

**MINUTES  
STATE BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH  
SOUTH MS STATE HOSPITAL  
PURVIS, MISSISSIPPI  
THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2022**

The Mississippi State Board of Mental Health held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, June 16, 2022, at South Mississippi State Hospital, Purvis, Mississippi.

In Attendance:

Board Members: James Herzog, Ph.D.; Mr. Stewart Rutledge; Mr. Courtney Phillips Mr. Robert Landrum; Sara Gleason, M.D; Alyssa Killebrew, Ph.D.; 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; Kim Wood, Chief Information Officer; Cyndi Eubank and McCall Chastain, Attorneys; Dr. Robert Maddux, DMH Medical Director

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

Guests: Sylvia Turner, MS Public Health Institute; David Buys, Mississippi State University Extension

Program Directors: Rinsey McSwain, Ellisville State School; Cindy Cooley, South Mississippi Regional Center; Sabrina Young, South Mississippi State Hospital; 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; Dr. Paul Callens, North 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: 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 Andy Tucker opened the meeting with the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Herzog asked if there were any objections to the consent agenda, May 2022 minutes and Contracts, non-state retirees, \$50,000 or more annually and Contracts, state retirees, \$20,000 or more annually.

On motion by Dr. Shivangi and second by Ms. Mosley, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda, May 2022 minutes and 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****Hudspeth Regional Center**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Annual/Hourly</b>	<b>Description</b>
Latoya Bland, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$65,000	\$42/hr.	Contractor will provide part-time RN services for general nursing.
Michael Boyte – Life Safety Officer	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$65,000	\$29/hr.	Contractor will serve as life safety inspection in the maintenance department.

**East MS State Hospital**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Annual/Hourly</b>	<b>Description</b>
Jennifer Williamson, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$95,000	\$45/hr.	Contractor will assess, plan, implement and evaluate nursing care for residents.
Diamond Williams, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$95,000	\$45/hr.	Contractor will assess, plan, implement and evaluate nursing care for residents.
Amber Vetter, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$95,000	\$45/hr.	Contractor will assess, plan, implement and evaluate nursing care for residents.
Rachel Scarbrough, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$95,000	\$45/hr.	Contractor will assess, plan, implement and evaluate nursing care for residents.
Shannon Rosenbaum, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$95,000	\$45/hr.	Contractor will assess, plan, implement and evaluate nursing care for residents.
Karen Rainey, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$95,000	\$45/hr.	Contractor will assess, plan, implement and evaluate nursing care for residents.
Elaine Pope, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$95,000	\$45/hr.	Contractor will assess, plan, implement and evaluate nursing care for residents.
Brandi McCoy, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$95,000	\$45/hr.	Contractor will assess, plan, implement and evaluate nursing care for residents.
Lashundra Marsh, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$95,000	\$45/hr.	Contractor will assess, plan, implement and evaluate nursing care for residents.
Sabrina Johnson, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$95,000	\$45/hr.	Contractor will assess, plan, implement and evaluate nursing care for residents.

Sandra Glass, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$95,000	\$45/hr.	Contractor will assess, plan, implement and evaluate nursing care for residents.
Mary Gandy, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$95,000	\$45/hr.	Contractor will assess, plan, implement and evaluate nursing care for residents.
Ashley Christian, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$95,000	\$45/hr.	Contractor will assess, plan, implement and evaluate nursing care for residents.
Teresa Emerson, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$95,000	\$45/hr.	Contractor will assess, plan, implement and evaluate nursing care for residents.
Chessy Cumberland, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$95,000	\$45/hr.	Contractor will assess, plan, implement and evaluate nursing care for residents.
Gwendolyn Brown, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$95,000	\$45/hr.	Contractor will assess, plan, implement and evaluate nursing care for residents.
<b>Boswell Regional Center</b>					
<b>Name</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Annual/Hourly</b>	<b>Description</b>
Ayana Granderson, LPN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$72,895	\$30/hr.	Contractor will provide LPN Nursing services.
<b>South MS Regional Center</b>					
<b>Name</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Annual/Hourly</b>	<b>Description</b>
Therese Hanna, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$62,695	\$40/hr.	Contractor will provide part-time RN nursing services.
Lisa Campbell, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$62,695	\$40/hr.	Contractor will provide part-time RN nursing services.
Ashlee Guinn, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$62,695	\$40/hr.	Contractor will provide part-time RN nursing services.
Byran Ellsberry, OT	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$67,173	\$65/hr.	Contractor will provide part-time Occupational Therapy services.
Christopher Vlahos, PT	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$67,173	\$65/hr.	Contractor will provide part-time Physical Therapy services.
<b>Mississippi State Hospital</b>					
<b>Name</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Annual/Hourly</b>	<b>Description</b>

