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Dr. Sampat Shivangi Named Chair of the Board of Mental Health

By: DMH

July 1, 2022 (Jackson, Miss.) – Dr. Sampat Shivangi of Ridgeland has been named Chair of the Mississippi Board of Mental Health for the state fiscal year that began July 1, 2022. Shivangi was first appointed to the Board in 2009 by Gov. Haley Barbour and reappointed in 2016 by Gov. Phil Bryant. Dr. Shivangi currently serves on the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Center for Mental Health Services National Advisory Council.

During his time on the Board of Mental Health, he has previously served as Chair, as well as numerous years serving on the Patient Care Subcommittee. He has taken an active role in efforts to promote suicide awareness and prevention, particularly those efforts related to postpartum depression awareness and treatment.

In addition to his time on the Board of Mental Health, Shivangi previously served on the Mississippi State Board of Health. From 2005 to 2008, he served as Advisor to the US Secretary of Health and Human Services in the President George W. Bush administration. He is the founding president of the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin in Mississippi and is the past president and chair of the India Association of Mississippi.

Shivangi represents the physician category on the Board of Mental Health. The board is composed of nine members appointed by the governor of Mississippi and confirmed by the state Senate. Members' terms are staggered to ensure continuity of quality care and professional oversight of services. By statute, the nine-member board is composed



■ Dr. Sampat Shivangi

of a physician, a psychiatrist, a clinical psychologist, a social worker with experience in the field of mental health, and one citizen representative from each of Mississippi's five congressional districts as existed in 1974.



Stewart Rutledge Named Vice Chair of the Board of Mental Health

By: DMH

July 1, 2022 (Jackson, Miss.) – Stewart Rutledge of Oxford has been named Vice Chair of the Mississippi Board of Mental Health for the state fiscal year that began July 1, 2022.

Rutledge represents the First Congressional District. He is a licensed attorney, but his primary work is in real estate development, with a focus on developing affordable housing. He is also a family member of

an individual who receives mental health services. Prior to his focus on real estate development, he served as corporate counsel to Sta-Home Healthcare, Mississippi's largest home health provider.

He earned a bachelor's degree in physics from the University of Mississippi, enrolled in the University of Mississippi Medical School, but instead decided

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to attend the University of Mississippi Law School, from which he graduated with honors.

In addition to his service on the Board of Mental Health, Rutledge previously served as Chairman of the Mississippi Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee, and he served on the Mississippi Supreme Court's Commission on Juveniles. He also served as

Mississippi's representative on the Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice in Washington, D.C. Additionally, Rutledge served as board member and general counsel for the Mississippi Freedom 50th, advising Congressman Bennie Thompson and former Mississippi Supreme Court Justice Reuben Anderson in efforts to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Freedom Riders.

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MSH May Employees of Month



Direct Care
Tanya Wynn

Building 201/1, A-Shift

Tanya Wynn has been named Mississippi State Hospital's May Employee of the Month for Direct Care.

Ms. Wynn, originally from Detroit, MI, moved to Mississippi in 1995 and now calls Pelahatchie home. She attended Jackson State University, Ross School of Business, and Hinds Community College. She works as a Support Care Professional Team Leader in the IPS Division and has been employed at MSH since 1996. "Never one to let a situation escalate, Tanya will do her best to diffuse difficult situations, often placing herself directly in the middle of such intense incidents," said Mike Shaw, who nominated Wynn. "She often stays over, working another shift, citing, 'I can't leave when we are so short-staffed.' When the going gets tough, it is comforting to see Tanya on the ward. She goes the extra mile to provide safe, therapeutic care for our patients and communicates well with the medical staff to ensure such treatment."

Tyrone Crawford has been named Mississippi State Hospital's May Employee of the Month for Clinical Service.

Mr. Crawford was born in Crystal Springs and attended Hinds A.H.S. He received his B.A. in Music from Belhaven University and Masters in Music Ed. From Jackson State University. He serves in Music Education and has been employed at MSH since 2020. "Mr. Tyrone Crawford has an absolutely positive and uplifting personality. His work ethic is exceptional," noted Denesha Evans, who made the nomination. "Mr. Crawford has taken on extra groups and assignments when other staff members were unable to do them. He has an excellent rapport with patients, residents, and staff. He works hard to get patients and residents in a better mood through music and frequently finds ways to help with their coping skills. Mr. Crawford has been an absolute joy to have in the Music Services Department. He plays the piano, keyboard, bass guitar, and organ. He also sings and teaches voice lessons. He has been a major asset to Pastoral Services as one of the piano accompanists for church services in the chapel, as well as various units."



