



Mississippi State Hospital Forensic Services

MSH Forensic Services is Mississippi's only inpatient forensic mental health service provider serving all 82 counties in the state.



ACUTE FORENSIC SERVICES

Competency Evaluation

- Assessment of felony defendants' competency to proceed legally.
- Assessment of mental state at the time of the alleged offense.
- Expert opinions reported to the court.

Competency Restoration

- Medications
- Psychological interventions
- Educational programs on court and Legal processes.



FORENSIC CONTINUED TREATMENT SERVICES

Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity

- Services provided to defendants who have been determined by a Circuit Court to not understand the wrongfulness of their actions at the time of the alleged felony offense due to a mental illness.

Civil Commitment

- Services provided to high risk, chronically dangerous defendants who are determined to be too impaired to be restored to competency and civilly committed for treatment.
- Provides continued treatment for individuals charged with high risk offenses such as murder, rape, and arson.



SUCCESSSES:

Renovation of a New Maximum Security Facility Underway Will Provide Mississippi With:

- A safe and secure environment of care for patients and staff that meets Life/Safety codes and CMS/Joint Commission standards.
- Better access to forensic services for the entire state
- Relief to Mississippi Sheriffs currently housing mentally ill defendants in jail.
- Total cost **\$31,994,000.00**
- Estimated time of completion - **March 2024**

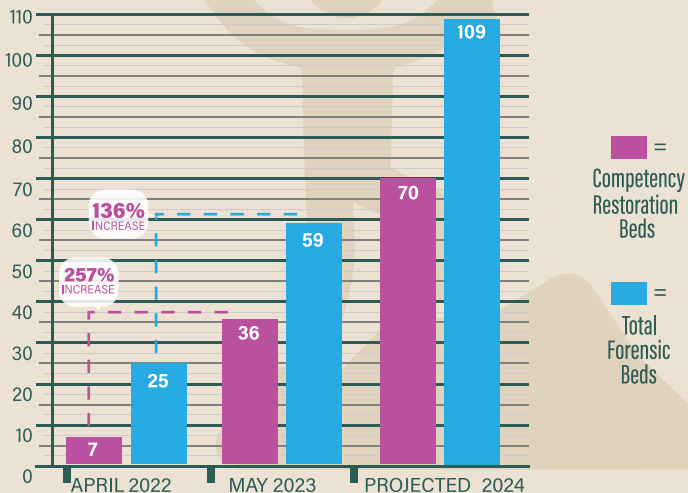


CHALLENGES:

Staffing Needed for New Maximum Security Facility:

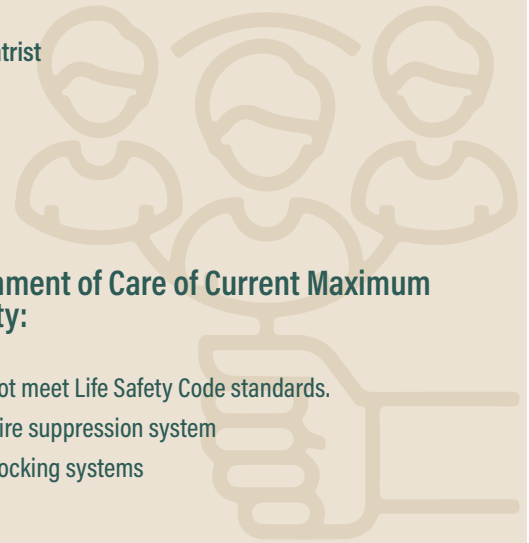
- **57 current Maximum Security Staff** will move to the new facility once complete
- **\$11,167,577** in **FY25** budget request to meet additional staffing requirements and fill additional bed capacity
- **140 additional FTE staff** needed to adequately staff the new unit and fill all **83 beds**
 - 74 Support Care Professionals
 - 32 RNs
 - 23 LPNs
 - 1 Psychiatrist

Increased Forensic Bed Capacity/Stratification of Services



Unsafe Environment of Care of Current Maximum Security Facility:

- Facility does not meet Life Safety Code standards.
- No automatic fire suppression system
- No electronic locking systems