Fredetria Carson, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$96,096	\$42/hr.	Contractor will provide RN nursing services.
<b>Central Office</b>					
<b>Name</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Annual/Hourly</b>	<b>Description</b>
Ascend Management Inncvations	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.
<b>Contracts, state retirees, \$20,000 or more annually</b>					
<b>Hudspeth Regional Center</b>					
<b>Name</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Annual/Hourly</b>	<b>Description of Services</b>
Frankie Cheatham, RN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$23,580	\$42/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.
<b>South MS Regional Center</b>					
<b>Name</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Annual/Hourly</b>	<b>Description of Services</b>
Carol Sue Dykes	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$42,120	\$45/hr.	Retiree will provide in-service training and auditing for nursing and medical staff.
<b>Mississippi State Hospital</b>					
<b>Name</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Annual/Hourly</b>	<b>Description of Services</b>
Sheila Johnson	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$26,416	\$20/hr.	Retiree will provide timekeeping services.
Deborah Fyke	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$33,020	\$25/hr.	Retiree will provide payroll services.
Minnie Williams	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$47,548	\$15,849/annual	Retiree will provide housekeeping services.
Sharron Mills	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$59,436	\$19,812/annual	Retiree will provide floor care at a rate of \$15/hr.
Frederick Williams	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$59,436	\$19,812/annual	Retiree will provide floor care at a rate of \$15/hr.
Ruthie Bell, MHT	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$23,114	\$17.50/hr.	Retiree will provide patient care.
Tammye Hutchins, MHT	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$23,114	\$17.50/hr.	Retiree will provide patient care.
Debbie Jenkins, MHT	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$23,114	\$17.50/hr.	Retiree will provide patient care.

Clara McAllister, MHT	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$23,114	\$17.50/hr.	Retiree will provide patient care.
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Kelly Breland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Consolidated Financial Summary for the Eleven Months Ended (FY22).

Wendy Bailey, Executive Director, reported that DMH, NAMI MS, Region 8 MH Services, and Region 9 Hinds Behavioral Health Services joined together on May 25 for a Mental Health Meetup. She reported these meetings will continue throughout the next twelve months in all CMHC regions.

Ms. Bailey reported that the Annual Mississippi Trauma Informed Care Conference is scheduled for September 21-23. She asked that if any members would like to attend, to let Ms. Sullivan know.

Ms. Bailey reported ten representatives from DMH were selected to participate in the 2022 State Executive Development Institute. She reported that this is a graduate-level program designed to prepare mid and upper-level state and local government executives to be more effective leaders.

Ms. Bailey reviewed the Board of Mental Health meeting schedule and reported the July 2022 Board of Mental Health meeting will be held at the Department of Mental Health on July 21.

After discussion, Mr. Rutledge made the following recommendations for approval: The amended Board of Mental Health meeting schedule be implemented through June 2023 at which point it may be reconsidered by the Board (attached); Board members make a conscious and deliberate effort to visit facilities and meet with staff, particularly in their respective regions; Subcommittees can and should meet outside regular Board meeting dates as desired.

On a motion by Dr. Killebrew and a second by Mr. Phillips, the Board voted to approve the Board meeting locations for the FY23 fiscal year with the recommended change. Vote was 7 (Dr. Herzog, Mr. Rutledge, Dr. Gleason, Dr. Killebrew, Ms. Mosley, Dr. Griffin, and Mr. Phillips) approve; 2 (Dr. Shivangi and Mr. Landrum) against; motion passed.

Katie Storr, Chief of Staff, presented an update of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

Adam Moore, Director, Office of Communication and Planning, presented a comprehensive overview of the Draft DMH FY23 – FY28 Strategic Plan.

Dr. David Buys, State Health Specialist, Mississippi State University Extension, shared information regarding an initiative to help farmers who have mental health issues through the MSU Extension Office. Dr. Buys also shared a video featuring stories of four different farmers who have encountered different forms of stress.

Sylvia Turner, Mississippi Public Health Institute, presented a brief overview of the Congregational Recovery Outreach Program (CROP).

Clint Ashley, Director, Boswell Regional Center, provided a program overview.

**Strategic Plan Subcommittee Report:**

Dr. Herzog reported that the Strategic Plan Subcommittee met prior to the Board meeting. Dr. Herzog reported there was no action taken.

**Patient Care Subcommittee Report:**

Dr. Shivangi reported that the Patient Care Subcommittee met prior to the Board meeting. The Patient Care Subcommittee recommended the following medical appointments from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023:

**Mississippi State Hospital**

Stephen Commiskey, MD  
Gary Smith, MD  
Kevin Young, MD  
Scott Carlton, MD  
Chasity Torrence, MD  
Duncan Stone, DMD  
Adarian Pierre, MD  
Michael Bugg, MD  
John Kennedy, MD  
John David Floyd, MD  
Zinat Khandekar, MD  
Nazmul Talukdar, MD  
Jo Harbour, MD  
Nettie Hines, OD  
Robert Maddux, MD

**North MS State Hospital**

Raghavendran Gajagowni, MD

**Specialized Treatment Facility**

Bryan Vyverberg, MD  
Richard Kutner, MD

**East MS State Hospital**

Ruben Cruz, MD

Dr. Gleason reported that the Subcommittee recommended a one-month extension until July 21, 2022, for Dr. Vince Herrin who has worked at Mississippi State Hospital for many years as an MOD whose file is incomplete.

On a motion by Dr. Shivangi and a second by Mr. Rutledge, the Board voted unanimously to approve the medical appointments.

On motion of 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. Rutledge, the Board voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters related to Potential Litigation and Personnel Matters. On motion of Mr. Landrum and second by Mr. Phillips, the Board voted unanimously to exit the Executive Session reporting all actions taken by the Board during this session.

On motion of Dr. Killebrew and second by Mr. Landrum, the Board voted unanimously to elect Dr. Shivangi as Board Chair and Mr. Rutledge as Board Vice Chair beginning July 1, 2022.

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

  
CHAIRMAN

  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY