

**MINUTES**  
**STATE BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH**  
**DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH**  
**JACKSON, MS**  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024**

The Mississippi State Board of Mental Health held their regularly scheduled board meeting on Thursday, October 17, 2024, at East Mississippi State Hospital in Meridian, MS.

**In Attendance:**

**Board Members:** Alyssa Killebrew, Ph.D.; James Herzog, Ph.D.; Manda Griffin, DNP; Teresa Mosely, M.Ed.; Sara Gleason, M.D.; and Mr. Robert Landrum

**Absent:** Mr. Courtney Phillips; Mr. Stewart Rutledge

**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 Crisis Services; Kim Wood, Chief Information Officer; MaCall Chastain, General Counsel; Cyndi Eubank, Chief General Counsel; and Dr. Thomas Recore, DMH Medical Director

**Guests:** Stephanie Grist, UMMC School of Nursing student; Ms. Jennie Landrum; Olivia Blount, Weems CMHC; and LaSonja Thomas, Weems CMHC

**Central Office Staff:** Marquaita Lampkin, Director, Human Resources; Shondra Barker, Director, Accounting; Adam Moore, Director, Communications and Planning; Suzanne Marler, Recording Secretary

**Program Directors:** Dr. 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; Renee Burton, 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

**Assistant Directors:** Kenneth O'Neal, Ellisville State School; and Ricky Grimes, Boswell Regional Center

**Other DMH Program Staff:** Dr. Duncan Stone, Mississippi State Hospital; LeeLee Marlow, East Mississippi State Hospital; Lynn Garrett, East Mississippi State Hospital; Tiffany Smith,

East Mississippi State Hospital; Haley Theall, East Mississippi State Hospital; and Joey Grist, North Mississippi State Hospital

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by Dr. Alyssa Killebrew with a roll call of the board members. Dr. Killebrew asked everyone to stand while David Chandler opened the meeting with the invocation and Chief Skok led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Killebrew asked for a motion and a second to approve the consent agenda. On the motion of Dr. Sara Gleason and a second by Dr. Alyssa Killebrew, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda. Dr. Killebrew requested Ms. Wendy Bailey, Executive Director, continue the meeting with her report.

Ms. Bailey provided an overview of the FY2024 Impact Report, which DMH has published for the first time this year. Unlike the detailed strategic plan, the Impact Report serves as a snapshot of the services and supports' impact across the state. Its purpose is to highlight how outcomes and access to care are improving, while also identifying areas that require ongoing attention. This report will be shared with the Governor and Lt. Governor later this month during meetings focused on discussing the state's challenges and future opportunities.

Ms. Bailey provided an overview of the FY2024 Adult Services Mental Health Data Report, which highlights statewide data related to adult mental health services. It includes the number of commitments by county, the counties with the highest rates of jail placements prior to admission to state hospitals and breaks down the data further by county and average wait time in jail.

Ms. Bailey also presented the FY2024 Audit and Fidelity Report. This report consists of two key components: the results of utilization review audits and the outcomes of fidelity reviews.

Ms. Bailey updated the board on the FY2026 Budget Request, which was submitted in September. The request includes a \$21.7 million increase in General Funds over FY2025. Following the submission, DMH learned that the Division of Medicaid plans to implement a rate increase for IDD services in July 2025, which will significantly impact the funding required for the operation of the ID/DD Home and Community-Based Waiver in FY2026. As a result, the funding request is expected to increase by an additional \$6 million.

Ms. Bailey also shared that the Governor showed support for DMH's suicide prevention awareness efforts and International Overdose Awareness Day in September, signing proclamations for both initiatives.

In conclusion, Ms. Bailey reported that DMH was invited to present before the Women, Children, and Families Study Group on October 3. The discussion focused on mental health and substance use services and supports in the state, and Ms. Bailey included the presentation in the board packet for review.

Dr. Killebrew indicated that Agenda Item IV, "Other Reports," included the Consolidated Financial Summary Report for the period ending September 30, 2024, as well as the Contract

Summary Report. She then asked Mr. Kelly Breland, Chief Financial Officer, to present the reports.

Mr. Breland presented the Consolidated Financial Summary for the eleven months ending September 30, 2024, highlighting several key areas of note in the financial summary.

Additionally, Mr. Breland presented the contract details for non-state retirees earning \$75,000 or more annually and state retirees earning \$20,000 or more annually.

