

# WYMHHS

WARREN-YAZOO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES  
SUMMER 2015



# *Celebrating 40 years of service*

*This year, 2015, Warren-Yazoo Mental Health Services commemorates 40 years of service dedicated to the residents of Warren County and Yazoo County. Since 1975, this facility has provided its consumers with the “highest quality and most cost effective mental health care” in order to ensure a higher quality of life.*

*Today, Warren-Yazoo continues to reach out to those in need by providing comprehensive mental health services to the community.*

*With the coming of their 40th anniversary, Warren-Yazoo Mental Health Services dedicated an open house celebration to their consumers, as well as community leaders, stakeholders, and various agency leaders. Therefore, all were encouraged to attend a ceremonial ribbon cutting in both Yazoo County (taking place on May 7<sup>th</sup>) and Warren County (taking place on May 13<sup>th</sup>). Both celebrations were a success, and further emphasized the appreciation and support the community has had for Warren-Yazoo’s dedication over the years.*

*Commemorative ribbon cutting ceremonies were hosted by the Chamber of Commerce at the Open House Celebrations in both Warren and Yazoo Counties.*



Pictured at the Warren County 40th Anniversary ribbon-cutting celebration are, from left: Bobby Barton, WYMHS Executive Director; Kim Hall, WYMHS CSS; Don Brown, Deputy Executive Director; Jane Flowers, Vicksburg Warren Chamber of Commerce Executive Director; Ruth Nixon, WYMHS Board Member & Warren County MH/DD Commissioner; Nikki Garrard, WYMHS Medical Records Supervisor.



Pictured at the ribbon-cutting in Yazoo County are, from left, Ruth Nixon, WYMHS Board Member and Warren County MH/DD Commissioner; Gala Starling, WYMHS Board Member & Yazoo County MH/IDD Commissioner; Bobby Barton, WYMHS Executive Director; Whitney Hurt, Yazoo County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director; Don Brown, Deputy Executive Director; and Millicent Ledbetter, Yazoo County Director.

*WYMHS 40th  
Anniversary  
Celebration held  
at Warren County  
Office*



Ruth Nixon, WYMHS Board Member & MH/IDD Warren County Commissioner, cuts the first piece of cake for the 40th Anniversary Celebration in Warren County.



Pictured above are Shirley Lowery, SPS; Jessica Delk, SPS Program Coordinator; and Michelle Connelly, United Way Executive Director. The United Way of West Central MS provides funding for the Some Place Special program.



WYMHS Board Member Buddy Dees chats with Jane Lauderdale, Vicksburg Warren County Chamber of Commerce.



Above: Friends, current and past, staff members, and community leaders gather during the brief ceremony and commemorative ribbon cutting at the 40th Anniversary celebration in Warren County.

Right: Representative Oscar Denton and Ruth Nixon, WYMHS Board Member.



Below: Ginger Roark; Gala Starling, WYMHS Board Chair; and Steve Roark, former WYMHS Executive Director



*Yazoo County  
40th Anniversary  
Open House  
Celebration*



Gala Starling, WYMHS Board Chair, makes the first cut on the 40th Anniversary celebration cake.



Bobby Barton, WYMHS Executive Director talks with Dr. David Dzielak, Executive Director of the MS Division of Medicaid; and with Matt Armstrong, MS DMH Deputy Director.



Pictured above are Bobby Barton, WYMHS Executive Director; Dr. Namita Arora, WYMHS Medical Director; and Robert Smith, Region III Executive Director



Top Left: Don Brown, WYMHS, is pictured with local Yazoo businessman William Carroll of Livingston Insurance Agency.



Top Right: Gala Starling, WYMHS Board Chair, presents a plaque to Bobby Barton, WYMHS Executive Director, recognizing the agency's 40 years of service to the community, also pictured, former long-term Executive Director, Steve Roark,

Right: Decorative strawberries were delicious and festive.



Below: Bobby Barton, WYMHS Executive Director, is pictured with Jake Hutchins, DMH Bureau Director for Community Services, Steve Roark, former Executive Director; State Sen. Briggs Hopson; and Don Brown, Deputy Executive Director.



## *Staff Accomplishments & Community Outreach*



Tiffany Smith, left, receives snack packs for campers from Katrinka Wayne, Warren County Executive Office Summer Assistant.

## **Skills classes offered during summer sessions**

The summer Day Treatment Camp at the Warren County Office offered our clients a continental breakfast and light snack, as well as a pick up/drop off service that brought them from their home to our program. The students participated in a daily 3-hour therapeutic group session that covered skills of Classroom Survival, Friendship-making, Dealing with Feelings, Alternatives to Aggression, and Dealing with Stress. Each Friday, our campers were rewarded with a field trip as an incentive for good behavior and for participating in group activities the entire week.



Yazoo County staff members, Angela Street, above, and Lashell Steward, below, gave a presentation to the Yazoo Rotarians on July 1, 2015. The topics presented were the Mobile Crisis Response Team and Peer Support Services.







## HCC students, WYMHS partner in pediatric summer experience

The Holmes Community College Occupational Therapy Assistant students collaborated with the staff of Warren-Yazoo Mental Health for a pediatric summer experience. The opportunity challenged the students to create age appropriate activities to address the client's performance. The students enjoyed the opportunity to interact with each client and appreciate the support of all staff members. The

hot days of summer were complete with fun-filled activities which will provide cherished memories for all participants.

The OTA students will graduate in May 2016 with Associates of Applied Science degrees. Students participating were:

- Ashley Barry
- Lauryn Bratton
- Christopher Bruce
- Beth Burge
- Tia Daniels
- Hannah Davis
- Colton Farrow
- Cheyenne Flint
- Monica Lopez
- Haley Mashburn
- Elena Pope
- Allie Shepard
- Gabrielle Turner
- Kaylee Welch



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