

MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2021

The Mississippi State Board of Mental Health held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, July 15, 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

Guests: Dominic Deleom, MS Families as Allies; Leah Willingham, Associated Press

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; Katie Storr, Chief of Staff; Dr. Mallory Malkin, Chief Clinical Officer for Bureau of Community Mental Health Services; Dr. Kristin Merritte, Chief Clinical Officer for Community IDD Services; Cyndi Eubank, Office of General Counsel; 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; Sabrina Young, South Mississippi State Hospital; 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; and Shannon Bush, Specialized Treatment Facility

DMH Program Assistant Directors: Donna Creekmore, East Mississippi State Hospital; Tim Drane, Hudspeth Regional Center; Dr. Kenneth O'Neal, Ellisville State School; Kerry Nichols and Tamera Webb, North Mississippi Regional Center

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. Griffin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

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

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

Kelly Breland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Consolidated Financial Summary for the Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2021 (FY 21) and he provided an update on the Federal (DHHS) Grant FY21.

Dr. Shivangi made a motion to create an Ad Hoc Committee to deal with the substance use disorders/opioid crisis and monitor the funding and efforts to eradicate the deaths. After discussion, Mr. Rutledge made a friendly modification to the motion to only create the Ad Hoc Committee if a Chairman was identified and if that Chairman agreed to take on the responsibilities. Dr. Shivangi agreed to be the Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee and Dr. Killebrew agreed to be a member with future members to be considered subsequent to the approval. Mr. Rutledge seconded Dr. Shivangi's modified motion and the Board voted unanimously to approve to create the Ad Hoc Committee with Dr. Shivangi as Chairman.

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
Lisa Campbell, RN	7/01/21	6/30/22	\$57,993	\$37/hr.	Contractor will provide nursing services for persons served by the agency.
Tiffany Johnson, RN	7/01/21	6/30/22	\$57,993	\$37/hr.	Contractor will provide nursing services for persons served by the agency.
Brittaney Debose, RN	7/01/21	6/30/22	\$57,993	\$37/hr.	Contractor will provide nursing services for persons served by the agency.
Amber Banks, RN	7/01/21	6/30/22	\$57,993	\$37/hr.	Contractor will provide nursing services for persons served by the agency.
Hudspeth Regional Center					
Infiniti Healthcare Services	7/01/21	6/30/22	\$150,000	Varies	Contractor will provide RNS and LPNs to assist with nursing care of persons served.
Mississippi State Hospital					
Derrick Edwards, MS	7/01/21	6/30/22	\$72,930	\$75/hr.	Contractor will provide Medical Officer on Duty providing after hours medical coverage.
John Grenn, MD	7/01/21	6/30/22	\$72,930	\$75/hr.	Contractor will provide Medical Officer on Duty providing after hours medical coverage.
Melissa Brown, RN	7/01/21	6/30/22	\$72,170	\$42/hr.	Contractor will provide general nursing duties.
Kimberly Hayes, RN	7/01/21	6/30/22	\$50,862	\$37/hr.	Contractor will provide general nursing duties.
Marsha Gayten, RN	7/01/21	6/30/22	\$50,862	\$37/hr.	Contractor will provide general nursing duties.

Angela Hudson, RN	7/01/21	6/30/22	\$50,862	\$37/hr.	Contractor will provide general nursing duties.
Rashenda Washington, RN	7/01/21	6/30/22	\$55,515	\$42/hr.	Contractor will provide general nursing duties.
Jacquelyn Jackson, RN	7/01/21	6/30/22	\$50,862	\$37/hr.	Contractor will provide general nursing duties.
Lesly Martin, RN	7/01/21	6/30/22	\$50,862	\$37/hr.	Contractor will provide general nursing duties.
Kaitlyn Wright, RN	7/01/21	6/30/22	\$50,862	\$37/hr.	Contractor will provide general nursing duties.
Patrice Wilson Brown, RN	7/01/21	6/30/22	\$72,170	\$42/hr.	Contractor will provide general nursing duties.
Chemese Durr, RN	7/01/21	6/30/22	\$72,170	\$42/hr.	Contractor will provide general nursing duties.
Anetra Burch Leflore, RN	7/01/21	6/30/22	\$50,862	\$37/hr.	Contractor will provide general nursing duties.
Chenequia Coleman, LPN	7/01/21	6/30/22	\$51,550	\$37/hr.	Contractor will provide LPN services for general nursing.
Angela Applewhite, LPN	7/01/21	6/30/22	\$51,550	\$37/hr.	Contractor will provide LPN services for general nursing.
Contracts, state retirees, \$20,000 or more annually					
Mississippi State Hospital					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
Sonya Thornhill, RHIA, BS	8/1/21	6/30/22	\$31,699	\$24/hr.	Retiree will perform hospital's audit and compliance of medical documentation, insure accurate coding and prepare billable services for billing.

