staff at the twelve program locations across the state and 41 active cases among patients/clients/residents. Ms. Bailey reported that for the state hospitals, vaccination rate for staff is an average of 62%; 82% at Central Office; and 42% at IDD programs. For residents/patients/clients, rate is 82% at nursing homes; 33% at state hospitals, and 82% at IDD programs. Ms. Bailey reported that DMH received notification of \$379,927 SAMSHA grant for COVID testing and mitigation resources. This grant will be utilized for rapid testing for CSUs and primary residential treatment facilities in the community. She reported that the proposal for how the funds will be spent is due October 1 to SAMHSA.

Ms. Bailey reported that Mr. Hutchins will be providing information about utilization of the first round of SABG COVID supplemental funding later on the agenda.

Ms. Bailey reported that she has had several different meetings with legislators during the last month. She reported that Mr. Hutchins, Mr. Breland, Ms. Eubank and she met with Rep. Kevin Felsher and Sen. Scott Delano and presented to the Harrison County Board of Supervisors on July 20 to discuss possible solutions and how DMH wants to partner with Region 12 to improve the services on the coast. She reported that she also met with Rep. Young and Dr. Carlisle on July 29 to discuss plans for a possible Drop-In Center in Meridian. Ms. Bailey reported that she had a very productive meeting with Rep. Becky Currie on August 4; Sen. Hob Bryan on August 6; Sen. Solie Norwood on August 9 and August 12 to tour the Drop-In Center in Jackson and a roundtable discussion at the Capitol regarding services available in Hinds County; Justice Dawn Beam on August 11; Sen. Jordan on August 11 to present at the Voter's League in Greenwood; and Sen. Boyd on August 18. Ms. Bailey reported that LBO toured MSH and HRC on August 12. She reported that she has upcoming meetings scheduled in September and October with state leaders to discuss accomplishments from FY21 and plans for FY22 and FY23.

Ms. Bailey reported that there are several conference opportunities in the near future including: 7th annual Autism Conference, Creating Your Own Path: Successful Transitions for Persons with Autism, a virtual conference on Thursday, September 9, 2021; Mississippi Trauma-Informed Care Conference, a virtual conference on September 22 – 24; and the 5th Annual Suicide Prevention Symposium, a virtual conference on September 28 at no cost to registrants.

Ms. Bailey reported that HIV/AIDS is still a problem in Mississippi, 19.2 out of every 100,000 adults and adolescents were diagnosed with HIV in 2018. Young adults 20-29 are the leading age group for newly diagnosed cases. She reported that DMH has partnered with the MS Department of Health to launch "Put Your Foot Down, Mississippi" a campaign asking Mississippians to take steps toward ending the misconceptions surrounding HIV/AIDS by educating themselves, getting tested in order to know their status, protecting themselves proactively against HIV, and doing their part to stop the spread. DMH also provides federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant funding to the MSDH Office of STD/HIV to provide HIV testing in substance use treatment programs. Through this partnership, MSDH and DMH hope to increase public awareness of rapid HIV testing, including where to locate and how to access needed services, such as those available through county health departments.

Ms. Bailey reported that she included in the packet the first report she has received by Mr. Bill Rosamond, Office of the Coordinator of Mental Health Accessibility. The report is the Quarterly Financial Report for April 1 – June 30, 2021. It includes a breakdown of CMHC funding including Medicaid, grants, self-pay, etc. The report also includes a financial analysis by CMHC region. Dr. Herzog asked Ms. Bailey if she has had any contact with Mr. Rosamond. Ms. Bailey responded that she has not spoken to Mr. Rosamond since the report came out but she did speak with him several times prior to that.

Ms. Bailey reported that Campus Police Officer, Walter Riddick, was granted constable pay (5%) at South Mississippi State Hospital effective April 16, 2021.

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

1. I Got U reaches students in new ways
2. USM/Medicaid partnership trains providers on Person-Centered Practices

3. Governor Tate Reeves speaks at the 1021 Neshoba County Fair
4. What will solve Harrison County's 'biggest crisis'? Local, state officials look for a fix
5. Judge: Montior to oversee Mississippi mental health system
6. Federal Judge to appoint monitor to review Mississippi's mental health care system

Ms. Bailey reported that the September 2021 Board of Mental Health meeting will be a virtual meeting held at DMH on September 16.

