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MONTGOMERY – The Alabama Department of Mental Health Commissioner, James V. Perdue announced today the following administrative staff reassignments.

- **Cary Hill** – Director of Legislative and Constituent Affairs
- **Terry Mitchell** – Chief of Staff

The Alabama Department of Mental Health is at the mid-point of our town hall meetings which are being held in Senate Districts across the State. These meetings have been strongly supported by local legislative delegations, and attended by a large number of mental health providers, law enforcement officers, members of the educational community, hospital administrators, physicians, etc. The outcropping of these meetings have produced numerous exciting and innovative ideas which must be embraced as we begin to transform our vision to reality, with the possibility of a special legislative session and the need to focus on the upcoming 2017 regular session of the Alabama Legislature.

I am reassigning Chief of Staff Cary Hill to Director of Legislative and Constituent Affairs. Cary has always displayed great integrity and strength in leadership having previously served as member services director in the house. He is highly respected in both houses of the Alabama legislature. Cary is an inspiring force for all of us, as we work to convert our vision to actuality. We are lucky to have him on our team.

I am reassigning Public Information Director Terry Mitchell to Chief of Staff for the Alabama Department of Mental Health. Judge Mitchell joined the department team in March following 15 years on the bench as Judge of Probate in Coosa County, managing both governmental and public affairs, during which time he also served as President of the Alabama Probate Judges Association. Judge Mitchell's political background and statewide connections make this a natural transition.

As we enter a new chapter in my administration, I am confident the experience and commitment of these key staff members will lead to a seamless transition as we continue our work to improve government, become more efficient, and build a better Department of Mental Health for the citizens of Alabama.

These assignments become effective immediately.