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Circular

Subject: Guidelines for Appointment of (a) Chairperson and (b) other members for District Mental Health Review Boards

- Ref: 1. Section 73 of Mental Health Review Boards of Mental Health Care Act 2017.
2. Mental healthcare (Central Mental Health authority and mental Health Review Boards) Rules, 2018.
3. W.P.No.38923/2018 on the file of Hon'ble high court of Karnataka
4. Government Order No: HFW/ 82/CGE/2019, Bangalore, Dated: 01-01-2020.
5. Proceedings of the meeting, Date: 06/02/2020 and 19/10/2020 of KSMHA

With reference to above and as per the directions issued by the Hon'ble High court of Karnataka in Writ petition mentioned in reference no 3 above directing to Constitute Mental Health Review Boards, following guidelines are framed.

Sl/ No	Headquarters and Location	Districts/Areas under its Jurisdiction
1.	Bengaluru Urban located at C.V Raman General Hospital, Indira Nagar, Bengaluru.	Bengaluru Urban, BBMP
2.	Bengaluru Division located at District Hospital of Tumkur Other than Bengaluru Urban and BBMP	Bengaluru Rural, Chikkaballapur, Chitradurga, Davanagere, Kolar, Ramanagara, Shivamogga, Tumakuru
3.	Mysuru Division located at New District Hospital, Mysuru	Chamarajanagar, Chikkamagaluru Dakshina Kannada, Hassan, Kodagu,, Mandya, Mysuru, Udupi
4.	Belgaum Division located at DIMHANS, Dharawad	Belgaum, Bagalkot, Vijayapura, Dharwad, Gadag, Haveri, Uttara Kannada
5.	Kalaburgi Division located at GIMS Medical College, Kalburgi,	Bellary, Bidar, Kalaburagi, Koppal, Raichur, Yadgir

Composition of District Mental Health Review Board's Qualification and norms of appointment of Chairperson and other Members as per section 74 of Mental Healthcare Act-2017

SL/ No	Designation	Qualification and norms of appointment
1	Chairperson	District Judge, or an officer in state judicial service who is qualified to be appointed as District Judge or Retired District Judge. On contract Basis.
2	Representative of the Deputy Commissioner	Deputy Commissioner of the District in which the board is to be constituted shall nominate representative as the member of the Board.
3	Psychiatrist	Till the Government sanctions the posts of Psychiatrist. They will be selected from Government Medical college or District Hospitals amongst permanent faculty preferably without administrative posts. Dean and Director of Government medical colleges DHOs / District Surgeons will nominate.
4	Medical Practitioner	Till the Government sanctions the posts of Medical Practitioner, They will be selected from Government Medical college or District Hospitals amongst permanent faculty preferably without administrative posts. Dean and Director of Government medical colleges/DHOs / District Surgeons will nominate.
5	Two members who shall be persons with mental illness or care-givers or persons representing organisations of persons with mental illness or care-givers or non-governmental organisations working in the field of mental health.	Based on documentation submitted about proof of their qualification to be member of the board.
5	First Division Assistant	Concerned Divisional Joint Directors to Depute from Health and FW Department
6	Group-D	Concerned Divisional Joint Directors to appoint through Outsource.

- (1) For the purpose of appointment of the chairperson and members of the Board, the State Authority shall call for applications by giving wide publicity through open advertisement in at least two daily newspapers (one English and one local language) having wide circulation in the State and the advertisement shall also be made available on the website of the State Authority.
- (2) The Chief Executive Officer of the State Authority shall consider all applications received and shortlist such applications which fulfill the basic eligibility requirements as provided in section 74 and place the same before the Chairperson of the Central Authority.
- (3) The appointment of chairperson and members of the Board shall be made by the Chairperson of the State Authority on the basis of merit.
- (4) The State Authority shall, three months prior to occurrence of vacancy in the office of chairperson or member of the Board, or where such vacancy arises by reason of death or resignation or removal of such member, initiate the process for filling up such vacancy in a like manner.

- (5) The State Authority shall, from time to time, arrange for the chairpersons and members of the Board to undergo induction training in mental health law, mental healthcare and related areas of not less than two working days.
- (6) Mental Health Review Board will function as per regulations published vide gazette notification No. F.No.V.1501/09/2019-PH-I, Government of India, Dated: 18/12/2020.
- (7) The chairperson and other members of every Board shall hold office for the term of five years or up to the age of seventy years, whichever is earlier and shall be eligible for re-appointment for another term of five years up to the age of seventy years whichever is earlier.
- (8) The Chairperson is entitled to a consolidated monthly honorarium of Rs. 65,000/- and Conveyance allowance of Rs.25,000/- or Total emolument should not exceed last pay drawn.
- (9) In respect of the other members, each member will be paid sitting allowance of Rs. 2000/-, per meeting maximum of Rs. 10,000 per month and T.A.

The concerned district authorities are directed to take action as per the circular and submit the compliance within 45 days.


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Commissioner,
Health and Family Welfare Services,
Chief Executive Officer,
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To,

1. Deputy Commissioners of all the Districts
2. Deputy Commissioner , Bengaluru urban, Tumkur, Mysuru, Dharwad, Kalburgi
(with request to nominate representative as the member of the Board)
3. Director of health and family welfare services, Bengaluru.
4. Director of Medical Education, Bengaluru.
5. Deputy Director (Mental Health), Directorate of health and family welfare services.
6. Divisional Joint Directors, Bengaluru (BBMP), Bengaluru
Mysuru, Kalburgi and Belagavi divisions
7. District Health and family welfare officers of all the Districts
8. Chief Health officer, BBMP, Bengaluru
9. Medical superintendents of all the Government Medical college Hospitals.
10. District Surgeons of all the Districts.

**Copies with special direction to make necessary accommodation for MHRB office
Rooms with proper infrastructures.**

1. Medical superintendent, CV Raman General Hospital, Indira Nagar, Bengaluru
2. District surgeon, District Hospital, Tumakuru
3. District surgeon, District Hospital, Mysuru
4. Director, DIMHANS, Dharawad
5. Dean and Director, GIMS Medical College, Kalburgi,

Copy for kind information to;

1. The Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Karnataka, Dept of Health and Family Welfare Services, Vikasa soudha, Bengaluru