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Governor Appoints Members to State Board of Mental Health

Jackson, MS – Governor Ronnie Musgrove appointed Patricia Ainsworth of Brandon and Dr. Robert Maddux of Jackson to the Mississippi State Board of Mental Health for a seven-year term ending June 30, 2009.

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Maddux received his bachelor's of science degrees in biology and chemistry from Millsaps College. He completed his Doctor of Medicine from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine where he also completed his residency. He is currently the Medical Director for Millcreek Rehabilitation Centers and is a consulting psychiatrist. He also works in the Child and Adolescent Outpatient Care at Jackson Mental Health Center. Maddux is involved in the American Medical Association, American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, American Psychiatric Association, and the Mississippi Psychiatric Association.

The duties and responsibilities of the State Board of Mental Health include to appoint a full-time executive director of the Department of Mental Health who shall be employed by the board and shall serve as executive secretary to the board; to set up plans for the purpose of controlling and treating any and all forms of mental and emotional illness, alcoholism, drug misuse and developmental disabilities; and to supervise, coordinate and establish standards for all operations and activities of the state related to mental health and providing mental services.