Dr. Herzog provided a copy of the resolution the Board adopted recognizing the accomplishments of Dr. John Montgomery. Dr. Herzog reported the the Board is extremely grateful and appreciative of all Dr. Montgomery's efforts. He reported that the Board wishes him well in his future endeavors. Dr. Montgomery stated that he appreciates Dr. Herzog's comments and hates that the Board could not be together in person due to the pandemic. He reported that if there is every anything the Board needs, please do not hesitate to call on him. Resolution is attached.

Mr. Hutchins reported that DMH has received approval from SAMHSA on the proposal for the first round of COVID SABG supplemental funding. He reported that the plan includes: 5% set aside for HIV; 5% set aside for administration; and 20% set aside for prevention. Infrastructure and maintenance will provide: purchase of personal protective equipment; COVID-19 testing kits; WITS enhancements for data collection; and data analysts for providers. The proposal also includes the development of a Recovery Congregational Outreach Program to target the African American population and a Hinds County Pilot Program to collaborate with faith-based organizations. The plan includes a pilot program supporting the continual training, evaluation, and certification needs of the Certified Peer Recovery Support project and an opportunity to implement a Recovery Coach pilot program. He reported that this funding will be utilized to increase prevention efforts, treatment and recovery services due to an increase in overdoses of prescription drug, opioids and other illicit drugs, as well as address the increased level of depression, anxiety, trauma, and grief in Mississippians statewide. He reported that thousands of Mississippians have been severely impacted by the coronavirus epidemic and are lacking access to SUD treatment/services. Mr. Hutchins reported that with this funding, Mississippi can continue to address gaps and needs and increase access to services mentioned.

Adam Moore, Director, Division of Communications and Planning, presented the Strategic Plan 4th Quarter Highlights Flyer. He reported that the flyer highlights the Discharge/Transition meetings with CMHCs and DMH programs around the state. He reported that during the months of June and July, representatives with DMH held a series of meetings with state hospital and CMHC staff to discuss the discharge and transition planning. The flyer also highlights DMH establishes coalition for 988 dialing code for National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Mr. Moore reported that in July 2022, 988 will become the national three-digit dialing code for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, replacing the current phone number. He reported that this nationwide transition has been made possible by the federal legislation that authorized 988 as the three-digit dialing code for the National Suivide Prevention Lifeling. The legislation passed in October 2020, and 988 is planed to become operational in July 2022.

Craig Kittrell, Deputy Executive Director, State Operated Programs, presented the Executive Summary for FY 2021 – 2022 year for approval. This summary includes the Professional Development Plan, the Five-Year Plan (Strategic Plan), Nonpublic School Accreditation Application and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA) Grant Application. He reported that the Professional Development Plans are being submitted from North Mississippi

Regional Center, Hudspeth Regional Center, Ellisville State School, Mississippi Adolescent Center, and Specialized Treatment Facility. The plan includes the mission statement, program goals and objectives, priority needs, program strategies, administrative support strategies, management system, and staff reward system for each school. The Five-Year Plan (Strategic Plan) is a requirement of the Nonpublic School Accreditation standards. All schools are required annually to review its plan and to provide a report of progress/education improvements that have occurred during the past school year to the Board of Mental Health. The Annual Nonpublic School Accreditation Applications must be completed and approved for Hudspeth Regional Center, North Mississippi Regional Center, Ellisville State School, and Specialized Treatment Facility. Each facility has completed a Compliance Questionnaire and has evaluated their school using the Mississippi Nonpublic School Accountability Standards.

On motion of Dr. Shivangi and second by Dr. Killebrew the Board voted unanimously to approve the Executive Summary for FY 2021 – 2022.

Mr. Kittrell presented the Monthly Survey Reports for Mississippi State Hospital and Specialized Treatment Facility.