On motion of Dr. Shivangi and second by Dr. Griffin 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 July 14, DMH has seen a spike in cases increasing by twenty-six (26) total active cases, eighteen (18) staff and eight (8) clients. She reported that the last time DMH numbers were this high was in March of this year. Vaccination numbers remain about the same. For the state hospitals, vaccination rate for staff is an average of 60%. Overall, for programs the vaccination rate is 44% and the vaccination rate for the clients is 70%.

Ms. Bailey reported that Mr. Hutchins will be providing information about utilization of the first round of MHBG COVID supplemental funding later on the agenda. Next month, he will share information on the first round of the SABG funding. DMH's proposal for the second round of funding is due August 2 and we

received feedback from providers earlier this month to help in determining strategic ways to utilize the funding to the fullest extent possible.

Ms. Bailey thanked Dr. Shivangi, Mr. Chastain, and his entire team for making the ribbon cutting ceremony on June 21, 2021 to announce the opening of the hospital's new Psychiatry Residency Program a great event. She reported that the program, with a six-member inaugural class, formally began on July 1, 2021. The program will train psychiatry residents to be knowledgeable, skillful and professional in the art and science of psychiatry. The program will add six new residents each year, until 24 are in the program by July 2024. One of the primary benefits of the residency training program is increasing the number of psychiatrists practicing in Mississippi. She reported that the program is expected to provide an additional workforce for state hospitals, local hospitals, community mental health centers, and crisis stabilization units. Ms. Bailey gave a special thanks to the leadership of MSH's director Mr. Chastain, Medical Director Dr. Maddux, Program Director Dr. Jackson, and Associate Program Director Dr. Torrence, along with many other key staff who made this day a reality.

Ms. Bailey reported that the Mississippi Public Broadcasting hosted a free virtual screening of the documentary *Mysteries of Mental Illness* at 7 p.m. on June 29 with a live panel discussion. She reported that online attendees were able to ask questions during the event. Desare Frazier, MPB senior news reporter, moderated the discussion with: Joy Hogge, *Families as Allies*; Dr. Susan Buttross, University of Mississippi Medical Center; Sitaniel Wimbley, NAMI Mississippi; and Ms. Bailey serving on the panel. She reported that *Mysteries of Mental Illness* is a four-part series that aired on MPB Television and is now streaming online and on the PBS Video App.

Ms. Bailey reported that throughout June and early July, Dr. Malkin held a training at each of the state hospitals for the directors, staff involved in the discharge process, and the local CMHCs to discuss ways to improve the discharge/transition process. She reported that this included data monitoring, conducting intakes prior to discharge, and connection to services after discharge. She provided copies of the "decision trees" that were developed to help staff during the process to ensure patients are connected with the services they need to help avoid readmissions. She also provided a copy of the PowerPoint and a copy of the Transition Guide which provides information on a county level for the discharge planners.

Ms. Bailey provided a list of proposed Board meeting locations for the FY22 fiscal year. She reported that this includes every other meeting as a virtual meeting and hosted at DMH Central Office. She reported that the face-to-face meeting will be subject to change based on COVID visitor restrictions at the DMH programs. She then asked the Board to approve the proposed Board meeting locations.

On motion by Dr. Griffin and a second by Dr. Shivangi, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed Board meeting locations for the FY22 fiscal year.

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

1. Mississippi State Hospital launches psychiatry residency program
2. East Mississippi Crisis Intervention Team a valuable resource for law enforcement

3. 3 Narcan overdose saves in 4 days for JCSD
4. Legal processes for mental health cases being re-evaluated in Jackson County
5. Mental health patients wait in ERs as Coast county, sheriff, and hospitals look for a fix
6. State, DOJ debate merits of external monitor in ongoing mental health lawsuit
7. Special Master favors state plan to overhaul Mississippi's mental health system, but adds oversight

Ms. Bailey reported that the August 2021 Board of Mental Health meeting will be held at MSH on August 19. If the location needs to change due to COVID visitation restrictions, the Board will be contacted.

