

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH
NORTH MISSISSIPPI REGIONAL CENTER
OXFORD, MS
THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024**

The Mississippi State Board of Mental Health held their regularly scheduled board meeting on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at North Mississippi Regional Center in Oxford, MS.

In Attendance:

Board Members: Mr. Stewart Rutledge; Mr. Courtney Phillips; James Herzog, Ph.D.; Manda Griffin, DNP; Alyssa Killebrew, Ph.D.; and Mr. Robert Landrum

Absent: Teresa Mosely, M.Ed.; and Sara Gleason, M.D

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; MaCall Chastain, General Counsel; Cyndi Eubank, Chief General Counsel.

Guests: Barbie Littlejohn, Tommy Mencl, Jason Ramey, Rachel Alcorn, Dr. Melody Madaris, Dr. Kathy Crockett, Raquel Rosamond, Tamekia Taylor-Foules and Elbert Foules

Central Office Staff: Marquaita Lampkin, Director, Human Resources; Shondra Barker, Director of Accounting; 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: Angela Alexander, Hudspeth Regional Center; Kenneth O'Neal, Ellisville State School; Tamara Webb, North Mississippi Regional Center; Kerry Nichols, North Mississippi Regional Center; and Ricky Grimes, Boswell Regional Center

Other DMH Program Staff: Dr. Duncan Stone, Mississippi State Hospital; Dr. Thomas Recore, Mississippi State Hospital; Sha' Simpson, North Mississippi Regional Center; Sandra Cookie Williams, North Mississippi Regional Center; D. Williams, North Mississippi Regional Center; Allison Ivy, North Mississippi Regional Center; Michiria D. Willis, North Mississippi Regional Center

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by Mr. Stewart Rutledge. Mr. Rutledge asked everyone to stand while Barbie Littlejohn opened the meeting with the invocation and Tommy Mencl led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Rutledge proposed two amendments to the agenda. The first amendment was to remove item III on the agenda which was a resolution to be presented to Dr. Shivangi and present that at a later meeting. The second amendment was to move item IX on the agenda which was an appeal of a certified provider denial prior to executive session. Mr. Rutledge asked for a unanimous consent to amendment changes, hearing no objections the changes were approved by unanimous consent.

Mr. Rutledge asked for approval by unanimous consent for the items on the consent agenda. Hearing no objections, all items on the consent agenda were approved. Mr. Rutledge requested Ms. Wendy Bailey, Executive Director, continue the meeting with her report.

Ms. Bailey presented a brief legislative wrap-up. She discussed SB 3021, DMH's appropriations bill and highlighted the agency received a \$21.4 million increase in General Funds. She discussed SB 2648 which provides \$6 million to DMH for repair and renovation projects at the state operated programs. She discussed HB 1640 and reviewed changes to the civil commitment process which go into effect on July 1 and shared documents that have been provided to stakeholders for outreach and education.

Ms. Bailey reminded everyone that May was Mental Health Awareness Month, a time to remember to prioritize mental health. She provided quotes from people in recovery that were shared through social media and the DMH newsletter. She also shared that DMH was launching a new app, Mental Health Mississippi, and would share more details at the next meeting.

Ms. Bailey reported that 988 marketing had been enhanced with billboards and other outreach across the state. According to Vibrant, Mississippi has seen a 20-30% increase in calls since the efforts began two months ago. She reported that Katie Storr, Chief of Staff, and 988 partners are doing a wonderful job coordinating and enhancing 988 efforts across the state.

Ms. Bailey proposed locations for the FY25 Board of Mental Health meetings. Mr. Rutledge asked for approval by unanimous consent. Hearing no objections, the proposed locations were approved.

Ms. Bailey shared appreciation of Mr. Rutledge and his leadership as Chair of the Board of Mental Health and Mr. Phillips as Vice Chair during the current fiscal year. Ms. Bailey stated as the fiscal year was ending, election of a new Chair and Vice Chair would need to be approved. Mr. Phillips would be considered for Chairmanship since he had served as Vice Chair and according to the term rotation, Dr. Killebrew would be considered for Vice Chair. Dr. Herzog made a motion that Mr. Phillips and Dr. Killebrew be approved. Mr. Rutledge asked for a roll call vote and after no objections, Mr. Phillips and Dr. Killebrew were approved.