Clint Ashley, Director, Boswell Regional Center, presented the Boswell Regional Center Review. He gave a brief overview of ICF services and a comparison of number of people served 2011 vs 2021. He reported that since FY16, 84 people have been transferred from campus: 35 from campus to ICF community home; 44 from campus to community waiver and; five from campus to home with waiver. Mr. Ashley reported that in 2011, the census for the Community Waiver was 43 vs 175 in 2021. BRC operates four female and four male crisis beds on the main campus and operates the SUCCESS Homes. This program provides four female beds and four male beds for individual in crisis situations. He reported that since 2016, there have been 209 crisis support admissions and since 2014, 146 SUCCESS admissions. Mr. Ashley provided an overview of human resources, capital construction projects, and a public relations update.

James Chastain, Director, Mississippi State Hospital, reported that Mississippi State Hospital's 32nd Annual Serendipity art show and silent auction is online and bidding is currently open and runs through September 2.

Mr. Chastain reported that much effort has been made by staff in recent months to make improvements in the services the staff are providing at the substance use disorder treatment program.

Dr. Tom Recore, SUS Service Chief, provided an update of the changes and the future of substance use services at MSH. He reported that MSH is currently offering 20 inpatient beds for women and 15 inpatient beds for men and hope to increase this number. The decrease in available beds is due to COVID and staffing challenges. Dr. Recore reported that substance use services is offering detoxification, individual therapy, group and ward milieu. These services are offered to Chancery Court to commit individuals who are in need of care for substance use disorders and sometimes, individuals are referred for commitment from Circuit Courts through chancery court. He reported that some of the challenges with substance use disorders is setting a proper balance of compassion and boundaries, being the ICU of inpatient substance use care in Mississippi, making the treatment offered both best-practice and appropriate for the ward milieu, needs assessments and collaboration with the criminal justice system, and inherent value and diversity of the patients. Dr. Recore reported that part of the challenge in the last year has been to create a culture on substance use services.

Dr. Joe Griebler, Director, MSH's Behavioral Health Services, reported that BHS created an Evidence Based Practice Committee to create a process focusing on improving quality and improvement in best practices. He reported the Evidence Based Practice Committee assists in programmatic/systemic overhauls, including specialized groups and population targeting. Dr. Griebler reported the data collection includes interviews, staff/patient questionnaires, focus group discussions, observations and literature reviews. He reported trainings were provided across the entire service for all employees including trauma informed care and addiction. He reported that clinical trainings have also been provided such as treatment planning, DBT, parenting, and how to teach spirituality. He reported some of the group and classes include DBT/12-step, parenting, spirituality, trauma and grief, therapeutic recreation, social services and nursing, activity boxes, etc. The individual services include counseling services, intensive individual therapy and peer services.

Ad Hoc – Substance Abuse Impact COVID Review Committee:

Dr. Shivangi reported that the board met a couple of weeks ago and had a substantial meeting with staff including Dr. Killebrew, Ms. Bailey and Mr. Hutchins. Dr. Shivangi reported that this meeting was an in-person meeting. He reported that the committee is planning another meeting in the future and will be gathering more in-depth data.

Patient Care Subcommittee:

Dr. Stone reported that the Patient Care Subcommittee met prior to the Board meeting. The Patient Care Subcommittee recommended the following for appointments:

Mississippi State Hospital

John Caleb Grenn, MD (July 15, 2021 to June 30, 2023)

Derrick Edward, MD (July 15, 2021 to June 30, 2023)

On a motion by Dr. Shivangi and a second by Dr. Killebrew, the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointments for Mississippi State Hospital from July 15, 2021 to June 30, 2023.

Dr. Stone reported that the subcommittee reviewed the revisions to the EMSH Medical Staff Bylaws and recommended approval.

On a motion by Dr. Shivangi and a second by Mr. Phillips, the Board voted unanimously to approve the EMSH Medical Staff Bylaws.

Dr. Stone reported that the subcommittee reviewed the revision to the MSH Medical Staff Bylaws and recommended approval.

On a motion by Dr. Shivangi and a second by Mr. Phillips, the Board voted unanimously to approve the MSH Medical Staff Bylaws.

