

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
JACKSON, MS
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2023**

The Mississippi State Board of Mental Health held their regularly scheduled board meeting on Thursday, December 21, 2023, at the Mississippi Department of Mental Health in Jackson, MS.

In Attendance:

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

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 MaCall Chastain, General Counsel; Dr. Robert Maddux, DMH Medical Director

Central Office Staff: Grenaye Sullivan, outgoing Recording Secretary; Suzanne Marler, incoming Recording Secretary

Program Directors: Rinsey McSwain, Ellisville State School; Cindy Caples, South Mississippi Regional Center; Sabrina Young, South Mississippi State Hospital; Jerrie Barnes, Hudspeth Regional Center; Shannon Bush, Specialized Treatment Facility; Jamie Odom, Mississippi Adolescent Center; Dr. Charles Carlisle, East Mississippi State Hospital; James Chastain, Mississippi State Hospital; Dr. Edie Hayles, North Mississippi Regional Center; Clint Ashley, Boswell Regional Center; and Dr. Paul Callens, North Mississippi State Hospital

Other DMH Program Staff: Bobby Sterling, Ellisville State School

The meeting was called to order at 9 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 October 2023 minutes.

On motion by Dr. Herzog and second by Dr. Sara Gleason, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda and the October 2023 minutes.

Kelly Breland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Consolidated Financial Summary and the Federal SAMHSA Grants Funding Summary.

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

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Specialized Treatment Facility					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
Carrie J. Payne-Morris, MSCCC -SLP MPH	11/01/23	10/31/27	\$216,000	\$43,200; \$75/hr.	Contractor will provide speech pathology services to residents at STF.
Dr. Richard Kutner	12/1/23	6/30/27	\$1,052,817	\$467,201; \$250/hr.; \$1000/month for on call	Contractor will serve as primary collaborating physician for the MH Nurse Practitioner.
Contracts, state retirees, \$20,000 or more annually					
Ellisville State School					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/Hourly	Description
Alma Ford	9/01/23	6/30/24	\$74,029	\$26,010/year; \$20/hr.	Retiree will provide Targeted Case Management Services.

Wendy Bailey, Executive Director, presented the 988 Study Commission Report which was required as part of HB 732 during the 2023 Legislative Session.

Ms. Bailey presented the FY23 Adult Mental Health Services Audit and Fidelity Report. The report includes results from the discharge planning audits at the four state hospitals, pre-evaluation screening audits, and fidelity reviews for PACT, ICORT, ICSS, Supported Employment, and Mobile Crisis Response.

Ms. Bailey shared a copy of the Office of Mental Health Accessibility Coordinator Status Report #8. She highlighted a few components of the report.

Ms. Bailey shared that DMH was pleased to be present for the re-opening of Sunflower Landing in Tutwiler on November 30, 2023. Sunflower Landing is a holistic treatment center for adolescents ages 13-17. She

also thanked Dr. Herzog for attending on behalf of the Board of Mental Health.

Ms. Bailey presented an overview of the upcoming legislative session. She shared the 2024 Legislative Session calendar, provided an update on progress within HB 1222 and HB 231, and highlighted two items in the agency's budget request – Forensic Services and the ID/DD Home and Community Based Waiver.

Katie Storr, Chief of Staff, presented the FY23 Annual Report on behalf of Adam Moore.

Dr. Alyssa Killebrew shared concerns regarding the opioid epidemic in Mississippi and across the nation. Ms. Bailey responded to Dr. Killebrew with information on how DMH is responding to fentanyl concerns in our state and briefly discussed a partnership with the Mississippi Attorney General's Office to distribute prevention kits to college campuses in Mississippi.

Ethics Subcommittee Report: Dr. Herzog spoke to the board about providing information on ethics and how it could be helpful to the members. MaCall Chastain and Katie Storr presented the presentation on ethics.

The Board recognized Grenaye Sullivan for her years of service to DMH and her role in supporting the Board members over many years. Ms. Sullivan was presented with a retirement gift from the Board members.

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


CHAIRMAN


EXECUTIVE SECRETARY