

BOSWELL REGIONAL CENTER'S BULLETIN

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100 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP



DR. HENRY BOSWELL
1917-1957



DR. CLYDE WATKINS
1957-1976



DR. JOE EARP
1977-1979



ROGER MCMURTRY
AUG. 1979-DEC. 1979



CLYDE WOODRUFF
1980-1984



DR. PAUL COTTON
1984-1992



DR. SUZIE LASSITER
1992-2000



RAYMOND JOHNSON
2000-2012



STEVEN ALLEN
2012-2016



CLINT ASHLEY
2016-PRESENT (2018)



Job Well Done!

Employees of the Month

Boswell Regional Center's

The Boswell Bulletin is published to inform the public, employees, family members and friends on Boswell Regional Center's activities, programs and progress. This publication also seeks to provide information to those interested in the work conducted by Boswell's employees to enrich the lives of those with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD).

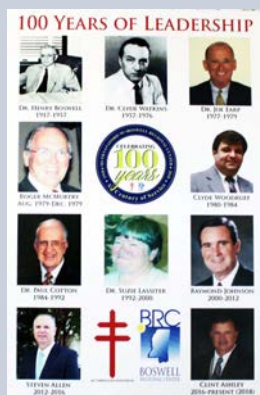
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ON THE COVER:

A photo display honoring the 10 directors of the TB Sanatorium and later, Boswell Regional Center listing their years of service, was displayed at the 100th anniversary celebration.



Pictured with Director Clint Ashley, third from left, are from left are July Employees of the Month Shaegypt Catchings, ICF Group Homes, Rutha Fairly, Community and Brittany Ducksworth. Not pictured is Emma McCollum, Campus DSP.



Clint Ashley, far left, is pictured with August Employees of the Month: Stephanie McClendon, Support/Professional, Christian Landing, Community and Felicia Batton, Campus DSP. Not pictured is Andrea Moses, ICF Group Homes.

Amanda Lowery, right, was named June Support/Professional of the Month for her work in Business Services, but was unable to attend an earlier ceremony. She is pictured with Clint Ashley, left.





2018 GOVERNOR'S SERVICE AWARDS



Belinda Arrington,
left, director of constituency services, was awarded a 20-year Governor's Service Award from Clint Ashley.



Kay Maddox,
left, received a 10-year Governor's Service Award at the August Director's meeting.



Richard Brown,
left, was awarded a 10-year Governor's Service certificate from Clint Ashley. Richard works in Community Services.

Up the Ladder

Ricky Grimes, formerly director of support services at Boswell, has been named program director at Mississippi Adolescent Center. Grimes joined Boswell in 2014 as night administrator. He earned a bachelor's degree and masters from University of Phoenix.



James Randolph has been named division director of the Goodwater and Morton group homes. James, who completed bachelor's and master's degrees from William Carey University, has been with Boswell for 18 years, most recently as advanced active treatment technician.



Cindy Sanders has been named director of recreation. She earned a bachelor of science degree in therapeutic recreation from the University of Southern Mississippi and has nearly 30 years of nursing home experience.





Anniversary Celebration

MS TB Sanatorium, Boswell Regional Center Celebrate 100 Years

Celebration paid homage to history and set tone for next 100 years

Boswell Regional Center, located on one of the state's oldest campuses, celebrated 100 years of service to the state of Mississippi on Aug. 29, 2018. The centennial commemoration highlighted key moments in the campus' history, including the opening of the Mississippi State Tuberculosis Sanatorium in 1918 and since 1976, as Boswell Regional Center, a Mississippi Department of Mental Health facility for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The center hosted the 100th celebration to honor the founders, recognize the dedication of former directors of both facilities, thank city and state leaders and allow past and former employees and individuals served by Boswell to join in a time of celebration.

Family members representing the late Dr. Henry Boswell, who served from 1917 - 1958 and Clyde Watkins, M.D., who served as director of the Sanatorium for 19 years following Boswell's death, spoke at the celebration about the contributions made by the two men. They were the only two to serve as director during its 58-year time span.

Others on the program included former directors of Boswell Regional Center, including Raymond Johnson and Steven Allen.

At the culmination of the program, a framed copy of Senate Resolution 600 drafted by State Sen. Chris Caughman in the 2018 legislative session honoring the Sanatorium and Boswell Regional Center on the 100th anniversary and applauding the City of Magee for its role in the founding were presented to Ashley and Magee Mayor Dale Berry.

