

## Nutritional Services' Jessie Bell Recognized by Mental Health Commission SCDMH Office of Public Affairs

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The SC Mental Health Commission opened its November 1, 2019 meeting with a special recognition, honoring SCDMH's own Jessie Bell, of the Division of Nutritional Services, who has served the Agency for more than 52 years.

Commission Chair L. Gregory Pearce, Jr., relayed how he'd met Ms. Bell when touring the Division and speaking with employees, and, on behalf of the Commission, thanked her for her outstanding service to the SCDMH and its patients. He and State Director Mark Binkley presented Ms. Bell with a bouquet from SCDMH's Horticulture Therapy Program.

Both Commissioner Pearce and Ms. Bell's supervisor and Nutritional Services Director Mary Jaskowski, noted the sheer number of patients who have benefited from her service. Over the last two years Nutritional Services has prepared more than 820,000 meal trays; on average the Division prepares 2,250 trays per day.

"Ms. Bell has been responsible for literally millions of meals for our patients," said Jaskowski. "through it all she remains humble and focused on every meal meeting the needs of each client, resident, and patient SCDMH serves." Ms. Jaskowski added that she is proud to work with Ms. Bell and praised her humility and devotion to her work.



*(LR) SC Mental Health Commission Chair L. Gregory Pearce, Jr., Jessie Bell, Mary Jaskowski, Interim State Director Mark W. Binkley. Ms. Bell receives applause upon recognition for her dedication to the patients SCDMH serves.*