

E-Update Jan 5, 2024



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The weekly E-update is the tool by which MPA members can share information or announcements with each other. It is a member benefit and the mechanism by which MPA shares important notices regarding trends in psychiatry, pharmaceutical updates, information about your medical practice, advocacy, your opinions, and job opportunities. Members are encouraged to make the content their own. Please submit items for weekly publication by Thursday at 5pm. Your email addresses are protected by the DB and not for sale or use by any other entity besides the DB. Content should be pertinent to the practice of psychiatry or related medical information. Review the E-update highlighted titles and attachments for content and action steps. We value your input and attention to your specialty! Any item that appears in [royal blue](#) contains a link for detailed information on the topic. Questions regarding membership status are referred to our APA Membership Coordinator.



2024 Session Began Tuesday

Jason White was formally elected as Mississippi's Speaker of the House on Monday, January 2nd as the Mississippi legislative session got underway. The representative from Attala County in the central Mississippi town of West takes the place of the retiring Philip Gunn of Clinton and in his remarks told the House that MS Republicans have the votes to take the state in any direction they want to take it. Rep. Manly Burton of Moss Point became the new speaker pro tempore. White was surrounded

by family as he took the oath of office for the next four years. Healthcare was mentioned as a part of his list of priorities.

He suggested adding to Gov. Tate Reeves ideas of helping Mississippi with healthcare initiatives. In September, the Governor announced a series of Medicaid reimbursement reforms in



Mississippi, which he estimated to generate approximately \$700 million for some of the state's financially struggling hospitals.

Speaker White kept coming back to the Republican majority in the House as starting point for pushing a more conservative agenda across the finish line. He said that when Gunn took the Speaker job, "he made a right turn for Mississippi, and we want to keep that going."

Medicaid expansion has continued

to be a hot-button issue. Mississippi has 73 rural hospitals. Six have closed since 2005, and 31 are at immediate risk of closing because of severe financial problems. State economists have said Mississippi could receive about \$1 billion a year from the federal government for Medicaid expansion. Governor Reeves and other opponents to expansion have said it would not be the best approach to alleviating financial pressures on rural hospitals. White recognized the Governor's efforts on this front, but said he also wants to look at new avenues of funded.



"I am simply asking for open minds from House members, our friends in the Senate, the legislative brand, the Mississippi business community and, most importantly, our healthcare industry," White said. "It will take everyone to explore solutions for our working folks who need health insurance."

Republican Lt. Gov. Delbert Hosemann and six other statewide officials will be inaugurated Thursday, January 4th. Hosemann returns for his second term as the leader of the Senate and is term-limited to two terms. MOS looks forward to working with both the House and Senate to tackle



important issues like scope of practice, PBM reform and transparency, prior authorization, review of the medical cannabis program and telemedicine programs, Medicaid expansion and all other concerns for patients and the practice of medicine in the state. The 2024 Session will run for 120 days and end in early May 2024 according to the legislative deadline calendar.

Doctor of the Day: Avani Patel Serves at State Capitol on Wednesday

pictured left Dr. Avani Patel-PGY-4, 3rd year medical student Shiv Patel and Dr. Lori Hill Marshall.

MPA Congratulates 3 New APA Fellows and 2 New APA Distinguished Fellows

APA alerted the DB's this week that there was a 96% approval rate this year for the Distinguished Fellow/Distinguished Life Fellow/International Distinguished

Fellow nominations this year, which is consistent with previous years. MPA is honored that Doctors **Saurabh Bhardwaj**, **Clyde Glenn** and **Tongi Shavers** will receive their Fellowship and Doctors **Maxie Gordon** and **Mark Ladner** were selected as Distinguished Fellows. All will be given the opportunity to participate in the convocation in May 2024 in New York, NY.

MPA Private Practice Committee Seeking Input from Membership

Per the MPA Private Practice Committee, providers are having a very difficult time with Walgreens. The chain made an edict that they would not fill stimulants if the physician was 50 miles distant from where the prescription is being filled, usually in the patient's hometown. In addition, Walgreens at times may be the only pharmacy in the area with the stimulant in stock or available. They have since changed this to leaving it totally at the discretion of the pharmacist to fill or refuse to fill the prescription, regardless of the clinical situation. A specific provider has had difficulty with one prescription for Paxil that is due for a refill on Christmas Day and the pharmacist would not allow an early refill, even though by law (we believe) they can fill up to 3 days early and told the patient he could pick it up on Dec. 26. Supposedly, this all stems from Walgreens being hit with a large fine by the DEA for using pharmacy techs to fill controlled substances with no pharmacist in the building. This has been increasingly frustrating for physicians, patients, and pharmacists as we have rotating shortages of medications and pharmacists to fill them. If you have a story or anything patient related that you can share, please send to mpa39206@aol.com.

Apply for APA/APAF Fellowship at the Link Provided

MPA has been very fortunate in recent years with these Fellowship opportunities for Residents. Please read all the criteria as commitments vary from one year to two years. We encourage anyone interested to get started now.

Link here: <https://www.psychiatry.org/residents-medical-students/residents/fellowships/available-apa-apa-fellowships/american-psychiatric-leadership-fellowship>



Weekly E-update Column Features MPA Members in Action

MPA is highlighting a member or members each week via a repost of social media or shared photos of members in action Follow us on FB or X and LinkedIn. If you have something exciting to share, tag MPA in the original post and we will happily reshare! Today we feature Christmas with the Residents at MSH and New Year's Eve eve with UMMC Residents.

52 Weeks of Progress

Each week this year, DMH will be highlighting a specific service or program to increase awareness of services and supports available. **In the last week of 2023, we have two additional items to highlight – Intensive Community Services and Mississippi State Hospital's Forensic Services.**

A new initiative that we haven't yet highlighted is the Forensic Services web site that has been established through Mississippi State Hospital. Forensic Services provides evaluation and competency restoration services for Circuit Courts throughout the state. DMH has been actively working to address the needs of stakeholders within the forensic mental health and criminal justice system, and this site is part of that commitment. It provides quick and easy access to documents and resources for judges, attorneys, court administrators, and more. It's available at www.forensicservices.msh.ms.gov.

You were introduced to PACT, ICORT, and ICSS earlier this year, but we wanted to highlight how these numbers have changed from FY22 to FY23. These three services are designed to treat people in their homes and in their communities without the need for inpatient service at a

hospital. In FY23, a total of 2,215 people received treatment through these programs, a 20% increase over the 1,842 served in FY22. We are encouraged to see the continuing use of these community services!

We hope that throughout this year, you've learned more each week about the services available through DMH and Mississippi's public mental health system. We look forward to sharing the continued progress in our state with you in a new way during 2024!

Registration is Open for the MPA/LPMA Meeting March 2024 in Baton Rouge, LA

Make your reservation and register for the 2024 LPMA/MPA Spring meeting to be hosted in Baton Rouge, March 1 – 3. This is an opportunity to explore the latest developments in the field of psychiatry in a relaxed and welcoming environment at the Marriott Baton Rouge. Engage with experts on important topics such as Psychedelic Drugs in Substance Use Disorders, Perinatal Mental Health, Risk Management, Physician Assisted Suicide to name a few. We are excited to again partner with LPMAA and the Mid-Gulf Council for Child & Adolescent Psychiatry. I encourage you to take this opportunity to connect with colleagues and contribute to the ongoing progress of psychiatry. [Registration](#) is open and you can [book your hotel room](#) now. Information on the Resident Poster Session should have been shared by your Residency training directors. Please direct any questions to mpa39206@aol.com.