Invited guest included retirees of both the Sanatorium and Boswell, city, state and county officials and current employees and individuals served by Boswell. Guests enjoyed refreshments displayed on serving stands and trays built by the center's Maintenance department and painted by one of Boswell's individuals.



The two remaining children of Dr. Henry Boswell, Barbara Boswell Stauss, left, and Peggy Boswell Johnson, right, were served the first piece of the 100th birthday cake at the culmination of the celebration. Both grew up on the grounds of the Sanatorium and have fond memories of life at "The San." Other Boswell family members also attended the celebration.



Representatives from the families of Dr. Henry Boswell, far left and Dr. Clyde Watkins, second from left, recounted memories of growing up at MS TB Sanatorium as part of the 100th celebration program. Also part of the program were, from left, Raymond Johnson and Steven Allen, former directors of Boswell.



Anniversary Celebration



Magee Mayor Dale Berry, left, gets checked in by Hanna Womack Duran, right. Berry accepted a framed copy of the resolution, now on display at City Hall, drafted by Sen. Chris Caughman in honor of the city's donation of 200 acres to create the Sanatorium.



Barbara Boswell Stauss, center, daughter of Dr. Henry Boswell, founder of the MS TB Sanatorium, enjoyed viewing old photos on the memory table at the 100th celebration and meeting Clint Ashley, right. Her daughter is pictured on the left. A photo of Dr. Boswell can be seen on the far left.



Sanatorium and Boswell leaders and employees that have passed away or could not attend were remembered through a memory table.



Steven Allen, left, former director of Boswell Regional Center, now deputy director of the MS Department of Mental Health, presented a framed copy of Senate Resolution 600 to Clint Ashley. State Sen. Chris Caughman, who crafted the resolution, was unable to attend as scheduled due to a special legislative

session.



A photo area made from old doors from the Sanatorium and Boswell was part of the décor. Pictured are, from left: Clint Ashley, director of Boswell, Diana Mikula, executive director of Mississippi Department of Mental Health and Steven Allen, deputy director of Mississippi Department of Mental Health. Guests and individuals served by Boswell also enjoyed taking a "selfie" in front of the old doors and 100 balloons.



Anniversary Celebration



Boswell's maintenance department built the food displays for the 100th anniversary celebration. Jimmy, one of the individuals served by Boswell, gave the wood an aged appearance.



Sugar cookies decorated with the Sanatorium and Boswell's logos were enjoyed by guests.



The 100th year milestone was displayed throughout the room, including on top of cakes.



Ornamental plants used to decorate the food tables will be planted on Boswell's grounds with markers signifying their use at the 100th celebration.



A large crowd of Sanatorium and Boswell retirees attended the celebration, along with employees and individuals served by BRC. Assistant Director Cindy Womack, standing center, greets a friend while members of the Boswell family, seated in the background, look on.



Spotlight On...

Boswell's annual Arts Fair highlighted talents of individuals



Michael Jackson was "in the house" at the 2018 Arts Fair, called a "Red Carpet Affair" due to the showcasing of popular television and radio hits.



A bluegrass band complete with costumes and instruments had the crowd on their feet at Arts Fair.

"Paint It Purple Parade" spotlighted Autism Awareness Month



Stanley Sullivan, pictured in the passenger seat, was one of the grand marshals of the Paint It Purple Parade. Stanley was Support Employee of the Month for 2017.



Social workers and individuals at Ridgeview campus home worked hard to create the award-winning Paint It Purple display.



A long line of staff and individuals, including some with purple body paint for the occasion, made their way across campus to get some exercise and spread awareness of autism.

