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MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL EXPANDS SERVICES WITH MID SOUTH REHAB

WHITFIELD— A new partnership is expanding Mississippi State Hospital’s services while also cutting costs and benefiting more patients and residents at the hospital and Jaquith Nursing Home.

Mid South Rehab Services has contracted with the hospital to have its staff work full time on the MSH campus, offering physical therapists, physical therapy assistants, occupational therapists, occupational therapy assistants. It also provides clinical supervision for the hospital’s speech therapy, audiology and kinesiotherapy staff, giving the hospital a fully-staffed rehab clinic.

“The purpose of this is to have more of a ‘rehab mall,’ with better communication between the therapy departments, so that’s what we’ve done,” Jaquith Nursing Home Director Marc Lewis said. “We came over here and did some renovation, Mid South is providing clinical supervision and we have all the therapists in this building now.”

Mississippi State Hospital and Jaquith Nursing Home previously had their rehabilitation services on three buildings in different locations on the 350-acre campus. The partnership with Mid South Rehab has consolidated all of that into one building, as well as expanding the services available to patients and residents.

“Mid South Rehab Services is honored to provide comprehensive therapy services to the patients and residents of Mississippi State Hospital,” Mid South Rehab Senior Regional Clinical Director Kim Rayburn said.

“We take pride in our ability to perform functional outcomes utilizing top-notch therapists, state of the art equipment, and long-term partnerships. We look forward to many successful years with the staff of MSH.”

There are now eight Mid South Rehab therapists who spend their working hours at the hospital. The occupational therapists, physical therapists, and their assistants are full-time Mid South Rehab employees whose office and patients happen to be located on the MSH campus.

“It increases communication, and we have meetings every week where all of the therapists get together, share information, and sometimes refer people to the other services,” Lewis said.

While this initiative represents an expansion of the therapy programs offered at the hospital, it doesn’t represent an increase in expenses. Mid South Rehab bills Medicare for services given to

patients and residents. For those who are not Medicare eligible, the company offers a discounted rate to the hospital. In the end, this initiative benefits everyone - Mid South Rehab, the hospital, and most importantly, MSH patients and JNH residents.

An open house was held on Wednesday, Sept. 29 to not only show off the new clinic, but to let physicians across the MSH campus know about all of the services now available. With a full therapy department up and running, many patients and residents have the chance to improve their quality of life through the services now offered.

They are now able to go from occupational therapy to physical therapy, or from kinesiotherapy to speech therapy, where several months ago going from one therapist to another may have meant going to different buildings across the campus.

“This is more common to what you would see in other nursing homes or rehab facilities, where all of the therapists are together. This is increasing the services we’re providing at a much reduced cost to the hospital,” Lewis said. “Now that this is here, it’s just incredibly successful.

“The success is due in part to many individuals. Our kinesiotherapists, speech therapists and audiologists have done outstanding jobs. Collectively, they have many years of dedicated service to our hospital patients and nursing home 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. The hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission.

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PHOTO ATTACHED: Mississippi State Hospital, Jaquith Nursing Home and Mid South Rehab staff pose in front of Building 27 on the MSH campus. B-27 is now a fully-staffed rehab clinic, offering occupational therapy, physical therapy, kinesiotherapy and speech therapy in one central location.