

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH
ELLISVILLE STATE SCHOOL
ELLISVILLE, MISSISSIPPI
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2022**

The Mississippi State Board of Mental Health held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, October 20, 2022, at Ellisville State School, Ellisville, Mississippi.

In Attendance:

Board Members: Sampat Shivangi, M.D.; Mr. Stewart Rutledge; Mr. Robert Landrum; Sara Gleason, M.D; Alyssa Killebrew, Ph.D.; and Manda Griffin, DNP

Absent: Mr. Courtney Phillips; Teresa Mosely, M.Ed.; James Herzog, Ph.D.

Guest: Charley Rome, LBO

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; Kim Wood, Chief Information Officer; Cyndi Eubank and McCall Chastain, Attorneys

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; 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

Assistant Directors: Dr. Kenneth O'Neal, Ellisville State School

Other DMH Program Staff: 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 August 2022 minutes.

On motion by Mr. Rutledge and second by Dr. Killebrew, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda and the August 2022 minutes.

Kelly Breland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Consolidated Financial Summary for the Fifteen Months Ended (FY21 vs. FY22) and for the Three Months Ended (FY22 vs. FY23).

Mr. Breland presented the 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					
Mississippi State Hospital					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
Staff Care, Inc.	11/7/22	11/6/27	\$3,120,000	\$624,000	Contractor will provide psychiatric services at a rate of \$300/hr.
Austin Major Group	11/7/22	11/6/27	\$3,380,000	\$676,000	Contractor will provide psychiatric services at a rate of \$325/hr.
East MS State Hospital					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
Infiniti Healthcare Services	8/18/22	8/17/24	\$6000,000	\$3000,000	Contractor will provide CNA \$18/hr., LPN \$24/hr., RN \$35/hr.
Contracts, state retirees, \$20,000 or more annually					
Ellisville State School					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description of Services
Kathy Sullivan	10/3/22	6/30/23	\$45,356	\$46.50/hr.	Retiree will provide Dietetic Evaluations for persons served.

Wendy Bailey, Executive Director, reported that on September 21, DMH presented the FY24 budget request to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee. She reported that this year, there were only three agencies asked to present – DMH, CPS and Corrections. She provided to the Board a copy of the documents from the hearing.

Ms. Bailey reported DMH participates in the International Overdose Awareness Day with a proclamation signed by the governor each year. DMH is bringing awareness to this current increase in overdose by reaching out to the universities and treatment centers across the state. Ms. Bailey shared a letter that was sent to Community Colleges and Churches.

Ms. Bailey reported that the first meeting of the Study Commission on the 988 Comprehensive Behavioral Health Crisis Response System was held on August 30, with members attending the meeting virtually.

Ms. Bailey reported the 6th Annual Suicide Prevention Symposium was held September 27-28.

Ms. Bailey reported the first week of October was Mental Illness Awareness Week. DMH recognized this week through an editorial published in multiple newspapers across the state and through social media efforts focusing on a theme for each day.

Ms. Bailey reported the December Board of Mental Health meeting will be held at the Department of Mental Health on December 15.

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 the FY23 – FY27 DMH Strategic Plan for approval.

On motion of Mr. Landrum and second by Dr. Killebrew, the Board voted unanimously to approve the FY23 – FY27 DMH Strategic Plan.

Ms. Storr presented a comprehensive overview of the FY22 Strategic Plan End-of-Year Progress Report.

Ms. Storr provided an update on the Mental Health Meetups.

Dr. Tom Recore, Mississippi State Hospital, provided a brief overview of Mississippi State Hospital's Forensic Services.

Jake Hutchins, Deputy Executive Director, Behavioral Health Services, provided an update on the Office of Utilization Review.

Dr. Mallory Malkin, Chief Clinical Officer, Behavioral Health Services, provided an update on Remedial Order Paragraph 24 Report and shared the report sent to Court-appointed monitor Dr. Michael Hogan and posted on the DMH website.

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 presented the Hudspeth Regional Center Executive Summary for FY 2022 – 2023 year for approval. This summary includes the Professional Development Plan, the Five-Year Plan (Strategic Plan), Nonpublic School Accreditation Application.

On motion of Dr. Griffin and second by Mr. Landrum the Board voted unanimously to approve the Hudspeth Regional Center Executive Summary for FY 2022 – 2023.

Rinsey McSwain, Director, Ellisville State School, provided a program overview. Dr. Kenneth O'Neal, Assistant Director, provided an update on Campus Grounds.

Property Subcommittee Report:

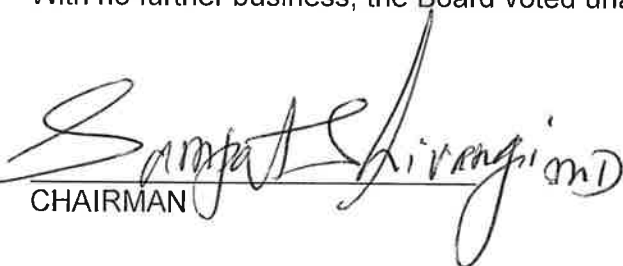
Mr. Rutledge reported that the Property Subcommittee met prior to the Board meeting. Mr. Rutledge reported that Since 2017, the Economic Development Authority of Jones County holds an Option to Purchase approximately 200 acres, owned by Ellisville State School located on Highway 11, south of the main campus. He reported that further, the city of Ellisville and Jones County Board of Supervisors asked the Economic Development Authority to assist with reconfiguring Dacetown Road which borders the east boundary of the optioned property. EDA is requesting to relocate structured fencing and has asked ESS to include this change into the existing option. Mr. Rutledge reported that as a result of these two desires, the EDA is asking DMH to modify the existing option to accommodate the Dacetown Road work and to then renew the Option to Purchase, effective December 31, 2022 thru December 31, 2025. Ms. McSwain recommended approval to the Property Committee and the Committee made a recommendation to the Board for approval.

On Motion by Dr. Griffin and second by Mr. Landrum, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request by Jones County EDA to add additional parcels to reconfigure Dacetown Road and to then renew the revised option with the effective date of December 31, 2022.

On motion of Mr. Landrum, the Board voted to close the regular monthly meeting to determine the need for an Executive Session. On motion of Mr. Rutledge and second by Dr. Griffin, the Board voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters related to Potential Litigation. On motion of Mr. Landrum and second by Dr. Griffin, the Board voted unanimously to exit the Executive Session reporting all actions taken by the Board during this session.

There were no actions taken during this session.

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


CHAIRMAN


EXECUTIVE SECRETARY