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**Governor Reappoints Perry, and Appoints Bennett and Perdue to
ADMH's Board of Trustees**

MONTGOMERY – David Bennett and Probate Judge Jim Perdue were recently appointed, effectively immediately, to the Alabama Department of Mental Health's Board of Trustees by Governor Robert Bentley. Wade Perry Jr., a current member of the board initially appointed in 2008, was also reappointed.

Bennett represents the Seventh Congressional District and will serve until his term expires April 2015. He retired from ADMH as associate commissioner for the Division of Administration in 2008 after more than 17 years with the department. Prior to that position, Bennett was facility director at Bryce Hospital and served in a number of other positions at Bryce throughout his career with ADMH. He is a graduate of Stillman College with a bachelor's of sociology. He also holds a master's from the University of West Alabama in guidance and counseling. Bennett is currently serving as pastor of the First Missionary Baptist Church in Moundville and president of the Congress of Christian Education for the New Antioch Bethlehem District of Tuscaloosa and north Hale County. He has been involved in community service in the west Alabama area for many years, having served on a number of volunteer boards.

Perdue is representing the Second Congressional District and serving a term that will expire April 2014. He has served as probate judge for Crenshaw County since 2002. Prior to that, Perdue worked as the president & CEO of the Perdue-Folmar Company, Inc., since 1980. He holds a bachelor's in accounting from Auburn University. Perdue has been a fixture in his community's volunteer efforts, having served as past president of the Luverne Rotary Club, Crenshaw County Chamber of Commerce, Crenshaw County Industrial Development Board and board member on a number of other civic organizations.

Perry represents the First Congressional District and will serve a term expiring April 2015. He began his career as a federal prosecutor in Montgomery, and has been with the Mobile law firm of Johnstone, Adams, Bailey, Gordon & Harris, L.L.C., since 1975. Perry's practice has involved extensive employment law litigation as well as regularly advising clients in all areas of health and hospital law, and related statutes and regulations. He received an undergraduate degree from Davidson College and a law degree from Vanderbilt University. The Eufaula native is a member of the American Academy of Healthcare Attorneys.

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