Clinical Service
Tyrone Crawford

Building 38, A-Shift

Jamie Wilson has been named Mississippi State Hospital's May Employee of the Month for Support Services.

Ms. Wilson is a native of Jackson, MS. She attended Wingfield High School and Mississippi College. She serves as a Human Resources Generalist and has been employed at MSH since 2007. "I worked with Ms. Wilson several times over the past few months in recruiting for public relations positions. She has been incredibly patient and kind in guiding me through the process. If she didn't have an answer for me, then she would tell me she'd look into it and call me back. On my visits to her office area, I also noted how she treated others. Her professionalism and kindness applies to everyone coming through. HR and Personnel issues are always challenging. It is a blessing to have someone who is knowledgeable, professional, and just plain nice to help us all through the process," said Diana Hunter, who nominated Wilson.



Support Services
Jamie Wilson

Building 61, A-Shift

June

Direct Care
Sharon Sanders
Building 201, A-Shift

Sharon Sanders has been named Mississippi State Hospital's June Employee of the Month for Direct Care.

She works as a Mental Health Technician in the Female Receiving Division and has been employed at MSH since 2016. "Ms. Sanders truly embodies the core values of MSH," said Heather Watkins, who nominated Sanders. "I have observed her work ethic for several years now and she never hesitates to offer her assistance with anything a patient needs. Since the social work staffing has been down, we have struggled to get phone calls made with patients due to our work load with admissions and discharges, Ms. Sanders saw a need and offered to help with calls anytime we need her without even being asked. I have watched her one-on-one with patients too. She is extremely compassionate and always keeps a very calm and caring tone. She can often get the most resistant patients to comply with medications or other needed treatments because she is very soothing with her voice and puts them at ease. She helps them feel heard and respected. She is also very positive and pleasant to work with."



Clinical Service
Katherine Henderson
Building 201/1, A-Shift

Katherine Henderson has been named Mississippi State Hospital's June Employee of the Month for Clinical Service.

Ms. Henderson was born in Rankin County and attended Callaway High School and Hinds Community College. She serves as an LPN in Nursing Services and has been employed at MSH since 2012. "Katherine is a team player. She helps staff, assists with patient care, and makes sure they get their medications. She respects patients, staff, and visitors," said Tanya Wynn, who made the nomination. "Katherine can de-escalate behaviors by talking to the patient. Katherine shows up for work and we can count on her to do her duties and more. Whatever the situation, we can always count on Katherine. She takes care of and has a good relationship with everyone. She is a great asset to MSH."



Support Services
Riley Savell
Building 55, A-Shift

Riley Savell has been named Mississippi State Hospital's June Employee of the Month for Support Services.

Mr. Savell is a native of Edwards, MS. He attended Rebul Academy and Hinds Community College. He serves as a Facilities Maintenance Manager and has been employed at MSH since 2017. Riley can be found anywhere on campus at any time. He never worries about his job description; he only worries about getting the job done. He wears many hats, but he never complains. He's a professional at pivoting from one task to another and is extremely dependable. His contributions to the maintenance department are invaluable," said Amanda Matson, who nominated Savell.

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2022 20+ Years of Service Recognition

June



MARY FRANCES HAAGA-STREHLOW
Speech-Language Pathologist
Building 27, A-Shift

Fran Strehlow of Brandon was recognized for providing 20 years of service to the hospital. A Cleveland, MS native, Ms. Strehlow attended Cleveland High School and Delta State University, but she cheers for the Mississippi State Bulldogs. She is thankful for the lifelong friendships she has made in her time at MSH, she even met her husband here! In her free time, she enjoys traveling, playing piano, antiques, reading, and volunteering. She is a Speech-Language Pathologist and has been employed at MSH since 2002.



TOMIKA S. STEWART
Support Care Professional III
Building 201 W-2, C-Shift

Tomika S. Stewart of Jackson was recognized for providing 20 years of service to the hospital. Ms. Stewart was born in Chicago, IL and lives in Jackson, MS. She attended McAdams High School and Mississippi State University. She enjoys helping our patients in her position at MSH. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with family, bass fishing, and flowering. She is a Support Care Professional III in the IPS-Female Receiving Unit and has been employed at MSH since 2002.



DAWN E. KELLY
Admin Support Assistant III
Building 202, A-Shift

Dawn Kelly of Jackson was recognized for providing 25 years of service to the hospital. A Jackson native, Ms. Kelly attended Raymond High School and Hind Community College. She likes taking care of the patients here at MSH. In her free time, she enjoys cheering for the Dallas Cowboys, spending time with family, and reading. She is an Administrative Support Assistant III in the Admissions Division and has been employed at MSH since 1997.



