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Kimberly Butterfly Rudd, MD, currently serves as the chief medical officer for the Division of Inpatient Services and assistant deputy director for Long-term Care at the Department of Mental Health (DMH). She loves that her position allows her to have a positive impact on more than 1,500 inpatient residents and patients in DMH hospitals, programs, and nursing homes.

Dr. Rudd completed her undergraduate school training at the College of Charleston and medical training at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine (USCSOM), and graduated with honors. She completed her general psychiatry residency and geriatric psychiatry fellowships at Palmetto Health/ USCSOM and became board certified in General Psychiatry in 2009 and Geriatric Psychiatry in 2010.

She originally joined the DMH team in September 2008 because it was one of the few state employments that could guarantee a patient unit of people aged 60 and older where she could practice Geriatric Psychiatry. She became director of Professional Services at C. M. Tucker, Jr. Nursing Care Center in August 2011.

“I keep the well-being of patients and residents at the center of any decision I make and that has always led me in the right direction. My advice to new employees is to keep the energy going that they have when they begin employment and always keep the patients and residents at the center of care,” said Dr. Rudd.

Dr. Rudd holds an academic appointment as clinical assistant professor with the University Of South Carolina School of Medicine and has won several awards, including the Chairman’s Award and the General Psychiatry Teacher of the Year Award. She is dedicated to teaching medical students and residents in General Psychiatry and Geriatric Psychiatry.

She’s co-authored several publications, including a chapter on cognitive and mental disorders in the *National Medical Series for Independent Study Psychiatry*, an article on late life depression in the *Indian Journal of Private Psychiatry*, and an article on speaking out for mental health in *Academic Psychiatry*.

Dr. Rudd lives in Columbia with her husband, Jason, and two sons, Hunter, 13, and Harrison, 11.