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## **MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL CELEBRATES NATIONAL HEALTHCARE QUALITY WEEK**

WHITFIELD – Healthcare quality professionals at Mississippi State Hospital will join those around the nation in recognizing National Healthcare Quality Week, October 17-23 2010.

Mississippi State Hospital is celebrating the week by once again receiving and displaying the Governor's Official Proclamation of Healthcare Quality Week in Mississippi. In addition to the proclamation, MSH leadership was also presented with the NAHQ Association of Excellence Silver Award achieved this year by MsAHQ under the leadership of President John W. Pace, MSH Patient Advocate.

The award identifies MsAHQ as one of the top healthcare quality associations in the nation. Pace accepted the award October 1, 2010, at the annual NAHQ Convention. A number of MSH staff are members of MsAHQ and MSH has a long record of providing the association with proven leaders in the field, including current president Pace and historian Janice Jackson, a nursing administrator at the hospital.

Pictured are MSH staff members displaying the awards, (first row, l to r) MsAHQ President and MSH Patient Advocate John Pace, MSH Director James G. Chastain, Nursing Administrator Janice Jackson, (second row, l to r) Accreditation and Licensure Director Dana Magee, Nurse Executive Jackie Yates, Quality Management Director Karen Warner, (third row, l to r) MSH Support Services Director Kelly Breland, Jaquith Nursing Home Director Marc Lewis and Clinical Services Director Lydia Wiesser.

*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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