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### Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure Announces Key Leadership Appointments

The Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (MSBML) is proud to announce three key additions that strengthen the agency's leadership and support its mission to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Mississippians. These additions include two newly established positions — Communications Director and Deputy General Counsel — as well as a new Deputy Director.



**Adrienne Brantley** has been named **Deputy Director**, succeeding former Deputy Director Mike Lucius. She brings over 35 years of experience in financial management, government administration, and operational leadership, most recently serving as Deputy Director at the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality. In her role, Brantley will oversee agency operations and ensure compliance with MSBML's mission and goals.



**Meagan Guyse** joins MSBML as **Deputy General Counsel**, where she will provide legal support to strengthen compliance and regulatory functions. A magna cum laude graduate of the University of Mississippi School of Law, Guyse brings litigation and governmental experience from private practice and public service. Her expertise will support the Board in addressing complex legal and regulatory challenges.



**Cara Shirley** joins MSBML as its first **Communications Director**, a new role created to enhance outreach and stakeholder engagement. Shirley has worked in broadcasting, communications, and marketing for more than a decade, bringing valuable experience to lead MSBML's communications strategy. She will ensure timely and transparent information reaches both the public and healthcare professionals.

*These selections represent a major step forward for the Board,” said Ken Cleveland, M.D., Executive Director of MSBML. “With Adrienne, Meagan, and Cara in key leadership roles, the agency is positioned to enhance transparency, strengthen regulatory oversight, and continue protecting the health and safety of Mississippians.*

### About the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure

The MSBML exists to ensure the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of Mississippians by licensing and regulating physicians, podiatrists, physician assistants, radiology assistants, and acupuncturists, and by enforcing the Mississippi Medical Practice Act.

*For Every Patient. For Every Provider. For Every Mississippian.*