BRUCE PARKER
Nurse Team Lead
Building 46, A-Shift

Bruce Parker was recognized for providing 30 years of service to the hospital. Mr. Parker was born in Forest, MS, and now lives in Byram, MS. He attended Hinds Community College and cheers for the New Orleans Saints and the Atlanta Braves. In his free time, he enjoys reading and counted cross stitch. He is a Nurse Team Lead and has been employed at MSH since 1992.

MARA JEAN JOHNSON
Social Services Team Lead
Building 81 & 87, A-Shift



Mara Jean Johnson of Richland was recognized for providing 45 years of service to the hospital. Ms. Johnson was born in Vicksburg and lives in Richland, MS. She attended Hattiesburg High School and received her Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Southern Mississippi. In her free time, she enjoys working with her church. She works as a Social Work Supervisor and is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Ms. Johnson has been employed at MSH since 1977.



AKILA A. MOODY
Support Care Professional Team Lead
Building 23, A-Shift

MARIE YATES BINGHAM
Custodian Team Lead
Building 79, A-Shift



Marie Bingham of Jackson was recognized for providing 45 years of service to the hospital. A Terry native, Ms. Bingham attended Terry High School and cheers for Jackson State University. In her free time, she enjoys cooking, sewing, and reading. She works as a Custodian Team Lead in the Client Care Support Services Division and has been employed at MSH since 1977.

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ANGELA RANSOM
Nurse Supervisor
Building 34, A-Shift

July



RUSSELL L. VARNER
Deputy Administrator – Tier II
Building 78, A-Shift

Lee Varner of Brandon was recognized for providing 20 years of service to the hospital. Born and raised in Brandon, Mr. Varner attended Brandon High School, Hinds Community College, and the University of Southern Mississippi. He enjoys helping the residents/patients and feeling the sense of being needed. In his younger years, he enjoyed weightlifting. Lately, he and his wife of 18 years enjoy attending their children's activities. He is the Nursing Home Director at Jaquith Nursing Home and the Administrator at Whitfield Medical Surgical Hospital and has been employed at MSH since 2002.



VALERIA R. GRIM
Behavioral Health Specialist II
Building 28, A-Shift

MSH July Employees of Month



Direct Care
LaToya Wilkes
Building 201/W1, B-Shift

LaToya Wilkes has been named Mississippi State Hospital's July Employee of the Month for Direct Care.

Ms. Wilkes is a Jackson native and attended Forest Hill High School and Hinds Community College. She works as a Mental Health Technician/Pantry Worker in the IPS Division and has been employed at MSH for 12 years. "LaToya is a hard worker. She really values her job," said Nieshia Taylor, who nominated Wilkes. "Latoya is willing to come in and perform her job duties and assist in other areas of the building when needed. She is very respectful. In doing her job, she does more than required to make the workplace environment run smoothly."

Clinical Service
Sarah Ford
Building 60, A-Shift

Sarah Ford has been named Mississippi State Hospital's July Employee of the Month for Clinical Service.

Ms. Ford is a Baton Rouge, LA native, but now lives in Brandon, MS. She attended Vidalia High School and received her LPN and RN training at Hinds Community College. She is currently enrolled in Louisiana State University's BSN program and plans to graduate in 2023. She serves as an RN in the WMSH Division and has been employed at MSH since 2019. "Sarah is a great asset to our team. She is admired by the staff and providers who work with her," said Jessie Slaughter, who made the nomination. "She is a person who can rapidly analyze, think through situations, and create a solution. Sarah was an asset in going through the joint commission survey."



Support Services
Tracey Triplett
Building 78, A-Shift

Tracey Triplett has been named Mississippi State Hospital's July Employee of the Month for Support Services.

A Jackson native, Ms. Triplett attended Provine High School. She serves as Client Care Support Supervisor/Pantry Coordinator in the Food Services Division and has been employed at MSH since 2002. "The pantry staff does not get the appreciation it deserves, this building would not function without them. We are truly blessed to have them fix the residents trays every morning. They help pass them out when we are short-handed and they go above and beyond to make sure the residents' needs are met," said Brittany Frances, who nominated Triplett.

