



## Jim Reddoch sworn in as new state mental health commissioner

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In this Feb. 14, 2012 photo, Jim Reddoch speaks at his office in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Gov. Robert Bentley swore in Reddoch as state mental health commissioner on Tuesday, replacing Zelia Baugh. (AP Photo/The Tuscaloosa News, Dusty Compton)

MONTGOMERY, Alabama — A longtime leader in Alabama's Department of Mental Health is now its commissioner.

Gov. Robert Bentley swore in Jim Reddoch as commissioner on Tuesday. Reddoch replaced Zelia Baugh, **who resigned last month.**

Reddoch worked with the department from 1988 to 2009, serving as deputy commissioner, director of Bryce Hospital in Tuscaloosa and director of the Taylor Hardin Secure Medical Facility in Tuscaloosa. He most recently served as executive director of the Three Rivers Mental Health Center in Tuscaloosa.

Reddoch said he's known Bentley for several years and is honored to join his Cabinet.

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