

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH
NORTH MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL
TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI
THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023**

The Mississippi State Board of Mental Health held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at North Mississippi State Hospital, Tupelo, 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; and Manda Griffin, DNP

Absent: Alyssa Killebrew, Ph.D.; 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; 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 Joe Grist 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 April 2023 minutes.

On motion by Dr. Herzog and second by Dr. Griffin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda and the April 2023 minutes.

Kelly Breland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Consolidated Financial Summary for the Eleven Months Ended May 31, 2023. Mr. Breland also provided an update on the FY24 appropriations.

Mr. Breland provided an update on the Federal SAMHSA Grant funding.

Mr. Breland presented the Contracts, non-state retirees, \$50,000 or more annually and the state retirees, \$20,000 or more annually.

Contracts, non-state retirees, \$50,000 or more annually					
Specialized Treatment Facility					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
Richard F. Kutner, MD	9/01/23	8/31/27	\$585,616	\$292,808; \$250/hr.; \$1000/on call month	Contractor will provide part-time child and adolescent psychiatric services.
Mississippi State Hospital					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
John Wilkaitis, MD	7/01/23	6/30/25	\$823,680	\$411,840; \$200/hr.	Contractor will provide psychiatry services.
Marshall Belaga-Price, MD	7/01/23	6/30/25	\$503,360	\$250/hr.	Contractor will provide psychiatry services.
Reese Bulmash, DO	7/01/23	6/30/25	\$247,400	\$250/hr.	Contractor will provide patient care services
Karen Branam, MD	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$137,280	\$300/hr.	Contractor will provide anesthesiological services.
Michael Covault, MD	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$137,280	\$300/hr.	Contractor will provide anesthesiological services.
Paul Dare, MD	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$137,280	\$300/hr.	Contractor will provide anesthesiological services.
Fredetria Carson, Rn	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$96,096	\$42/hr.	Contractor will provide RN nursing services.
Trista Sparkman, RN	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$96,096	\$42/hr.	Contractor will provide RN nursing services.
Teresa Veasley, RN	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$96,096	\$42/hr.	Contractor will provide RN nursing services.
Sharron King, RN	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$96,096	\$42/hr.	Contractor will provide RN nursing services.
Anetra Bullock, RN	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$96,096	\$42/hr.	Contractor will provide RN nursing services.
Jasmyn Allen, RN	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$96,096	\$42/hr.	Contractor will provide RN nursing services.
Boswell Regional Center					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description

Shakira McBride	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$72,895	\$30/hr.	Contractor will provide nursing program direction.
Milton King	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$60,746	\$25/hr.	Contractor will provide administrative management services.
Arron Berry	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$54,456	\$22/hr.	Contractor will develop and/or implement habilitation or treatment plans.
Austin Magee	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$54,456	\$22/hr.	Contractor will develop and/or implement habilitation or treatment plans.
Barbara Johns	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$54,456	\$22/hr.	Contractor will develop and/or implement habilitation or treatment plans.
Daniel Buckhalter	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$54,456	\$22/hr.	Contractor will develop and/or implement habilitation or treatment plans.
Eric Lackey	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$54,456	\$22/hr.	Contractor will develop and/or implement habilitation or treatment plans.
John Overby	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$54,456	\$22/hr.	Contractor will develop and/or implement habilitation or treatment plans.
Suzan Grizzle	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$54,456	\$22/hr.	Contractor will develop and/or implement habilitation or treatment plans.
Shekaniah Moore	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$54,456	\$22/hr.	Contractor will develop and/or implement habilitation or treatment plans.
Ayana Granderson	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$72,895	\$30/hr.	Contractor will provide nursing program direction.
Ashley Lucas, LPN	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$72,895	\$30/hr.	Contractor will provide nursing program direction.
Felicia Hales, LPN	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$72,895	\$30/hr.	Contractor will provide nursing program direction.
Gregory Renfrow	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$72,895	\$30/hr.	Contractor will provide nursing program direction.

Jessica Jensen, LPN	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$72,895	\$30/hr.	Contractor will provide nursing program direction.
Safari Barnes	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$72,895	\$30/hr.	Contractor will provide nursing program direction.
Ellisville State School					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
Horne, LLP	7/01/23	6/30/28	\$780,000	\$156,000; \$3000/wk.	Contractor will provide day-to-day accounts payable functions.