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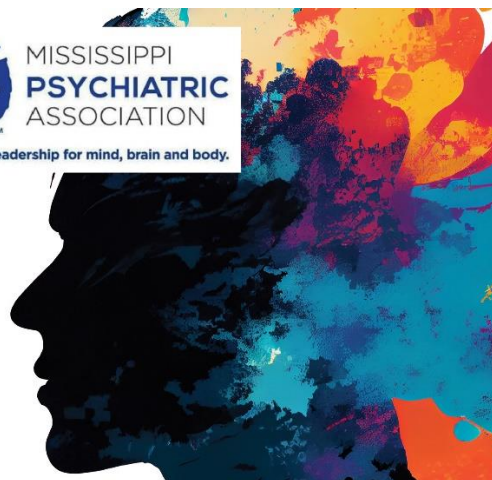


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Wall Street Journal Wants to Speak with Mississippi Psychiatric Providers

We'd love to speak to folks on the ground who have questions about what happens after the reversal of the lower court's ruling and can speak to and give real life examples of both the progress that has been made and the critical holes that remain. To that end, we'd love to chat with providers who have seen—and are seeing firsthand—the ongoing challenges you and others have described of trying to treat people in the community and keep them from being committed multiple times. Whether it's the lack of continuity between hospitals and community health centers or the gaps in service when someone is discharged, we're looking to talk with people who have been grappling with this and trying to improve it. It could be anyone in your network of course—PACT teams, community health centers, peer support workers, etc. All providers along with their responses may remain completely anonymous. Our hope is that a story like this can help inform the public and policymakers in Mississippi -- and anywhere else where there's a debate underway about how to meet the mental and behavioral health needs across a community.

I will be coming to Mississippi in January and happy to connect with anyone that wants to see positive outcomes for patients.

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Southern Psychiatric Association Announces Meeting Date for 2024

Mark your calendar now for the 2024 meeting with the Tennessee Psychiatric Association:
September 11 – 14, 2024
Westin Hotel in Chattanooga, Tennessee

THREE THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT: CONSULTS

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1. Medicine is a collegial profession, both in theory and in practice, and physicians consult with one another regularly. There is in fact an expectation of consultation, particularly when faced with a situation beyond one's usual area of expertise or level of experience.
2. Consults may be formal (where the patient is seen by another psychiatrist who examines the patient and renders treatment advice) or informal (also known as a "curbside" consult where the other psychiatrist is presented only with a scenario or specific questions).
3. Diagnostic formulation probably should not be entrusted to a curbside consult. Because of the potential stakes, the same likely holds true for most admission or discharge decisions. Diagnosis and admission or discharge decisions in most cases should be the subject of formal consultations rather than curbside consultations.

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Videos for Sharing:

APA's [Youtube channel](https://youtube.com/APA) has a plethora of mental health focused videos you can use on social media or share elsewhere. We have recently added a video on [opioid use disorder](#), in support of President Levounis' theme. In addition, check out our playlist of Spanish language mental health explainers: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wyBKDUY3d-c&list=PLf3_c0tpWquvGObsROanF_Eb6jqS0eR2

Naloxone Nation Docuseries Out Now

Episode 1 of [Naloxone Nation](#), a docuseries on Opioid Use Disorder featuring Dr. Lief Fenno, has just premiered. The first episode features Dr. Fenno in conversation with a captain from the Opioid Program of the Austin-Travis County EMS in Texas. [Check out Naloxone Nation here.](#)

Webinar on Eating Disorders: Early Diagnosis for Better Prognosis

Tune in to the next live lunch and learn webinar in APA's Policy & Practice Insights series. Tools for recognizing and treating eating disorders will be discussed, followed by an opportunity to engage with APA Practice Guidelines staff. You can [register for the Webinar here](#).