Kelly Breland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Consolidated Financial Summary for the Eleven Months Ended Friday, May 31, 2024. Mr. Breland presented a few significant areas of note in the financial summary.

Mr. Breland presented the Contracts, non-state retirees, \$75,000 or more annually and the state retirees, \$20,000 or more annually.

MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL					
Name	Start	End	Amount	Annual/ Hourly	Description of Services
Dr. Vincent Herrin	7/1/2024	6/30/2025	\$128,700.00	\$75.00/Hour	Contractor will serve as Medical Officer on Duty (MOD) for nights and weekends.
Anitra Bullock-Benson	7/1/2024	6/30/2025	\$96,096.00	\$42.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services on the weekends.
Fredetria Carson	7/1/2024	6/30/2025	\$96,096.00	\$42.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services on the weekends.
Sharron King	7/1/2024	6/30/2025	\$96,096.00	\$42.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services on the weekends.
Brandi Kinsey	7/1/2024	6/30/2025	\$96,096.00	\$42.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services on the weekends.
Teresa Veasley	7/1/2024	6/30/2025	\$96,096.00	\$42.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services on the weekends.
Srisuphorn Groll	7/1/2024	6/30/2025	\$96,096.00	\$42.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services on the weekends.
Akeila Graise	7/1/2024	6/30/2025	\$96,096.00	\$42.00/Hour	Contractor will provide RN services on the weekends.

Ms. MaCall Chastain presented the draft *DMH Operational Standards for Mental Health, IDD, and Substance Use Community Service Providers* for approval. She requested approval to file for public comment with the Office of the Secretary of State. Mr. Rutledge moved that permission be granted for the draft to be filed for public comment. With no opposition, the Board approved.

Mr. Rutledge stated that item VI on the agenda, Workforce Development Update, was an Informational Item, and no report was needed. Mr. Rutledge informed Board members that the documents pertaining to Informational Items were in the Board packet for review.

Mr. Rutledge moved to Subcommittee Reports.

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 from July 1, 2024, to July 30, 2026.

South Mississippi State Hospital

Allen Harris, MD

Mississippi State Hospital

John David Floyd, MD

Jo Harbour, MD

Ardarian Pierre, MD

Gary Smith, MD

Nazmul Talukdar, MD

Thomas Recore, MD

North Mississippi State Hospital

Raghavendran Gajagowni, MD

Shellie Coleman Dodd, MD

Emilie Russell, MD

Jason Pickett, MD

Specialized Treatment Facility

Richard Kutner, MD

Extension of Current Appointments from July 1, 2024 - August 15, 2024

Vince Herrin, MD

Stephen Commiskey, MD

Denver Carter, MD

Mr. Rutledge moved that the appointments and reappointments be approved by unanimous consent. Hearing no opposition, the appointments and reappointments passed.

Dr. Duncan Stone requested three current appointments be granted an extension from July 1, 2024, to August 15, 2024. Mr. Rutledge moved the extensions be approved by unanimous consent, hearing no opposition, the extensions passed.

For the appeal of the certified provider denial, Mr. Rutledge requested Ms. Chastain present details of the E-Shon Adult Day Care Services appeal. Ms. Chastain stated that E-Shon Adult Day Care Services would have up to 20 minutes to present information relevant to their appeal. Ms. Chastain would then have up to 20 minutes to present a rebuttal. E-Shon Adult Day Care would then be given 10 minutes to follow up after rebuttal. Representing E-Shon Adult Day Care Services was Mr. Elbert Foules and Mrs. Tamekia Taylor-Foules.

After the appeal presentation concluded, Mr. Rutledge moved to close the regular meeting to determine the need for an executive session. Mr. Phillips made a motion for a need for an executive session and Dr. Herzog seconded the motion. On motion of Mr. Phillips and second by Dr. Herzog, the Board unanimously voted to enter into executive session to discuss matters related to personnel and litigation.

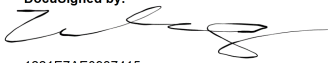
The Board reported three matters from executive session. The Board unanimously voted to uphold the denial of the application by E-Shon Adult Day Care Services, LLC. The Board unanimously voted to appoint Dr. Thomas Recore as Medical Director of the Department of Mental Health effective August 1, 2024. The Board unanimously voted to approve an increase in the salary of the Executive Director, Ms. Wendy Bailey to \$196,062.59 effective July 1, 2024.

The Board voted unanimously to exit the Executive Session.

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

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