

MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2023

The Mississippi State Board of Mental Health held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, August 17, 2023, at the Department of Mental Health, Jackson, Mississippi.

In Attendance:

Board Members: Mr. Stewart Rutledge; Mr. Courtney Phillips; Teresa Mosely, M.Ed.; James Herzog, Ph.D.; Sara Gleason, M.D; and Manda Griffin, DNP; Sampat Shivangi, M.D.; 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; Kim Wood, Chief Information Officer; Stephanie Foster, Bureau of Certification and Quality Outcomes; Cyndi Eubank and McCall Chastain, Attorneys

Guests: Rhonda Davis, Hinds Behavioral Health Services

Central Office Staff: Grenaye Sullivan, Recording Secretary; and Adam Moore, Director 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; James Chastain, 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; Angelia Alexandria, Hudspeth Regional Center

Other DMH Program Staff: Timila Bell, Hudspeth Regional Center

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mr. Stewart Rutledge. Mr. Rutledge asked everyone to stand while Craig Kittrell opened the meeting with the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Rutledge asked if there were any objections to the consent agenda and the June 2023 minutes.

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

Kelly Breland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Consolidated Financial Summary for the Thirteen Months Ended July 31, 2023.

Mr. Breland provided an update on the FY25 Budget Request.

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					
Mississippi State Hospital					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
Dr. Jeffrey Ali	7/01/23	6/30/25	\$732,160	\$366,080; \$200/hr.	Contractor will provide psychiatry services.
Dr. Hunter McClendon	8/03/23	6/30/25	\$907,500	\$453,750; \$275/hr.	Contractor will provide psychiatry services.
Dr. Jefferson Rogers	8/03/23	6/30/25	\$302,500	\$151,250; \$275/hr.	Contractor will provide psychiatry services.
Contracts, state retirees, \$20,000 or more annually					
Mississippi State Hospital					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
Clara McAllister, MHT	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$23,114	\$17.50/hr.	Retiree will provide Mental Health Technician services.
Ruthie Bell, MHT	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$23,114	\$17.50/hr.	Retiree will provide Mental Health Technician services.
Eddie Williams, MHT	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$23,114	\$17.50/hr.	Retiree will provide Mental Health Technician services.
Tammye Hutchins, MHT	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$23,114	\$17.50/hr.	Retiree will provide Mental Health Technician services.
Debbie Jenkins, MHT	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$23,114	\$17.50/hr.	Retiree will provide Mental Health Technician services.
Linda Calendar, MHT	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$23,114	\$17.50/hr.	Retiree will provide Mental Health Technician services.
Debbie Fyke	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$39,624	\$30/hr.	Retiree will serve as the Payroll Coordinator.
Shelia Johnson	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$26,416	\$20/hr.	Retiree will serve as the Timekeeping Coordinator.
Stephanie Land	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$31,699	\$24/hr.	Retiree will serve as a Billing Coordinator.
Sonya Thornhill	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$31,699	\$24/hr.	Retiree will serve as a Billing Coordinator.
James Spann	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$21,132	\$16/hr.	Retiree will provide police services.
Norman Luckey	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$21,132	\$16/hr.	Retiree will provide police services.
Michael Watson	7/01/23	6/30/24	\$21,132	\$16/hr.	Retiree will provide police services.

Wendy Bailey, Executive Director, reported that the NMRC 50th Anniversary Celebration will be held on August 21st beginning at 2 p.m. and will take place in the Hudspeth Gymnasium.

Ms. Bailey reported that the 7th Annual Suicide Prevention Symposium will be held on September 19-20 and the 2023 Mississippi Trauma Informed Care Conference will be held on September 27-29. Both will be held virtually. The MH/IDD Joint Conference will be held on October 25-27 at the Natchez Convention Center.

Ms. Bailey reported that on August 31st, Mississippi will recognize along with states and counties across the globe, International Overdose Awareness Day. The purpose of the day is to provide an opportunity for all Mississippians to stand beside those who have lost loved ones to an overdose and help to end the stigma of drug-related deaths.

Ms. Bailey reported that in July, DMH program directors began sending letters to legislators in their catchment areas and across the state offering tours of their programs to increase awareness of the services they provide to Mississippians with serious mental illness, IDD and substance use disorders.

Ms. Bailey reported that earlier this summer Mississippi was one of 10 states awarded a \$1 million planning grant to implement Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC). She reported that DMH is working with Region 6 and Region 14 on this grant. This includes a 12-month planning period during which DMH will transition its CMHC certification criteria to align with CCBHC criteria.

Ms. Bailey shared a copy of the agency's State Plan for Diversity, Cultural Competency, Equity, and Inclusion. She reported that this plan was created by the Cultural Competency Plan Workgroup and will be implemented in conjunction with the Multicultural Task Force.

Ms. Bailey reported the October Board of Mental Health meeting will be held at the Specialized Treatment Facility on October 19.

Misty Bell, Division Director, Division of Alcohol & Drug Addiction Treatment Services provided an overview of Pregnant Parenting Substance Use Disorder Services.

Timila Bell, Public Relations Director at Hudspeth Regional Center presented an overview of HRC's events and developments of FY23.

Property Subcommittee Report:

Mr. Rutledge presented the report from the Property Subcommittee with one item for consideration. Mississippi State Hospital (MSH) requests the Board's review and approval of the lease agreement with Cellular South Real Estate, Inc. He reported that MSH has been working with CSpire to erect a cell tower on the campus in hopes the tower would drastically improve coverage and enable MSH to utilize CSpire equipment to gain Wifi access on buildings across campus. Being able to utilize their equipment should help drastically cut the cost of providing connectivity campus wide; a connectivity that will need to be present to successfully run an Electronic Health Record. MSH recommends approval of the agreement.

On motion of Dr. Herzog and seconded by Dr. Shivangi, the Board voted unanimously to approve the option and lease agreement.

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:

On motion of Dr. Killebrew and seconded by Ms. Mosley the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment until June 30, 2025, at Mississippi State Hospital for Hunter Warren McLendon, M.D. Dr. Gleason abstained.

New appointments until June 30, 2025

Jefferson Rogers, MD
Jeffrey Asgar Ali, MD
Stephen Keith Smith, MD

**Specialized Treatment Facility
Reappointments 7-1-23 to 6-30-25**

Dimitrios Dimitriades, MD
Steven Schepens, MD

On motion of Dr. Killebrew and second by Ms. Mosley, the Board voted unanimously to approve the reappointments and new appointments.

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


CHAIRMAN


EXECUTIVE SECRETARY