SAMHSA Summer Medical Student Program Seeking Speakers

APA's SAMHSA Summer Medical Student Program is looking for speakers to host didactic sessions for our 2024 Cohort. Our program provides medical students interested in serving underserved communities the experiential learning, training, and professional development they need to be leaders in the field of psychiatry. Our main program offering is a month-long live speaker series aiming to provide program participants the opportunity to learn from world-renowned psychiatrists! We are currently looking for speakers with expertise and experience in these psychiatric subfields:

- Geriatric Psychiatry
- Community Psychiatry
- Reproductive Psychiatry
- Addiction Psychiatry
- Forensic Psychiatry
- Child, Adolescents, & Family Psychiatry
- Working with Marginalized Populations in Urban and Rural Settings

If you have practiced any of these subspecialties, served underserved communities, own a practice or hold a leadership position in your institution, and are looking to pour into the next generation of psychiatrists, please reach out to jbrown@psych.org with a **CV and professional bio**. Speakers are rewarded a \$500 honorarium for their services and are asked to give a 90 min virtual presentation and Q&A session for program participants. Speakers are also expected to attend a closing session panel to network with program participants. Preparation is only needed for your session, not the closing session. **The speaker series will be hosted between June 17 and July 12, 2024.**

Job Opportunities

- 1) Ridgewood Clinic is looking to add a psychiatrist in growing outpatient practice in Jackson Mississippi. If you have an interest in private practice, we can offer you a year's competitive salary and after that sharing office expenses. It may take 6 months for credentials to be approved by the insurance company, but if you have already been approved by the insurance company in Mississippi we can immediately start. If you are interested, you can call me at 601-954-2366. **Krishan K Gupta MD, Diplomat ABPN**
- 2) MPA Colleagues - I am the U.S. Department of State recruiter for Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. I would like to highlight job openings for our Regional Medical Officer Psychiatrist positions. These positions are located overseas in a U.S. Embassy, location dependent on needs of the service. Link as follows: <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/756292700> - please find attached a .pdf of the detailed Job Summary, Duties, and Requirements.

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3) ASSOCIATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR POSITION AT MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL

Mississippi State Hospital (MSH) is seeking to fill its vacant Associate Program Director position within its Psychiatry Residency Program. MSH is a licensed 382-bed state psychiatric hospital which is accredited by The Joint Commission and located in Rankin County, Mississippi. The hospital's dedicated patient care staff consists of highly skilled and caring medical professionals, nurses, behavioral health staff, social workers, and support staff who work together to provide patient-centered care on a daily basis. Services provided include: adult and child/adolescent psychiatric treatment, substance use disorder treatment, as well as treatment provided for forensic patients.

Further, MSH promotes educational growth within the psychiatric field through its ACGME accredited psychiatry residency program as well as through other educational ventures and partnerships it has with entities such as nursing schools and psychology departments throughout the country.

The Associate Residency Program Director is an integral role and includes the following responsibilities:

- Maintain and develop resident training curricula in accordance with the ACGME's Common Program Requirements (CPR) and Professional Standards and Requirements (PSR).
- Formulate goals and objectives for each clinical rotation as outlined by the CPR.
- Participate in site visits and surveys.
- Ensure the quality of didactic and clinical education at sites participating in the program by monitoring the clinical learning and working environment (CLER) at all participating sites.
- Assure compliance of participating sites with ACGME requirements.
- Serve as the course director as assigned by the Residency Program Director (PD) and provide didactic lectures.
- Serve on the Clinical Competence Committee (CCC), Program Evaluation Committee (PEC), the Recruitment and Selection Committee, and the Graduate Medical Education Executive Committee (GMEC).
- Coordinate outpatient experiences for PGY-3 and PGY-4 residents with various local mental health centers.

Minimum Qualifications: Verifiable Doctor of Medicine Degree or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Degree from an accredited medical school; completion of a psychiatry residency program; a verifiable current, unrestricted license to practice medicine in the State of

Mississippi; and board certification in psychiatry. The applicant must submit at least three references from peers.

Benefits: No after-hours call and no weekend call.

A physician working as an employee (not on contract) will receive benefits of health insurance, paid leave (personal, medical, and holiday), and participation in PERS (retirement system).

Prior to an offer of employment, the applicant must provide a copy of a current Mississippi Medical License, have satisfactory results from a criminal background check and have satisfactory results from a urine drug screen.

Peer references, a copy of Mississippi Medical License, and a curriculum vitae may be submitted to Duncan.Stone@msh.ms.gov.

For more information, you may contact 601-351-8066.