**Presentation of Contracts to the State  
Board of Mental Health Contracts, non-  
state retirees, \$75,000 or more annually  
October 17, 2024**

<b>MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL</b>					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/ Hourly	Description of Services
Bilisha Powell	9/4/2024	6/30/2025	\$81,312.00	\$81,312; \$42.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Physicians Anesthesia Group PA d/b/a MSH ECT, LLC	10/3/2024	10/2/2029	\$1,667,250.00	\$333,450.00; \$475.00/Hour	Contractor will provide anesthesia services during ECT treatments
<b>EAST MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL</b>					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/ Hourly	Description of Services
Gwendolyn Brown	7/6/2023	6/30/2025	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Christina Dale	7/6/2023	6/30/2025	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Jennifer Embrey	7/6/2023	6/30/2025	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Linda Gibson	7/6/2023	6/30/2025	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Chardai Grant	7/6/2023	6/30/2025	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Tomorra Harris	7/6/2023	6/30/2025	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Dorothy Hill	7/6/2023	6/30/2025	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Parida Hopson-Serton	7/6/2023	6/30/2025	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Brandy Little	7/6/2023	6/30/2025	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Lashundra Marsh	7/6/2023	6/30/2025	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Brittney McKenzie	7/6/2023	6/30/2025	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Elizabeth Nause	7/6/2023	6/30/2025	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Aeprail Nobles	7/6/2023	6/30/2025	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Elaine Pope	7/6/2023	6/30/2025	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services

Lynn Portis	7/6/2023	6/30/2025	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Kimberly Russell	7/6/2023	6/30/2025	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Laurie Shirley	7/6/2023	6/30/2025	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Lacy Spears	7/6/2023	6/30/2025	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Katrina Stribling	7/6/2023	6/30/2025	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Kameron Stringfellow	7/6/2023	6/30/2025	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Harry Tucker	7/6/2023	6/30/2025	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Jessica Ward	7/6/2023	6/30/2025	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Diamond Williams	7/6/2023	6/30/2025	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Earl Felton	10/5/2023	10/4/2025	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Shana Carter	10/5/2023	10/4/2025	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Aisha Baylor	2/7/2024	2/6/2026	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Cathryn Bidgood	2/7/2024	2/6/2026	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Joshua Boles	2/7/2024	2/6/2026	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Cheryl Boyd	2/7/2024	2/6/2026	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Lekica Boyd	2/7/2024	2/6/2026	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Robert Brown	2/7/2024	2/6/2026	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Comanechi Clayton	2/7/2024	2/6/2026	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Tyeshia Essix	2/7/2024	2/6/2026	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Escherica Gray	2/7/2024	2/6/2026	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Chiara Gressett	2/7/2024	2/6/2026	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Robin Gunn	2/7/2024	2/6/2026	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Jada Jennings	2/7/2024	2/6/2026	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Vanlecia Miller	2/7/2024	2/6/2026	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Brandy Mosley	2/7/2024	2/6/2026	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Megan Skaggs	2/7/2026	2/6/2026	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Shawanna Wright	2/7/2024	2/6/2026	\$221,672.88	\$110,836.44; \$45.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services
Hope Boyd	2/7/2024	2/6/2026	\$172,412.24	\$88,206.12; \$35.00/Hour	Contractor will provide LPN services
Santana Brown	2/7/2024	2/6/2026	\$172,412.24	\$88,206.12; \$35.00/Hour	Contractor will provide LPN services
Terra Bryant	2/7/2024	2/6/2026	\$172,412.24	\$88,206.12; \$35.00/Hour	Contractor will provide LPN services

