

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2022**

The Mississippi State Board of Mental Health held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at Department of Mental Health, Jackson, Mississippi.

In Attendance:

Board Members: James Herzog, Ph.D.; Mr. Stewart Rutledge; Mr. Courtney Phillips Mr. Robert Landrum; Sara Gleason, M.D.; and Alyssa Killebrew, Ph.D.

Absent: Sampat Shivangi, M.D.; Teresa Mosely, M.Ed.; and Manda Griffin, DNP

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; Dr. Robert Maddux, DMH Medical Director

Central Office Staff: Grenaye Sullivan, Recording Secretary

Program Directors: Rinsey McSwain, Ellisville State School; Cindy Cooley, South Mississippi Regional Center; 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; Dr. Charles Carlisle, East Mississippi State Hospital; and Clint Ashley, Boswell Regional Center

Other DMH Program Staff: Dr. Duncan Stone and Dr. Corey Jackson, Mississippi State Hospital; and Lynn Knight and Sommer Armstrong, North Mississippi State Hospital

DMH Program Assistant Directors: Angela Alexander, Hudspeth 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. Killebrew and second by Mr. Phillips, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

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

On motion of Mr. Phillips and second by Dr. Gleason, the Board voted unanimously to approve the April 2022, minutes as presented.

Kelly Breland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Consolidated Financial Summary for the Ten Months Ended April 30, 2022 (FY22).

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					
Boswell Regional Center					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
Jeremyia Walker, LPN	4/01/22	6/30/23	\$72,896	\$30/hr.	Contractor will provide LPN services for general nursing.
Safari Barnes, LPN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$72,896	\$30/hr.	Contractor will provide LPN services for general nursing.
Deborah Keys, LPN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$72,896	\$30/hr.	Contractor will provide LPN services for general nursing.
Gregory Renfrow, LPN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$72,896	\$30/hr.	Contractor will provide LPN services for general nursing.
Kathy Bond, Dietician	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$42,984	\$39/hr.	Contractor will provide nutritional assessment/meal plans services.
Janna Means, Licensed Psychometrist	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$51,866	\$40/hr.	Contractor will provide IQ diagnostic testing and evaluation services.
Ellisville State School					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
Mary Lou Russell, Physical Therapist	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$68,013	\$65/hr.	Contractor will provide physical therapy services assessments.
Warner, Inc. dba Service Master One Call	7/01/22	6/30/25	\$220,024	\$73,341	Contractor will provide janitorial services to buildings on ESS Campus at a rate of .74 cents/square foot.
Hudspeth Regional Center					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
Infiniti Healthcare Services	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$150,000	\$28/hr.	Contractor will provide agency LPN nursing services as needed.
North MS Regional Center					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
Precision Healthcare Staff, LLC	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000	Contractor will provide nursing services at a rate of CNA -\$30; LPN - \$45; RN - \$55
Southern Healthcare Agency	7/01/22	6/30/25	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	Contractor will provide nursing services at a rate of

					CNA -\$31; LPN - \$44; RN - \$61
Prime Care Nursing	7/01/22	6/30/25	\$200,000	\$100,000	Contractor will provide nursing services at a rate of CNA -\$26; LPN - \$45; RN - \$60
Mississippi State Hospital					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
Lavonne Boose, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$96,096	\$42/hr.	Contractor will provide RN nursing services.
Teresa Veasley, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$96,096	\$42/hr.	Contractor will provide RN nursing services.
Ken Risinger, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$96,096	\$42/hr.	Contractor will provide RN nursing services.
Sharron King, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$96,096	\$42/hr.	Contractor will provide RN nursing services.
Trilandra Edwards, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$96,096	\$42/hr.	Contractor will provide RN nursing services.
Ashleigh Slater, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$96,096	\$42/hr.	Contractor will provide RN nursing services.
Tiease Degraffenreid, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$96,096	\$42/hr.	Contractor will provide RN nursing services.
Ruth Washington, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$96,096	\$42/hr.	Contractor will provide RN nursing services.
Frederica Carson, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$96,096	\$42/hr.	Contractor will provide RN nursing services.
Ayanna Washington, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$96,096	\$42/hr.	Contractor will provide RN nursing services.
Adriannah Whitaker, LPN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$68,640	\$30/hr.	Contractor will provide LPN services for general nursing.
Akendra Travis, LPN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$68,640	\$30/hr.	Contractor will provide LPN services for general nursing.
Tonia Thomas, LPN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$68,640	\$30/hr.	Contractor will provide LPN services for general nursing.
Nicole Branch, LPN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$68,640	\$30/hr.	Contractor will provide LPN services for general nursing.
Billishia Powell, LPN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$68,640	\$30/hr.	Contractor will provide LPN services for general

