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MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL NAMES DR. ROBERT MADDUX AS CLINICAL DIRECTOR

WHITFIELD—Mississippi State Hospital (MSH) has named Dr. Robert Maddux as clinical director, a role in which he will act as chief psychiatrist and administrator of psychiatric and medical care for the facility.

A native of Batesville, MS, Maddux has been serving as a psychiatrist at MSH since 2008. As clinical director, he is succeeding Dr. Lydia Weisser, who will continue to serve as a psychiatrist at the hospital in addition to her duties as medical director for the Mississippi Department of Mental Health.

Dr. Maddux has experience in both the private and public sectors, having previously practiced at Mississippi State Hospital from 1984 to 1992. He stayed in private practice from 1992 to 2008. His career has included practice at Millcreek Behavior Health Services, at which he also served as medical director.

After returning to MSH four years ago, he served on Oak Circle Center, the hospital's child and adolescent unit. He also served for a brief time as interim medical director at Specialized Treatment Facility in Gulfport. He is a 1974 graduate of Millsaps College, where he earned a bachelor's degree in biology, and a 1983 graduate of the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

"The thing that has always attracted me to psychiatry is that it, maybe more than any other specialty in medicine, demands that you understand your patient as a whole individual," Maddux said. "I was always interested in my patients as individuals when I was in medical school, and that's still an important part of medicine."

Mississippi State Hospital Director James G. Chastain expressed his thanks to Dr. Weisser for her service, and said the hospital was fortunate to have someone succeeding her as experienced as Dr. Maddux, who has been able to develop relationships with members of hospital staff, stakeholders, and providers in the community.

"As Dr. Maddux assumes the duties of Clinical Director, I am confident we will continue to achieve many accomplishments and improvements in care under his leadership," Chastain said.

MSH, a facility of the Mississippi Department of Mental Health, was founded in 1855 and facilitates improvement in the quality of life for Mississippians who are in need of mental health, chemical dependency or nursing home services, by rehabilitating to the least

restrictive environment, utilizing a range of psychiatric and medical services, which reflect the accepted standard of care and are in compliance with statutory and regulatory guidelines. The hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission.

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PHOTO ATTACHED: Dr. Robert Maddux was recently appointed clinical director of Mississippi State Hospital. Dr. Maddux succeeds Dr. Lydia Weisser, who will be focusing on state-wide initiatives within the Mississippi Department of Mental Health in addition to providing psychiatric services at MSH. Dr. Maddux has been serving at Mississippi State Hospital since 2008 and has a background in public and private psychiatric facilities, including a previous eight years spent practicing at MSH.