Keisha Butler-Clemons	2/7/2024	2/6/2026	\$172,412.24	\$88,206.12; \$35.00/Hour	Contractor will provide LPN services
Alexis Cole	2/7/2024	2/6/2026	\$172,412.24	\$88,206.12; \$35.00/Hour	Contractor will provide LPN services
Chanece Denton	2/7/2026	2/6/2026	\$172,412.24	\$88,206.12; \$35.00/Hour	Contractor will provide LPN services
Sylvanna Fenty	2/7/2024	2/6/2026	\$172,412.24	\$88,206.12; \$35.00/Hour	Contractor will provide LPN services
Tamera Frazier	2/7/2024	2/6/2026	\$172,412.24	\$88,206.12; \$35.00/Hour	Contractor will provide LPN services
Diamond Glenn	2/7/2024	2/6/2026	\$172,412.24	\$88,206.12; \$35.00/Hour	Contractor will provide LPN services
Roxie Godfrey	2/7/2024	2/6/2026	\$172,412.24	\$88,206.12; \$35.00/Hour	Contractor will provide LPN services
Patina Harris	2/7/2024	2/6/2026	\$172,412.24	\$88,206.12; \$35.00/Hour	Contractor will provide LPN services
Larhyree Harvey	2/7/2024	2/6/2026	\$172,412.24	\$88,206.12; \$35.00/Hour	Contractor will provide LPN services
Arkala Howze	2/7/2026	2/6/2026	\$172,412.24	\$88,206.12; \$35.00/Hour	Contractor will provide LPN services
Alesha Jeffers	2/7/2024	2/6/2026	\$172,412.24	\$88,206.12; \$35.00/Hour	Contractor will provide LPN services
Jennifer Jones	2/7/2024	2/6/2026	\$172,412.24	\$88,206.12; \$35.00/Hour	Contractor will provide LPN services
Leslie Keeton	2/7/2024	2/6/2026	\$172,412.24	\$88,206.12; \$35.00/Hour	Contractor will provide LPN services
Tommy Kelley	2/7/2024	2/6/2026	\$172,412.24	\$88,206.12; \$35.00/Hour	Contractor will provide LPN services
Heather Kelly	2/7/2024	2/6/2026	\$172,412.24	\$88,206.12; \$35.00/Hour	Contractor will provide LPN services
Deborah Kellum	2/7/2026	2/6/2026	\$172,412.24	\$88,206.12; \$35.00/Hour	Contractor will provide LPN services
D'Angela Lang	2/7/2026	2/6/2026	\$172,412.24	\$88,206.12; \$35.00/Hour	Contractor will provide LPN services
Natasha McCarty	2/7/2024	2/6/2026	\$172,412.24	\$88,206.12; \$35.00/Hour	Contractor will provide LPN services
Inise Ngumezi	2/7/2024	2/6/2026	\$172,412.24	\$88,206.12; \$35.00/Hour	Contractor will provide LPN services
Latarisia Ray	2/7/2024	2/6/2026	\$172,412.24	\$88,206.12; \$35.00/Hour	Contractor will provide LPN services
Chris Russell	2/7/2024	2/6/2026	\$172,412.24	\$88,206.12; \$35.00/Hour	Contractor will provide LPN services
Taneish Smith	2/7/2024	2/6/2026	\$172,412.24	\$88,206.12; \$35.00/Hour	Contractor will provide LPN services
Destiny Taylor	2/7/2026	2/6/2026	\$172,412.24	\$88,206.12; \$35.00/Hour	Contractor will provide LPN services
Raymond Walker	2/7/2024	2/6/2026	\$172,412.24	\$88,206.12; \$35.00/Hour	Contractor will provide LPN services
Marquita Winborn	2/7/2026	2/6/2026	\$172,412.24	\$88,206.12; \$35.00/Hour	Contractor will provide LPN services
Sanqueshia Windham	2/7/2026	2/6/2026	\$172,412.24	\$88,206.12; \$35.00/Hour	Contractor will provide LPN services
Larasha Wooten	2/7/2024	2/6/2026	\$172,412.24	\$88,206.12; \$35.00/Hour	Contractor will provide LPN services
Amber Lowery	6/5/2024	6/4/2027	\$811,121.22	\$270,373.74; \$115.00/Hour	Contractor will provide dual certified nurse practioner services
Kristen Curry	6/5/2024	6/4/2027	\$811,121.22	\$270,373.74; \$115.00/Hour	Contractor will provide dual certified nurse practioner services
Angela Branstetter	2/7/2024	2/6/2026	\$214,000.00	\$107,000; \$47.56/Hour	Contractor will provide full time nurse supervisor services

Perry Wallace, MD	6/5/2024	6/4/2027	\$1,007,604.00	\$335,868.00; \$150/Hour	Contractor will provide professional physician supervisor/medical director services
<b>CENTRAL OFFICE</b>					
<b>Name</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Annual/ Hourly</b>	<b>Description of Services</b>
Trace Advisory Group	9/26/2024	12/31/2026	\$1,500,000.00	\$150/hour	Contractor will provide services for Legislative ARPA Administration