Mr. Rutledge inquired as to if Bill Rosamond, Mental Health Accessibility Coordinator, was in attendance at the Board meeting. Ms. Bailey responded that Mr. Rosamond was not in attendance. Mr. Rutledge reported that in the legislation that established the Coordinator it requires reports to the Governor, Lt. Governor, and PEER committee. He asked if Ms. Bailey knew if any of those reports have been produced because the Board would like to see them. Ms. Bailey responded that she had not seen any reports. Mr. Rutledge asked if on behalf of the Board would Ms. Bailey reach out to Senator Bryan and any other interested parties and let them know the Board is really interested and would like to have some involvement but just has not seen any production. Ms. Bailey responded that she would reach out to Senator Bryan.

Jake Hutchins, Deputy Executive Director Community Operations, provided an update on the Mental Health Block Grant Supplemental Funding that was awarded to Mississippi through SAMHSA. He reported that the Block Grant funding goes to all 50 states and DMH was notified in March that we would receive a COVID 19 supplement to the Block Grant. He reported that it was about \$12.9 million additional dollars in funding for the Substance Use Block Grant and \$7.5 million for the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant which includes adults and children. He reported that DMH was notified again in May of additional COVID 19 enhancement Block Grant funding for an additional \$13 million for the MHBG and \$11 million for the SABG. He reported that DMH has two years for the first round of funding and four years for the second round. He reported that DMH has until August 2 to submit the second round of funding proposal to SAMSHA and once approved the RFPs will be issued. The first round of funding proposal has been submitted to SAMSHA and has been approved. Mr. Hutchins reported that the plan includes: 5% crisis set aside to enhance Mobile Crisis Response and implementation of 988; expand Purchase of Service to provide funding for people who have no ability to pay to access mental health services; expand Supported Employment to begin three additional IPS sites in Regions 4, 8, and 9; add Certified Peer Support Specialists at each of the 13 CSUs; create a Medication Assistance Fund to be used to provide medication access to people in the community who have a SMI and who are receiving services through a CMHC; and provide Technical Assistance/Data Tracking and Collection. Mr. Hutchins reported that the plan for the first round of funding approved proposal for Children/Youth includes: 10% First Episode Psychosis Set Aside to add two additional Navigate programs in the state to have a total of six; expand safe-beds for Children and Adolescents to add three, four-bed safe homes for youth ages 13-18 with serious emotional disturbances for the state to have a total of five homes; and to add eight Intensive Community Support Specialists for children and adolescents. He reported that DMH will be utilizing some of the funds to continue and expand outreach efforts for the Behind the Mask campaign to encourage help-seeking behaviors and make access to services known to Mississippians. He reported that the funding is needed because of the impact of COVID-19 on the mental health of Mississippians. Mr.

Hutchins reported that with this funding, Mississippi can continue to address gaps and needs and increase access to services mentioned.

Craig Kittrell, Deputy Executive Director, State Operated Programs, presented the Monthly Survey Reports for North Mississippi Regional Center and South Mississippi Regional Center.

Rinsey McSwain, Director, Ellisville State School, presented the Ellisville State School Review. She gave a overview of the 2020 Observance of 100 Years of Service, Census Comparison (2011-2021), Number of Transitions since 2011, Educational Services, Number of Staff Comparison (2011-2021), Human Resources: Recruitment, Flex Pay and Turnover Rate Per Diem Rate and Number of Beds in Abeyance, COVID-19, Crisis Services, Day Services, Sumrall Community Homes Update, Cotten's Corner (Children's Home) Update, Employee of the Year Winners, Repairs and Renovations, and Splash Pad Update. Her comprehensive overview highlighted the services and supports ESS provides to Mississippians with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Sabrina Young, Director, South Mississippi State Hospital, presented South Mississippi State Hospital Peer Bridger Project. She gave a brief overview of the Goals and Objectives, Funding, Peer Bridger Staffing, Training, SMSH Process, and Data Collection/Reporting. Ms. Young reported that the overall goal of the program is to see an increase in the follow-up appointments and decrease in readmissions. She reported that the following data from October 19, 2020, to June 30, 2021, show success in reaching these goals: total discharges 286; total first virtual visits 234 (82 percent); and total WRAPs 197 (69 percent).

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. Killebrew and second by Mr. Rutledge, 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 Dr. Killebrew, 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