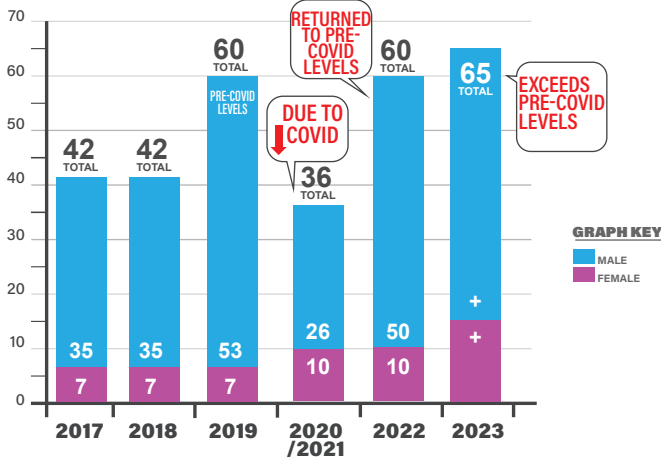


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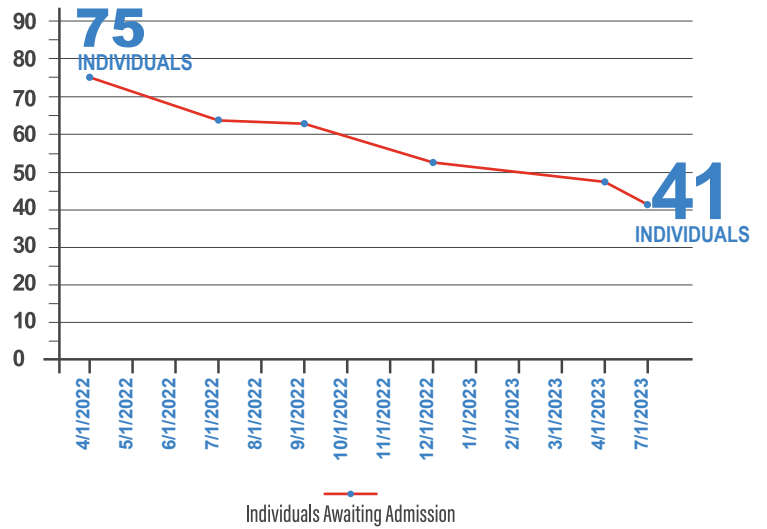


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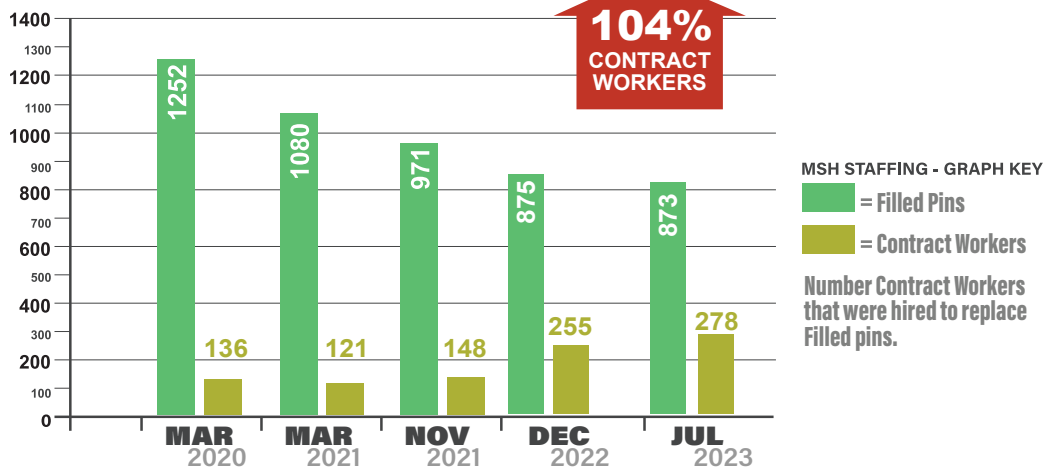
OCCUPIED DEDICATED FORENSIC BEDS



STAGE 1A & 2 (ADMISSIONS) WAITING IN JAIL - DECREASING



MSH EMPLOYEE HEAD COUNT - DECREASING



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