<b>MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL</b>					
<b>Name</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Annual/ Hourly</b>	<b>Description of Services</b>
Lisa Johnson	9/30/2024	6/30/2025	\$22,783.80	\$22,783.80; \$23/Hour	Retiree will provide MHT Coach/MHT services
Eddie Horton	9/30/2024	6/30/2025	\$22,783.80	\$22,783.80; \$23/Hour	Retiree will provide MHT Coach/MHT services
Clarence Williams * seeking to modify contract*	9/30/2024	6/30/2025	\$28,702.00	\$28,702.00; \$23/Hour	Retiree will provide MHT Coach/MHT services

Mr. Adam Moore presented the FY2024 Strategic Plan End-of-Year Report. Mr. Moore highlighted several key points from the Strategic Plan Dashboard and noted that the full report was included in the board packet for review.

Dr. Killebrew thanked Dr. Charles Carlisle for hosting the board meeting and invited him to present the Programming and Recreation Services update. Dr. Carlisle provided a brief update on the current Programming and Recreation Services at East Mississippi State Hospital. He concluded by expressing his gratitude to Mr. Robert Landrum for his years of dedicated service to the Board of Mental Health.

Dr. Edith Hayles shared that Judge Mills contacted her with a special request for North Mississippi Regional Center to name a road or building in honor of Edwin Jerry Wilburn, who served in the Mississippi House of Representatives from 1964 to 1987. Representative Wilburn was instrumental in introducing the bill to create a North Mississippi Regional Center.

Dr. Hayles requested permission to name a road after Representative Wilburn and to hold a special recognition event in the Spring of 2025. On the motion made by Dr. Herzog and seconded by Dr. Manda Griffin, the Board voted unanimously to name a road or building in honor of Edwin Jerry Wilburn.

**Patient Care Subcommittee Report**

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

**Mississippi State Hospital: from October 1, 2024- June 30, 2026.**

- Patrick Robbins, MD
- Cameron May, MD

Nathan Myatt, MD  
Denver Carter, DPM

**Boswell Regional Center: from July 1, 2024- June 30, 2026.**

Allen Harris, MD

On the motion of Dr. James Herzog and a second by Ms. Teresa Mosley, the Board unanimously approved Patient Care appointments.

Dr. Stone presented the Patient Care subcommittee bylaws. On motion of Dr. James Herzog and a second by Ms. Teresa Mosley, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Patient Care subcommittee bylaws.

Ms. Cyndi Eubank, Chief General Counsel gave the property report. Ms. Eubank reported that the City of Pearl has approached Mississippi State Hospital (MSH) seeking to modify the easement that the Board approved during the April 20, 2023, meeting.

The City of Pearl and Pickering Engineering informed MSH the easement needs to be modified slightly because the railroad (CPKCR) required them to move the sewer crossing further west to satisfy one of their engineering requirements for crossings near switches. Plat 1 (south of the railroad tracks) perpetual easement decreased from 0.36 to 0.34 acres, and temporary easement decreased from 0.48 to 0.45 acres. Plat 2 (north of the railroad tracks) perpetual easement increased from 0.38 to 0.40 acres, and temporary easement increased from 0.50 to 0.52 acres.

Mississippi State Hospital recommends that the Board of Mental Health grant this modification to the easement to the City of Pearl. MSH continues to work with Pickering Engineering and Bruce Stephens, Executive Director of the West Rankin Utility Authority, to improve MSH sewer lines. The property report was approved by the motion made by Dr. Sarah Gleason, and a second made by Dr. Manda Griffin.

Ms. Teresa Mosley shared that the Strategic Planning subcommittee met prior to the board meeting to review the End-of-Year Report.

Ms. Wendy Bailey conveyed the gratitude and appreciation expressed by both the Department of Mental Health and the Governor's Office for Mr. Landrum's 30+ years of dedicated service to the citizens of Mississippi. As a token of gratitude, a commendation from the Governor and resolution by the Board of Mental Health were presented to Mr. Landrum in recognition of his service to the people of the state.

Dr. Killebrew informed everyone there was no need for an executive session.

With no further business, on the motion of Dr. James Herzog and a second by Mr. Robert Landrum, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

  
CHAIRMAN

  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY