

MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023

The Mississippi State Board of Mental Health held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 20, 2023, 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.; Manda Griffin, DNP; and Mr. Robert Landrum

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; 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; Cyndi Eubank and McCall Chastain, Attorneys

Central Office Staff: Grenaye Sullivan, Recording Secretary; and Marquaita Lampkin

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: Donna Creekmore, East Mississippi State Hospital; and Angelia Alexandria, Hudspeth 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 February 2023 minutes.

On motion by Dr. Killebrew and second by Ms. Mosley, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda and the February 2023 minutes.

Kelly Breland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Consolidated Financial Summary for the Nine Months Ended March 31, 2023. Mr. Breland also provided an update on the FY24 Appropriations.

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

annually.

Contracts, non-state retirees, \$50,000 or more annually					
Hudspeth Regional Center					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
Jo Harbour, MD	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$168,000	\$150/hr.	Contractor will provide physician and medical services including urgent and psychiatric care.
Claudia White, PT	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$86,000	\$65/hr.	Contractor will serve as Director of Physical Therapy and assist those with IDD/DD.
Mississippi State Hospital					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
Ashley Batastini, Ph.D.	5/24/23	5/23/28	\$1,300,000	\$250/hr.	Contractor will provide Forensic Psychologist Services.
Gina M. Mire, Ph.D. d/b/a/ Forensic Psychological Services	5/24/23	5/23/28	\$1,300,000	\$250/hr.	Contractor will provide Forensic Psychologist Services.
Wayne Gavel, Ph.D. d/b/a/ Steadfast Consulting, LLC	5/24/23	5/23/28	\$1,300,000	\$250/hr.	Contractor will provide Forensic Psychologist Services.
North Mississippi State Hospital					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
Rebecca Van Horn, M.D.	7/01/23	6/30/27	\$784,000	\$200/hr.	Contractor will provide part time telehealth psychiatric services.
Dr. Raghavendran Gajagowni	7/01/23	6/30/27	\$784,000	\$200/hr.	Contractor will provide part time telehealth psychiatric services.
Ellisville State School					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
Mary Lou Russell	7/01/23	6/30/28	\$509,895	\$65/hr.	Contractor will provide part time Psychical Therapy services.
Catharine Reich	7/01/23	6/30/28	\$509,895	\$65/hr.	Contractor will provide part time

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

Central Office

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Catherine Cliburn	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$27,000	\$25/hr.	Retiree will assist in the development and implementation of early childhood programs to serve children ages 0-5 who are experiencing mental health challenges.

Wendy Bailey, Executive Director, reported that during March, DMH and other partners across the state recognized IDD Awareness Month and Governor Reeves signed a proclamation officially marking the recognition.

Ms. Bailey reported that the Postpartum Wellness Summit will be held on May 4 at the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services. She reported that DMH partnered with the MS Public Health Institute and MS Department of Health to host this summit to focus on treatment of postpartum depression.

Ms. Bailey reported that Mississippi is one of 15 states that has received a \$1 million Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) planning grant that aims to transform mental health and substance use treatment across the country by providing sustainable funding for robust community treatment services.

Ms. Bailey reported that DMH was proud to stand with Canopy Children's Solutions and Madison County Schools in March for the launch of an innovative pilot to connect with the hope and help they need. She reported that Canopy Anywhere, a mental wellness app will be piloted in some Madison County schools this spring, is designed to provide wellness resources and access to care for students and families.

Ms. Bailey reported that the third monitoring report of Dr. Hogan was filed with the court on March 7th. She reported that a spreadsheet was developed incorporating this report, and the two prior reports, to outline the compliance status for each requirement in the Remedial Order. Ms. Bailey reported that the State is in compliance or partial compliance with all items in the Remedial Order.

Ms. Bailey reported that on March 21st, Dr. Herzog had a Senate Confirmation hearing at the Capitol to confirm his reappointment for a seven-year term.

Ms. Bailey provided a Legislative Update.

Ms. Bailey reported the June Board of Mental Health meeting will be held at North Mississippi State Hospital on June 15.

Cyndi Eubank, Office of General Counsel, provided an Executive Summary of the changes/additions to the DMH Board Policies. She then asked for approval of the Draft DMH Board Policies.

On motion by Dr. Herzog and second by Ms. Mosley, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Draft DMH Board Policies as presented.

Adam Moore, Director, Division of Communications and Planning presented a comprehensive overview of the FY23 Strategic Plan Mid-Year Report.

Cindy Cooley, Director, South Mississippi Regional Center, provided a program overview.

Property Subcommittee Report:

Mr. Rutledge reported that the Property Subcommittee met prior to the Board meeting. Mr. Rutledge presented two items for approval by the Board. He reported that in September 2019, North Mississippi Regional Center was contacted by Daniel M. Martin, Attorney at Law, of Water Valley, MS. Mr. Martin is acting on behalf of his clients, Clifton E. Lawson and wife, Ramona L. Bernard, who own a house which is adjacent to the property deeded to the State of MS to be used for the Department of Mental Health (*Address: corner of Main and Lafayette Street - Water Valley, MS*) and requested an easement on a section of the State property to access a small shed onto their property. In lieu of an easement, the Board of Mental Health approved a Revocable License for the Easement in November 2019. Mr. Rutledge reported that over the last couple of years, the Lawson's have reached out to get something more permanent in place as it relates to this strip of property. He reported that after numerous emails, site visits and phone calls between Mr. Martin, Kerry Nichols and Stewart Rutledge, presented a proposal to the Board of Mental Health for approval of a Perpetual Easement. The first is approval of a Perpetual Easement for Clifton E. Lawson and his wife, Ramona L. Bernard. On Motion by Dr. Herzog stipulated by Mr. Rutledge and second by Ms. Mosley, the Board voted to approve the expenditure. Dr. Gleason voted no.

Mr. Rutledge reported that the second issue was approval of an easement for the City of Pearl to provide sewer service to a low moderate-income area of the City that has never had sewer service before. He reported that the City of Pearl has approached MS State Hospital for an easement. The proposed easement will allow the city to provide sewer service to a low to moderate income area of the city that has never had sewer service before. The procurement of the easement is imperative to the project because it allows the city to connect to the West Rankin interceptor beyond the State's property. The first phase of this project is currently underway and the second phase, which involves this proposed easement, is scheduled for June/July 2023. On motion by Mr. Rutledge and second by Dr. Griffin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the easement.

On motion of Dr. Herzog, the Board voted to close the regular monthly meeting to determine the need for an Executive Session. On motion of Dr. Griffin 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 Dr. Killebrew and second by Mr. Phillips, the Board voted unanimously to exit the Executive Session. There were no actions taken by the Board during this session.

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


CHAIRMAN


EXECUTIVE SECRETARY