Contracts, state retirees, \$20,000 or more annually					
Hudspeth Regional Center					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
Frankie Cheatham, RN	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$23,580	\$42/hr.	Retiree will provide part-time RN services.
Janice Fitten	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$25,000	\$30/hr.	Retiree will serve as a part-time licensed purchasing agent.
Seno Clegget, Psychologist	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$22,500	\$30/hr.	Retiree will provide part-time psychology services.
Brenda Patterson	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$22,500	\$40/hr.	Retiree will provide part-time testing services.
Suzie Rosser, Audiologist	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$32,500	\$53/hr.	Retiree will provide part-time audiological assessments.
Debra Lovell, Psychometrist	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$28,600	\$40/hr.	Retiree will provide part-time testing services.
Boswell Regional Center					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
Janna Means	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$51,886	\$40/hr.	Retiree will provide part-time IQ testing, diagnoses, and reporting.
Mississippi State Hospital					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
Teresa McNeece	7/01/23	6/30/25	\$54,047	\$27,023; \$20/hr.	Retiree will provide contract coordinator services.
Eula Kathy Greer	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$33,020	\$25/hr.	Retiree will provide librarian services.
Joe Thornton	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$51,511	\$39/hr.	Retiree will provide lab services.
Pamela Magee	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$42,256	\$32/hr.	Retiree will provide med tech services.
Phillip Cothorn, RN	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$48,869	\$37/hr.	Retiree will provide nursing services.

Gwendolyn Nicks Lyle, RN	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$38,869	\$37/hr.	Retiree will provide nursing services.
Cassandra Woods, RN	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$48,869	\$37/hr.	Retiree will provide nursing services.
Lether Magee, LPN	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$33,020	\$25/hr.	Retiree will provide LPN services.
Angela Loving, LPN	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$33,020	\$25/hr.	Retiree will provide LPN services.

Ellisville State School

Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
Sherry Pickens	7/01/23	6/30/25	\$57,222	\$28,611 \$22.00/hr.	Retiree will provide part-time behavioral health specialist services.
Mary Kathleen Sullivan	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$60,474	\$46.50/hr.	Retiree will perform part-time dietetic evaluations.
Mary Rose Darby	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$41,616	\$40/hr.	Retiree will provide part-time RN services.
Janice Patterson	7/01/23	6/30/26	\$68,667	\$22,889; \$22/hr.	Retiree will provide part-time behavioral health specialist services.
Yolanda Brown	7/01/23	6/30/26	\$70,228	\$23,409; \$18/hr.	Retiree will provide part-time support coordination services.
Doreen Cancel	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$60,474	\$46.50/hr.	Retiree will provide part-time dietetic evaluations.

South MS Regional Center

Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
Christine Wheeler	7/01/23	6/30/25	\$72,829	\$36,414; \$28/hr.	Retiree will provide part-time LPN nursing services.
Maria Palo	7/01/23	6/30/26	\$62,424	\$20,808; \$16/hr.	Retiree will perform part-time food services.

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 during the month of May, DMH along with the nation recognized Mental Health Month. She shared a video of three CPSSs sharing their personal stories of recovery, including one, Marci Kinchen who works with the Mobile Crisis Response Team at Region 9 Hinds Behavioral Health.

Ms. Bailey reported that the 2023 Law Enforcement Torch Run to benefit Special Olympics Mississippi was held on May 11 at Ellisville State School. She reported

that Ms. Rinsey McSwain was appointed a Board Member of Special Olympics Mississippi.

Ms. Bailey reported that as part of HB 1222 the Mississippi Collaborative Response to Mental Health Act, she sent a letter to all Chancery Clerks notifying them of the specific reporting requirements. These will include number of acute psychiatric commitments, hearings, affidavits filed, and Crisis Stabilization Unit bed denials.

Ms. Bailey reported that SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services has accepted Mississippi's application for the Policy Academy on Supported Employment Transition Age Youth. DMH will joining six other states who were selected in this process to improve Supported Employment services and outcomes for youth with serious emotional disorders. She reported that Lynda Stewart, Director of the Division of Children and Youth Services, and a representative from each of the partners will travel to Washington on June 20-22 for the Policy Academy, followed by 12 virtual sessions over the next year.

