

MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022

The Mississippi State Board of Mental Health held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, December 15, 2022, at the Department of Mental Health, Jackson, Mississippi.

In Attendance:

Board Members: Sampat Shivangi, M.D.; Mr. Stewart Rutledge; Mr. Courtney Phillips; Teresa Mosely, M.Ed.; James Herzog, Ph.D.; Sara Gleason, M.D; Alyssa Killebrew, Ph.D.; and Manda Griffin, DNP

Absent: Mr. Robert Landrum

Guest: Dr. Michael King and Tony Volrath, SAMHSA; and Darren Schwindaman, Creative Distillery

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; and Adam Moore, Division of Communications 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; 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: Ricky Grimes, Boswell Regional Center; Donna Creekmore, East Mississippi State Hospital; and Kerri Nichols, North Mississippi Regional Center

Other DMH Program Staff: Dr. Tom Recore and Dr. Duncan Stone, 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 Clint Ashley 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 October 2022 minutes.

On motion by Dr. Herzog and second by Ms. Mosley, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda and the October 2022 minutes.

Kelly Breland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Consolidated Financial Summary for the Five Months Ended November 30, 2022. Mr. Breland also provided an update on the Federal (SAMHSA) Grant Listing FY 2023.

Mr. Breland presented the Contracts, non-state retirees, \$50,000 or more annually.

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South Mississippi Regional Center					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
Professional Building Services, Inc.	3/1/23	6/30/24	\$340,480	\$170,240	Contractor will provide janitorial services for \$0.08/square foot.
Orlean Security LLC dba Force 1 Protection	2/1/23	6/30/24	\$423,360	\$174,720	Contractor will provide security services for \$20/hr.
Ellisville State School					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
Waste Pro of Mississippi, Inc.	3/1/23	2/26/28	\$797,145	\$159,429	Contractor will provide Waste Management Services.

Wendy Bailey, Executive Director, introduced Dr. Michael King, SAMHSA Regional Administrator for the Southern States for Region IV. Dr. King is a social worker and epidemiologist who has served for over 15 years in the intersection of behavioral and public health and Tony Volrath, SAMHSA Assistant Regional Administrator. Mr. Volrath recently served as a Public Health Analyst with HRSA.

Ms. Bailey 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 that members of DMH's leadership team met on November 17 with Regional Administrators of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Administration for Children and Families, Health Resources and Services Administration, and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The federal leaders traveled to Mississippi to discuss priorities for their agencies and how agencies can work together to further behavioral health services in Mississippi.

Ms. Bailey reported on November 15 she testified at a hearing of a Mental Health and Criminal Justice Subcommittee created by Jud B Committee Chair Rep. Nick Bain and chaired by Rep. Sam Creekmore. Mr. Hutchins and Ms. Eubank also attended to represent DMH.

Ms. Bailey reported on November 30, DMH was invited to attend the CMHC Commissioners meeting held at Region 8. She stated that DMH utilized this opportunity to provide the required Commissioners Annual Training in SB 2610.

Ms. Bailey reported that the 2023 Legislative Session will begin January 3 with conference weekend set for March 25. Ms. Bailey reported she will provide more information regarding the Friends of MSH to host an event at the capitol, a MH Day at the Capitol and IDD Day at the Capitol.

Ms. Bailey reported that Campus Police Officers Christy Carona, Larry Strickland, and Barry Wayne Sharp were granted constable pay (5%) effective November 1, 2022, at Ellisville State School.

Ms. Bailey reported the February Board of Mental Health meeting will be held at Mississippi State Hospital on February 16.

Katie Storr, Chief of Staff, introduced Darren Schwindaman, Creative Distillery. Mr. Schwindaman provided an update on the Statewide Outreach Campaign.

Adam Moore, Director, Division of Communications and Planning presented a comprehensive overview of the FY22 DMH Annual Report.

Dr. Edie Hayles, Director, North Mississippi Regional Center, provided a program overview. Dr. Kenneth O'Neal, Assistant Director, provided an update on Campus Grounds.

Patient Care Subcommittee Report:

Mr. Kittrell reported that the Patient Care Subcommittee met prior to the Board meeting. The Patient Care Subcommittee recommended the following medical appointments/reappointments:

Mississippi State Hospital

John Wilkaitis, M.D. – Appointment from August 16, 2022 to June 30, 2024
Laura Fincher, M.D. – Appointment from December 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

North Mississippi State Hospital

Shelli Coleman-Dodd, D.O. – October 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024

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

Property Subcommittee Report:

Mr. Rutledge reported that the Property Subcommittee met prior to the Board meeting. Mr. Rutledge reported that the North East Power Association (NEPA) is in the process of moving their overhead power lines from across Hwy 7 over onto the NMRC side of Hwy 7. The power lines are quite numerous (about 9) and would run along the MS Hwy Department Easement. NMRC has been in discussions with NEPA to consider running the lines underground instead of overhead. They are willing to do so at their expense for a portion of the segment (that being from the Industrial Park entrance road to just beyond the welcome to Oxford City sign that is also situated on NMRC property). The remainder of the line, if run underground, will be at cost to NMRC for \$140,949.75.

Mr. Rutledge reported that the Property Subcommittee recommended that the Board approve the request from NMRC to spend \$140,949.75 to get the power run underground. On Motion by Dr. Shivangi and second by Dr. Herzog, the Board voted unanimously to approve the expenditure.

Mr. Rutledge reported that Dr. Herzog presented a request for approval to amend the Board policies (bylaws) which states:

N. Naming Rights. No property, program, real or intellectual property under the control of the Department of Mental Health, including but not limited to buildings and roads, may be named after (a) any Member of the Board of Mental Health while he or she is an active Member of the Board of Mental Health nor (b) any employee of the Department of Mental Health while he or she is employed by the Department of Mental Health.

On motion by Dr. Herzog and second by Dr. Gleason, the Board voted unanimously to adopt and incorporate this amendment to the Bylaws.

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


CHAIRMAN


EXECUTIVE SECRETARY