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**MISSISSIPPI STATE PERSONNEL BOARD APPROVES REQUESTS FROM
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR REDUCTIONS-IN-FORCE**

Jackson, Miss. (May 19, 2016) – The Mississippi State Personnel Board today approved requests from the Department of Mental Health for three reductions-in-force. The reductions-in-force affect a total of 166 filled positions and 6 vacant positions.

The first reduction-in-force affects 7 filled positions at Ellisville State School in the Early Intervention Program. According to the Department of Mental Health, this action is necessary due to a shortage of funds.

The second reduction-in-force affects 55 filled positions and 1 vacant position at East Mississippi State Hospital in the Adult Chemical Dependency Unit/Medical Care Unit. According to the Department of Mental Health, this action is necessary due to a shortage of funds.

The third reduction-in-force affects 104 filled positions and 5 vacant positions at Mississippi State Hospital in the Medical Psychiatric Unit and the Male Chemical Dependency Unit. According to the Department of Mental Health, this action is necessary due to a shortage of funds.

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

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