

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2022**

The Mississippi State Board of Mental Health held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, August 18, 2022, at the Department of Mental Health, Jackson, Mississippi.

In Attendance:

Board Members: Sampat Shivangi, M.D.; Mr. Stewart Rutledge; Mr. Courtney Phillips; Mr. Robert Landrum; Sara Gleason, M.D; Alyssa Killebrew, Ph.D.; Teresa Mosely, M.Ed.; James Herzog, Ph.D.; 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; Dr. Mallory Malkin, Chief Clinical Officer, Behavioral Health 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

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; Dr. Edie Hayles, North Mississippi Regional 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. Sampat Shivangi. Dr. Shivangi asked everyone to stand while Craig Kittrell opened the meeting with the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Shivangi asked if there were any objections to the consent agenda and the June 2022 minutes.

On motion by Dr. Killebrew and second by Dr. Herzog, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda and the June 2022 minutes.

Kelly Breland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the DMH FY24 Budget Request, and the Consolidated Financial Summary for the Thirteen Months Ended (FY22) and Month Ended (FY23). He also presented a summary on the Federal (SAMHSA) Grants Funding and Utilization of COVID Grants Funding.

Mr. Breland presented the Contracts, non-state retirees, \$75,000 or more annually and Contracts, state retirees, \$20,000 or more annually.

Contracts, non-state retirees, \$75,000 or more annually					
South Mississippi Regional Center					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
M.L. Griffin, DMD, PLLC	11/1/22	6/30/27	\$578,340	\$207,060	Contractor will provide dental services for residents at a rate of \$148.75/hr.
MS State Hospital					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
Takishia Lee, RN	9/01/22	6/30/23	\$77,616	\$42/hr.	Contractor will provide general nursing duties.
Ellisville State School					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
Topps Private Investigation and Security Firm, PLLC	9/01/22	6/30/27	\$705,600	\$123,200/10 months and \$145,600/1 yr. renewals	Contractor will provide armed security guards with vehicle at a rate of \$25/hr.
Contracts, state retirees, \$20,000 or more annually					
East MS State Hospital					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description of Services
Janet Puch, NP	7/01/22	7/11/23	\$67,175	\$60/hr.	Retiree will provide medical nurse practitioner services.
South MS Regional Center					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description of Services
Christine Wheeler, LPN	7/01/22	6/30/23	\$32,513	\$25/hr.	Retiree will provide LPN nursing services.
Mississippi State Hospital					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description of Services
Angela Loving, LPN	8/18/22	6/30/23	\$33,020	\$25/hr.	Retiree will provide LPN nursing services.

Wendy Bailey, Executive Director, reported the next Mental Health Meetup will be held on August 24 at the Vicksburg Public Library. She reported that these meetings will continue throughout the year in all CMHC regions of the state and everyone is encouraged to attend if possible.

Ms. Bailey reported as of July 16, 2022, the nation along with Mississippi, transitioned a long-standing crisis/suicide line to an easy-to-remember, new 3-digit number "988". Mississippi has two 988 crisis call centers with crisis counselors answering calls/texts and chats. She stated any Mississippian who is experiencing a behavioral health emergency or crisis can call/text or chat for crisis support.

Ms. Bailey reported that staffing has been extremely difficult the past two years at the programs. She reported DMH is partnering with the Mississippi Department of Employment Security to assist with recruitment. They will coordinate job fairs

and assisting with posting jobs in their systems and referring candidates. Ms. Bailey reported that since May of 2020, there has been a decrease of employees agency wide with a continued downward trend.

Ms. Bailey reported over the last year a new website was developed for DMH to increase traffic and ease of navigation for people needing information.

Ms. Bailey reported International Overdose Awareness Day will be held on August 31.

Ms. Bailey reported that the Creating Your Own Path: Successful Transitions for Persons with Autism conference is scheduled for September 8 in Gulfport, the Mississippi Trauma Informed Care Virtual Conference is scheduled for September 21-23 and the Mississippi Suicide Prevention Symposium is scheduled for September 27-28.

Ms. Bailey reported the October Board of Mental Health meeting will be held at the Ellisville State School on October 20.

Ms. Cyndi Eubank, Office of General Counsel, reported that she, Dr. Malkin, and Mr. Hurley have been meeting with Chancery Court Judges, their staff and/or other community stakeholders, across the state to provide technical assistance, education and information regarding the expansion of community-based services, the involuntary commitment process, and the Department of Justice litigation.

Katie Storr, Chief of Staff, presented a comprehensive overview of the LBO Five-Year Strategic Plan for DMH.

Adam Moore, Director, Office of Communication and Planning, presented a comprehensive overview of the DMH FY23 – FY27 Strategic Plan.

Craig Kittrell, Deputy Executive Director, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Services, reported that Home and Community Based Waiver Renewal Stakeholder meeting is scheduled for September 16 at the ARC of Mississippi.

Mr. Kittrell reported Boswell Regional Center is contracting with Dr. Jessica Gordon for physicatric services at \$200 per hour. He reported that this contract is not to exceed \$140,500 in accordance with the terms of the contract.

Jerrie Barnes, Director, Hudspeth Regional Center, provided a program overview.

Patient Care Subcommittee Report:

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

Mississippi State Hospital

Marshall Belaga, MD – Initial Appointment from August 18, 2022 to June 30, 2024
Vincent Herrin, MD – Reappointment from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024

Mississippi State Hospital, Boswell Regional Center and Mississippi Adolescent Center

Angela Chandler, MD – July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024

On a motion by Dr. Killebrew and a second by Dr. Herzog, the Board voted unanimously to approve the medical appointments/reappointments.

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

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

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.

Other Business:

The Board reviewed an appeal of a waiver denial from a DMH-certified provider, Stonewater Recovery Center. The waiver was to allow four people to be housed in one bedroom, and the applicable DMH Operational Standards rule indicates that no more than three people can be housed in one bedroom. After review of the appellant's submitted appeal materials and DMH's related documentation, a motion was made by Dr. Gleason and seconded by Dr. Herzog, the Board voted to uphold Ms. Bailey's initial waiver decision, which had been previously communicated to the provider. Dr. Shivangi was absent.

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


CHAIRMAN


EXECUTIVE SECRETARY