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MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL HONORS NEWSOME WITH SERVICE AWARD AND EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

WHITFIELD— Sarah Newsome of Brandon has been named Mississippi State Hospital's (MSH) December Employee of the Month for Direct Care Service. Newsome, who is a mental health technician, has worked at the hospital for 20 years. She was also recognized this month for her 20 years of service. Employees are honored with a service award after the completion of their first year of service, followed by every fifth anniversary year.

The MSH Employee of the Month award recognizes employees who have made outstanding contributions to the hospital through their work. The program is sponsored by Friends of Mississippi State Hospital Inc.

MSH, a program 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 and utilizing a range of psychiatric and medical services that 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: Sarah Newsome