					nursing.
Renee Pickell, LPN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$68,640	\$30/hr.	Contractor will provide LPN services for general nursing.
Jada Payton, LPN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$68,640	\$30/hr.	Contractor will provide LPN services for general nursing.
Patrina Harvey, LPN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$68,640	\$30/hr.	Contractor will provide LPN services for general nursing.
Kayla Enoch, LPN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$68,640	\$30/hr.	Contractor will provide LPN services for general nursing.
Chenequia Coleman, LPN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$68,640	\$30/hr.	Contractor will provide LPN services for general nursing.
Angela Applewhite, LPN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$68,640	\$30/hr.	Contractor will provide LPN services for general nursing.
Patrice Brown Wilson, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$50,793	\$37/hr.	Contractor will provide part-time RN services for general nursing.
Shundra Wilson, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$50,793	\$37/hr.	Contractor will provide part-time RN services for general nursing.
Jerika Steele, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$50,793	\$37/hr.	Contractor will provide part-time RN services for general nursing.
Jasmine Smith, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$50,793	\$37/hr.	Contractor will provide part-time RN services for general nursing.
Mackenzie Lee, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$50,793	\$37/hr.	Contractor will provide part-time RN services for general nursing.
Jacquelyn Jackson, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$50,793	\$37/hr.	Contractor will provide part-time RN services for general nursing.
Shannon Hill, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$50,793	\$37/hr.	Contractor will provide part-time RN services for general nursing.
Nanette Griffith, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$50,793	\$37/hr.	Contractor will provide part-time RN services for general nursing.
Melissa Friffin, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$50,793	\$37/hr.	Contractor will provide part-time RN services for general nursing.
Cynthia Davis, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$50,793	\$37/hr.	Contractor will provide part-time RN services for general nursing.

Chelsea Brooks, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$50,793	\$37/hr.	Contractor will provide part-time RN services for general nursing.
Larissa Huggins Bolden, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$50,793	\$37/hr.	Contractor will provide part-time RN services for general nursing.
Anitra Bullock Benson, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$50,793	\$37/hr.	Contractor will provide part-time RN services for general nursing.

South MS Regional Center

Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
LaDana Fulmer	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$55,800	\$46.50/hr.	Contractor will provide nutritional assessment/meal plans services.
Topps Investigation and Security Firm, PLLC	7/01/22	6/30/27	\$780,000	\$156,000	Contractor will provide Armed Foot Patrol Security services at the Long Beach Campus at a rate of \$25/hr.

Central Office

Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
Celia Coffey	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$71,651	\$40/hr.	Contractor will provide services as a Data Analyst.
Freda Nichols	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$71,651	\$40/hr.	Contractor will provide services as a Data Analyst.
Ascend Management Innovations	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$1,144,500	\$457,800	Contractor will perform ICAP assessments for Waiver Services at a rate of \$315/telephonic and \$327/face-to-face.

Contracts, state retirees, \$20,000 or more annually

North MS Regional Center

Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description of Services
Beverly McDonald, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$31,200	\$45/hr.	Retiree will provide part-time RN services
Robert Cooper, M.D.	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$58,500	\$75/hr.	Retiree will provide physician services.
Eric Dahl, D.O.	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$74,999	\$90/hr.	Retiree will provide physician services.

Central Office

Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description of Services
Reda Finney	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$34,519	\$25/hr.	Retiree will serve as Program Administrator in IDD Services.
Charlotte Bryant	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$34,519	\$25/hr.	Retiree will provide services in Outreach and Planning for the State Opioid Response (SOR) Project.

On motion of Mr. Phillips and second by Mr. Rutledge 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.

Ms. Bailey reported that May is Mental Health Month, and in recognition, DMH is hosting a "Mental Health Meet Up" next Wednesday, May 25 at 2 p.m. at the Two Mississippi Museums Trustmark Community Room in Jackson.

Ms. Bailey reported that as part of mental health awareness observances in May, the first week of May is recognized as Children's Mental Health Acceptance Week.

Ms. Bailey reported that two virtual community forums were held on May 11 and 12 exploring the needs of Mississippi's behavioral health crisis system.

Ms. Bailey shared copies of the The National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors Research Institute (NRI) reports and provided highlights.

Ms. Bailey shared a list of proposed Board meeting locations for the FY23 fiscal year. Ms. Bailey made a recommendation to change the August 18, 2022 meeting from South Mississippi Regional Center to Ellisville State School.

On a motion by Dr. Killebrew and a second by Mr. Rutledge, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Board meeting locations for the FY23 fiscal year with the recommended change.

Ms. Bailey shared copies of the most recent news articles.

Ms. Bailey reported the June 2022 Board of Mental Health meeting will be held at South Mississippi State Hospital, Purvis, Mississippi on June 16, 2022.

Katie Storr, Chief of Staff, presented a comprehensive overview of the NRI DMH Strategic Plan Feedback Report.

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

Dr. Mallory Malkin, Chief Clinical Officer, presented a brief overview of the Division of Children and Youth Community Mental Health Services.

Dr. Corey Jackson, Mississippi State Hospital, provided an overview of the Resident Psychotherapy Clinic that will open on July 1, 2022.

Lynn Knight, Performance Improvement Coordinator and Sommer Armstrong, Public Relations Director, North Mississippi State Hospital, provided an update

on actions NMSH has taken on ligature risks and networking and mental health meetings.

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

Patient Care Subcommittee Report:

Dr. Sara Gleason reported that the Patient Care Subcommittee met prior to the Board meeting. She made a recommendation due to the absence of Dr. Griffin and Dr. Shivangi to table the vote until next month pending committee members final reviews.

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


CHAIRMAN


EXECUTIVE SECRETARY