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LOCAL NURSES SERVING STATE ORGANIZATION

TUPELO, Miss.—Several registered nurses from North Mississippi Medical Center are serving as state officers with the Eliza Pillars Registered Nurses of Mississippi.

Barbara Field, interim charge nurse with NMMC's Cardiac Observation Unit, has been elected as state chaplain. She is responsible for opening and closing all organizational meetings with prayer or meditation. Field is an active member of the organization at both the District 1 and state levels. She was elected during the group's 25th annual state convention during April in Natchez.

Shana Cummings, clinical nurse educator for NMMC's 3 North, 5 West and Hemodialysis Pod, serves as state financial secretary. In this role, Cummings is responsible for collecting money, keeping financial records and chairing registration at the annual continuing education program and board of directors meetings.

Bernice Moore, physician analyst with NMMC's Management Information Systems, is continuing her term as public relations chairperson for the state organization. Mallie "Jean" Finley, triage nurse for Nurse Link, serves as social committee chairperson. Lynda Cox, Labor and Delivery head nurse at the NMMC Women's Hospital, and Clara Hurd, staff nurse at the Center for Digestive Health, co-chair the convention program.

Eliza Pillars Registered Nurses of Mississippi is named for Eliza Farish Pillars, the first black registered nurse to be employed by the Mississippi State Board of Health on Feb. 1, 1926.