Leadership Laurels

"I appreciate the hard work and dedication that went into making the 100th anniversary celebration a success. I heard nothing by great comments from **Diana Mikula, Steve Allen and Renee Brett.**" (Clint Ashley)

"Thanks to the 100th anniversary committee: **Cindy Womack** was our voice of reason and provided great ideas; **Suzie Wilder** helped find many of our retirees; **Shan Crumpton** coordinated the sale of numerous 100th anniversary t-shirts to Community division; **Luvennia Banks** helped us stay on budget and was a great help with t-shirt sales; **Jennifer Chennault** and the **Nutritional Services** team, including baker **Tosha Craft**, were wonderful to work with; **Jaylyn McDonald** coordinated the sign-in table and manned it along with **Hanna Womack Duran**; **Kassie Ibarra** assisted with the photo booth; **Laurie Magee** filmed the event and **Marty Sasser** and the **Maintenance team** built all of our food displays and assisted in too many ways to count to make the event a success." (from Kara Kimbrough)

"**Maria Allen** and **Jennifer Kittrell** have done a great job of processing payroll with the merger of Hudspeth and the transfer of Ellisville group homes; **Paula Watts** has worked very hard on the Blue Cross Blue Shield reconciliation and **Amanda Diaz** has done the same while implementing a new accounting system for patient fund accounts. **Amber Lowery** has taken on new individuals to her case load and done a great job." (from Sonja Kittrell)

"**Shonda Johnson (Taylorsville), Kristy Holifield (Bay Springs)** and **Jaqueline Franklin (Taylorsville and Bay Springs)** have been very receptive to the merger with Boswell." (from Dr. Kathleen Patterson)

"**Trevor Reed** and **Kopedia Durr** helped with paperwork and other duties while I was out. **Crystal Toche** and **Terri Powell** have also been a great help with evals as needed." (from Dr. Yolanda Walker)

"**Ashlee Robinson, Kay Maddox, Brittany Ducksworth, Linda Broome** and **Vanessa Fells** for assisting with the community survey; **Josh Rowe** for helping when nurses are out; **Ruby Holder** and **Tellisa Randolph (Taylorsville and Bay Springs)** have adjusted well to Boswell's procedures; **Bonita Sullivan** has also been a great help." (from Teresa Windham)

"**Demarcus Hooker** for picking up one of our individuals from the hospital even though he had clocked out for the day. This clearly shows his dedication to our individuals." (from Will Beeson)

"**The staff at Pinegrove home** for taking on more responsibilities in the absence of a staff member; **Phyllis Ducksworth** and **Greg Barnes** were very helpful during the recent survey." (from Kerry Bynum)

"**Ridgeview and Oakbrook's Teams** for their dedication when staff are out; **Peggy Kelly, Tara Dickerson, Denise Brown** and **Natisha Polk** with helping with the merger of the Taylorsville and Bay Springs group homes." (from Jamie Prine)

"**Lottie Keyes, Nicole Nichols, Amber Canoy, Elaine Bridges, Candace Warren, Tosha Craft** and **Mattie Rogers** were a tremendous help during the 100th birthday celebration." (from Jennifer Chennault)

DMH UPDATE



Action Checklist

It is vitally important that the mental health and addiction recovery communities make their voices heard during the upcoming elections. Use this checklist to ensure you are taking advantage of November's local, state and federal elections to vote for America's mental health.

- Register to vote**
If you are already registered, do more! Get five other people to register to vote.
- Learn about the candidates and issues**
Visit the candidates' websites or other websites to read about their views.
- Stay informed**
Sign up to receive future breaking news and action alerts from MHA on important mental health issues.
- Email the candidates**
Most candidates allow you to email them. You can let those running for elected office know that you hold the key to their understanding issues that matter to the people they will represent, and to their political futures. They want and need to hear from you on issues you consider important.
- Ask questions at candidate forums and town hall meetings**
Check your local paper and your candidates' websites for scheduled events. This is a great way to make candidates go "on the record" with important mental health issues.
- Write a Letter to the Editor (LTE) to respond to written articles about mental health or call talk radio shows**
Use the power of mass media! *Letters To The Editor* is the most commonly read section of the paper. If you have an opinion about an article regarding a candidate, let your voice be heard by penning an LTE. If there is a call-in tv, radio show, or podcast, that is another great way to help get your message to thousands of listeners.
- Talk with your friends and neighbors**
Have a healthy dialogue with your friends and neighbors about why mental health is vital to every candidate's health care platform. Social networking sites can empower you to share with your friends the importance of supporting the behavioral health community when casting their vote.

I voted!
Now what?



EMPOWER OTHERS TO VOTE!

Work with other community stakeholders to empower individuals affected by mental health conditions to exercise their right to vote.

Many individuals affected by mental health conditions may be reluctant to vote because they either believe they are not allowed to do so or because they are simply afraid of registering.

Helping just one person understand that they can vote is a worthwhile endeavor.

