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## MSH DOCTORS RECEIVE BOARD CERTIFICATION

WHITFIELD—Mississippi State Hospital congratulates Dr. Sara Gleason and Dr. Kristen Bevill for achieving Board Certification in Psychiatry from the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

Dr. Gleason and Dr. Bevill successfully passed the Initial Certification Examination in Psychiatry on June 4, 2010. In becoming Board Certified, they have completed rigorous training and achieved the gold standard in each of the six core competencies of patient care, medical knowledge, interpersonal and communication skills, professionalism, systems-based practice, and practice-based learning and improvement to practice quality specialized medicine in psychiatry.

"We are very pleased to announce that Dr. Kristen Bevill and Dr. Sara Gleason have attained board certification in general psychiatry, and we congratulate them on their achievement," said Dr. Duncan Stone, Chief of Medical Staff at Mississippi State Hospital. "With Dr. Bevill's and Dr. Gleason's board certifications, 98 percent of physicians at Mississippi State Hospital have board certification."

Both Dr. Bevill and Dr. Gleason have been employed at Mississippi State Hospital for two years, and both received their medical degrees from the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

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. Kristen Bevill (left) and Dr. Sara Gleason (right) recently passed the Initial Certification Examination in Psychiatry from the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc.