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FRANKLIN RECEIVES HERO AWARD AT MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL

WHITFIELD—Sandra Franklin, of Cleveland, Miss., received the Hero Award for May at Mississippi State Hospital.

Franklin, a native of Mound Bayou, Miss., is an Active Treatment Technician at the Cleveland Crisis Intervention Center. She has been employed at Mississippi State Hospital for five years.

The Hero Award is given every month to employees who go above and beyond the scope of their work, or who through their positions perform a heroic act to assist a patient in some way. Employees can be nominated either by their co-workers or by patients and residents

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. Accredited by the Joint Commission, MSH is the largest hospital in Mississippi and the largest public psychiatric facility in the United States.

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