Property Subcommittee:

Mr. Rutledge reported that the Property Subcommittee met via email prior to the Board meeting. He reported that Entergy MS, via their consultants Chris Watts and Clint Herring of Ridge Point Consultants, has requested a new easement across the property of Meadow View community home in Senatobia to be used by Entergy to install a new power line. Meadow View is under the jurisdiction of North MS Regional Center.

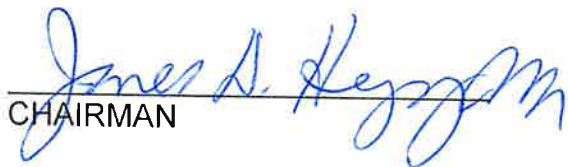
Mr. Rutledge reported that Entergy already has an easement and power line at Meadow View, and, by this action, that prior line and easement will be deleted. This new easement and line are in a superior location (not running right through the site), and NMRC staff, specifically Ms. Hayles, approve. Mr. Rutledge reported that the entire Board received all the related documents about this from

Cyndi Eubank by email on August 11, and, prior to that, Cyndi worked with Entergy and Ridge Point to get all the usual questions answered easily and well.

Mr. Rutledge made a motion to approve and authorize execution of the documents related to the reconfiguration of easements and facilities at Meadow View community home in Senatobia, which action would add an easement and power line and also delete an easement and power line. A second was made by Dr. Shivangi, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

On motion by Dr. Shivangi, the Board voted to close the regular monthly meeting to determine the need for an Executive Session. On motion of Dr. Shivangi and second by Mr. Phillips, the Board voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters related to Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(b). On motion of Dr. Shivangi and second by Mr. Phillips, the Board voted unanimously to exit the Executive Session reporting all actions taken by the Board during this session. There were no actions taken.

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


CHAIRMAN


EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Board of Mental Health Resolution

A Resolution of the Mississippi Board of Mental Health and the staff of the Department of Mental Health expressing their gratitude and appreciation to John Montgomery, DO, for his dedication and service to the Mississippi Department of Mental Health and to persons in Mississippi with mental illness, intellectual and developmental disabilities and substance use disorders.

WHEREAS, John Montgomery, DO, of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine and his Bachelor of Arts with a major in Sociology from Millsaps College; and

WHEREAS, he is a consulting psychiatrist who works with law enforcement officials in Hancock, Pearl River and Jackson Counties, and has a private forensic practice as well; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed by Governor Phil Bryant to serve on the Mississippi Board of Mental Health in 2014 for a seven-year term representing the Medical Doctor Psychiatrist. As a member, he served as both Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Mississippi Board of Mental Health which is the governing board of the Mississippi Department of Mental Health with the goal of ensuring continuity of quality care and professional oversight of services; and

WHEREAS, he is a member of the American Medical Association, American Psychiatric Association, American Osteopathic Association and the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law; and

WHEREAS, in his position on the Board of Mental Health, he served on the Patient Care Subcommittee, which approved the appointments and reappointments of clinicians to ensure highly qualified staff were in positions to provide care to people served in the Department of Mental Health's programs; and

WHEREAS, his leadership and devotion to the needs of individuals with mental health, intellectual and development disabilities, and substance use disorders made an immeasurable impact on the lives of Mississippians; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Mental Health and the staff of the Department of Mental Health wish to express their appreciation to John Montgomery, DO, for his dedication and service to the Board of Mental Health and to wish him success in all future endeavors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND THE STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, that we do hereby commend and express appreciation to John Montgomery, DO, for his service and dedication to the State of Mississippi, Board of Mental Health, Department of Mental Health, and to the citizens of Mississippi with mental illness, intellectual and developmental disabilities and substance use disorders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this RESOLUTION be entered upon the official minutes of the proceedings of the Mississippi Board of Mental Health and a copy be presented to John Montgomery, DO.

August 19, 2021

Dr. James Herzog
Chair, Board of Mental Health

Dr. Sampat Shivangi
Vice Chair, Board of Mental Health