Ms. Bailey provided a list of proposed Board meeting locations for the FY24 fiscal year. She then asked the Board to approve the proposed Board meeting locations.

On motion by Mr. Rutledge and a second by Dr. Herzog, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed Board meeting locations for the FY24 fiscal year.

Ms. Bailey reported the August Board of Mental Health meeting will be held at the Department of Mental Health on August 17.

Jake Hutchins, Deputy Executive Director, Behavioral Health Services, provided an update on Region 11.

Raquel Rosamond, Executive Director, Region 3 CMHC, and Nena Klein, DMH Clinical Diversion Coordinator, provided a Court Liaisons overview.

Dr. Scott Willoughby, Licensed Clinical Psychologist, South MS State Hospital, and Tiffany Tine, CPSS North MS State Hospital, provided an update on the Mississippi Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council and shared information from the feedback survey.

Dr. Paul Callens, Director, North MS State Hospital, provided an update on the TJC Triennial Survey Renewal.

Joey Grist, NMSH Fiscal Services Director, provided a Facility Maintenance update.

Sommer Armstrong, NMSH Public Relations Director, provided a Public Relations update.

Cyndi Eubank, Office of General Counsel, provided a General Summary of the 2023 Proposed Revisions to the DMH Board Policies. She then asked for approval of the Final DMH Board Policies.

On motion by Mr. Rutledge and second by Dr. Herzog, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Final DMH Board Policies as presented.

Ms. Eubank provided a summary of the Mississippi Law Enforcement and Fire Fighters Premium Pay Program. She provided a Premium Pay Resolution and asked for approval from the Board.

On motion by Mr. Rutledge and a second by M. Mosley, the Board voted

unanimously to approve the Premium Pay Resolution.

Katie Storr, Chief of Staff, provided a Communications Update and shared a recent outreach video created to bring awareness of services/supports.

Patient Care Subcommittee Report:

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

Mississippi State Hospital

Reappointments 7-1-23 to 6-30-25

Ed Brewer, MD
Reb McMichael, MD
Karen Holloway, MD
Kirtida Desai, MD
Salaahuddin Dakhlalla, MD
Dan Coughlin, MD
John Norton, MD
Ralph Wayne Smith, MD
Mack Woo, MD
Sonja Stiff, DMD
Derrick Edwards, MD
Harry Dowdy, MD

New appointments 2-29-2023 to 6-30-2024

Paul Dare, MD
Michael Covault, MD
Page Branam, MD

ECT Privileges (no dates)

Robert Maddux, MD

North Mississippi State Hospital

Reappointments 7-1-23 to 6-30-25

Dilyana Milev, MD
Charles Lippincott, MD
Jamie Ungo, MD
James Rish, MD
Brian Friloux, MD

New appointment 4-1-23 to 6-30-2024

Rebecca Van Horn, MD

East Mississippi State Hospital

Reappointments 7-1-23 to 6-30-25

Rolando Abangan, MD
William Touchstone, MD
Kim Nagel, MD

On motion of Dr. Herzog and second by Mr. Rutledge, the Board voted unanimously to approve the reappointments, new appointments and ECT privileges.

On motion of Mr. Rutledge, 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 Mr. Phillips, the Board voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters related to Potential Litigation and Personnel Matters.

On motion of Dr. Griffin 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 by Dr. Herzog and second by Dr Shivangi, the Board voted unanimously to elect Mr. Rutledge as Board Chair and Mr. Phillips as Board Vice Chairman for the next Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023.

On motion by Mr. Rutledge and second by Dr. Shivangi, the Board voted unanimously to raise Ms. Bailey's salary to \$179,500 effective July 1, 2023.

On motion by Mr. Rutledge and second by Dr. Shivangi, the Board voted unanimously to revisit the Executive Director's salary at the February 2024 meeting.

On motion by Dr. Herzog and second by Dr. Shivangi, the Board voted unanimously to authorize Mr. Rutledge to draft a letter stating the Board's confidence and support of Ms. Bailey.

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



CHAIRMAN



EXECUTIVE SECRETARY