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**MISSISSIPPI STATE PERSONNEL BOARD APPROVES  
SOUTH MISSISSIPPI REGIONAL CENTER REDUCTION-IN-FORCE**

**October 18, 2012 Jackson, Miss** - The Mississippi State Personnel Board today approved a request from the South Mississippi Regional Center, which is part of the Department of Mental Health, for a reduction-in-force affecting six (6) filled positions.

According to the Department of Mental Health, this action is necessary due to a shortage of funds. The reduction-in-force will be limited to the Community Service Program within the South Mississippi Regional Center.

“The Mississippi State Personnel Board evaluated the request from the Department of Mental Health and determined that the agency followed the proper policies and procedures for implementing its reduction-in-force based on shortage of funds,” said Deanne Mosley, Executive Director of the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

The Mississippi State Personnel Board serves more than 30,000 public employees and 130 state agencies, and also provides administrative support for the Personal Service Contract Review Board and Employee Appeals Board. For more information, please visit <http://www.mspb.ms.gov>.

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