MSH Service Awards List June & July

JUNE		JULY	
NAME	YRS	NAME	YRS
JADARIUS DIONTE COLLINS	1	DEBORAH RHODES	15
TERESA ANN JONES	1	CATHERINE ANN BENNETT	15
MARY ANN MCGILBERRY	1	NAKESHA R. EVANS	15
ANTOINETTE MARIE SPANN	1	CECILIA REDMANN WHITEHURST	15
KIROLOS ADLY	1	SHEILA A. STEED	15
ANDREW WILLIAM FORET	1	MARY FRANCES HAAGA STREHLOW	20
NICHOLAS MICHAEL LACIVITA	1	ANGELA RANSOM	20
BILAL ABDUL-AHAD QURESHI	1	TOMIKA S. STEWART	20
JONATHAN D SADLER	1	DAWN E. KELLY	25
RICHA GAUTAMI	1	BRUCE PARKER	30
SARAH MARGUERITE BLACKMON	1	AKILA A. MOODY	30
HALEY DANIELLE GREER	1	MARIE YATES BINGHAM	45
HALEY NICOLE DYESS	1	MARA JEAN JOHNSON	45
TRINA KIMBLE NAYLOR	1		
JUN LELORREY LYONS	1		
CHRISTOPHER JEROME SIMS	1		
JASPER SPIRES	1		
LOLA BELL HARPER	10		
DONALD G. JOHNSON	10		
JACARRANT T. CRUMP	10		
CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL MCCARTHY	15		
		CHRISTOPHER L CARSON	1
		TARRA EUGINA KINCAID	1
		SHANIQUA SHAVONTE DANIELS	1
		QUANDRIC VONTRE WALTON	1
		CHARLES EDWARDS RAY	1
		SALAAHODDIN ODA DAKHLALLA	1
		FRANK NORVEL PERKINS	1
		JANET MONTRICE HILL	5
		MABEL BEATRICE TILLIS	5
		APRIL NICOLE HAMILTON	5
		LARRY W GRAY	5
		SARAH JANE LEATH	10
		ANTONIA T JENKINS	10
		DONNA R EPPS	10
		JARVIS E WILLIAMS	10
		KIMBERLY MICHELLE GEORGE	10
		RICKEY LEE MCGEE	15
		JAMIE BOYD WILSON	15
		TRISAINA ZYLIA WEBBER	15
		RUSSELL L. VARNER	20
		VALERIA R. GRIM	30

June Service Awards



June Service Award recipients attended the June Leadership Meeting to be recognized for their service.

Pictured (left to right) – Mara Jean Johnson, Trina K. Naylor, Nakesha Evans, Akila Moody, Fran Haaga-Strehlow, Bruce Parker, Haley Greer, Jasper Spires, Haley Dyess, Jacarran T. Crump, Catherine Bennett, Joyce Johnson (May), Cecilia "CeCi" Whitehurst, Marie Bingham

July Service Awards



July Service Award recipients attended the July Leadership Meeting to be recognized for their service.

Pictured (left to right) – Trisaina Zylia Webber, Lee Varner, Jamie Wilson, Donna Epps, Christopher Jerome Sims, Valeria Grim, Charles Edward Ray, Tomika Stewart, Christopher Michael McCarthy

FRIENDS OF MSH

2022 Membership Drive

The Friends of MSH Membership Drive kicked off on Monday, August 15 and will run through Monday, October 24, 2022. Members have the opportunity to renew their membership and win prizes throughout the months of September and October. Drawings will be held every two weeks. The grand prize drawing will be held on Monday, October 24 and will coincide with the end of this year's membership drive.

PRIZES INCLUDE:

- \$25 gift card
- \$50 gift card
- Flip, Stir, Whisk set (\$40 value)
- Door Hanger (\$45 value)
- Grand Prize – Porch Swing (\$300 value).

By joining Friends of MSH, you are automatically entered to win a prize. You can purchase additional raffle tickets for \$5 each and increase your chances of
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winning. You may choose to sell raffle tickets, if you sell at least 50 tickets, your name will go in a drawing for \$100 cash. Tickets can be picked up from Sheila Shows or Angela Lott at Building 71.

If you are already a Lifetime Member – you can pay an additional \$25 recommit fee to participate in this year's drawings.

Membership fees help support efforts to promote public interest in MSH, promote awareness of mental health issues, encourage support for MSH from civic groups, churches, and individuals in the area served by MSH, and to raise funds for projects at MSH which will improve the quality of life for the patients and provide recognition and support for employees.

FRIENDS OF MSH MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$20	One Year Dues (Individual)
\$100	Lifetime Dues (Individual)
\$150	Lifetime Dues (Husband/ Wife)
\$25	Re-Commitment for Lifetime Member (Individual)



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Friends of MSH, Inc. is having
a bi-weekly prize drawing
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