INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS TO THE MENTAL HEALTH REVIEW BOARDS

The State Mental Health Authority invites applications from interested persons possessing the requisite qualifications for appointment to the following positions in each District Mental Health Review Boards constituted as per notification no A/217/2017/KSMHA dated 25.01.2021 (available at www.ksmha.org and copy of the same also annexed)

SI	Name of positions	Qualifications	Number of the
no			Positions
1.	Chairperson	District judges or officers of the State Judicial Services who are qualified to be appointed as District Judges or retired District Judges	1X 5 = 5
2	Members with medical qualifications i) Psychiatrist ii) Medical practitioner	As per Mental Healthcare Act 2017	1X 5 = 5 1X 5 = 5
3	Two members who shall be persons with mental illness or care-givers or Persons representing organizations of persons with mental illness or care-givers or non-governmental organizations working in the field of mental health.		2X5 = 10

As per section 74 (2) A person shall be disqualified to be appointed as the chairperson or a member of a Board or be removed by the State Authority, if he -

- a. has been convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for an offence which involves moral turpitude; or
- b. is adjudged as an insolvent; or
- c. has been removed or dismissed from the service of the Government or a body corporate owned or controlled by the Government; or
- d. has such financial or other interest as is likely to prejudice the discharge of his functions as a member; or has such other disqualifications as may be prescribed by the Central Government

As per Rule 19 of the Mental Healthcare (Central Mental Health Authority and Mental Health Review Boards) Rules, 2018, notified by the Central Government as G.S.R.

507 (E) dated 29th May, 2018) in addition to the disqualifications specified in clauses (a) to (e) of sub-section (2) of section 74, a chairperson or a member of the Board appointed by the State Authority shall stand disqualified for the purposes of said sub-section (2), if he holds-

(i) any full-time or part-time assignment that prevents him from giving adequate time and attention to the work of the Board_under the provisions of the Act and the rules made there under; or

(ii) any office in any political party during his tenure of office in the Board.

The State Authority may suspend the chairperson or a member of the Board immediately if a criminal case is registered against such person and revoke such suspension if such person is acquitted of the charges framed against him in such case.

Terms and conditions of the service of Chairperson and Members of the Board:-

The chairperson and members of the Board shall hold office for a term of five years or up to the age of seventy years, whichever is earlier and shall be eligible for reappointment for another term of five years or up to the age of seventy years whichever is earlier. The appointment of chairperson and members of every Board shall be made by the Chairperson of the State Authority.

The honorarium and other allowances payable to, and the other terms and conditions of service of, the chairperson and members of the Board shall be such as may be prescribed by the Central Government.

The Mental Healthcare (Central Mental Health Authority and Mental Health Review Boards) Rules, 2018, notified by the Central Government as G.S.R. 507 (E) dated 29th May 2018, prescribes Honorarium and allowances to the chairperson and members and the same is reproduced below for information.

Rule 20(I) *If a retired Judge* of the District Court is appointed *as the chairperson of* the Board, he shall be entitled to a consolidated monthly honorarium which together with the pension or pensionary value of the terminal benefits or both received by such person shall not exceed the last pay drawn by him.

Rule 20(2)If *a retired government servant* is appointed *as a member of the Board*, he shall be entitled to a consolidated monthly honorarium which together with the pension or pensionary value of the terminal benefits, or both received by such person shall not exceed the last pay drawn by him.

Rule 20(3) If Chairperson or any member of the Board is in service of the State Government or Central Government, his consolidated honorarium shall be in accordance with the rules applicable to Government servants of his cadre and he shall received travel allowance only for the day of sitting in the Board. Rule 20 (4) *Every member of the Board, who is not a servant of the Government,* attending the meeting of the Board shall be entitled to sitting allowance, travelling allowance, daily allowance and such other allowances as are applicable to non official members of the Commissions and committees of the Central Government attending the meeting of such Commission or committee.

Rule 20 (5) No additional pension and gratuity, except as provided in sub-rules (I) and (2), shall be admissible to the chairperson or any member of the Board for service rendered by him to the Board.

Submission of Applications.

The application along with self-attested copies of certificates/ documents proving age, educational qualifications, experience, etc and indicating order of preference of the District board to which appointment is preferred may be submitted within the envelop super scribing "**Applications for the appointment of chairperson and members of the Board** "to the address of Chief Executive Officer, Kerala State Mental Health Authority, Red Cross Road, Trivandrum - 695035 by post/by hand.

The last date of submission of application is 05-03-2021(Wednesday) at 5.00 PM

<u>Annexure</u>

1. Notification no A/217/2017/KSMHA dated 25.01.2021 (See below)

For more details refer to

- (i) The Mental Healthcare Act, 2017 is available on the egazette in the link <u>http://egazette.nic.in/writereaddata/2017/175248.pdf</u>.
- (ii) The Mental Healthcare (Central Mental Health Authority and Mental Health Review Boards) Rules, 2018, notified by the central Government as G.S.R. 507
 (E)dated 29th May, 2018) available at www.ksmha.org



KERALA STATE MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

NOTIFICATION

No. A/217/2017/KSMHA.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 25th January, 2021 12th Makaram, 1190 5th Magha, 1942.

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub section (1) and (2) of section 73 of the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017 (Central Act No. 10 of 2017) read with rule 17 of the Mental healthcare (Central Mental Health Authority and Review Boards) Rules, 2018. The Kerala State Mental Health Authority in consultation with the Government of Kerala hereby constitute the following five Mental Health Review Boards mentioned in column (2) of the Schedule below with area of jurisdiction of Districts specified in column (3) thereof, namely:—

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SI. No.	Name and Location	Area of jurisdiction
(1)	(2)	(3)
1	The Mental Health Review Board, Thiruvananthapuram, Government Mental Health Centre, Thiruvananthapuram	Thiruvananthapuram Kollam Alappuzha
2	The Mental Health Review Board, Kottayam Government Medical College, Kottayam	Kottayam Pathanamthitta Idukki
3	The Mental Health Review Board, Thrissur Government Mental Health Centre, Thrissur	Thrissur Ernakulam Palakkad
4	The Mental Health Review Board, Kozhikode Government Mental Health Centre, Kozhikode	Kozhikode Malappuram Wayanad
5	The Mental Health Review Board, Kannur Government Medical College, Kannur	Kannur Kasargod

By order of the Authority,

DR. JAYAPRAKASHAN, K. P., Chief Executive Officer (in charge).

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

As per section 73 of Mental Healthcare Act, 2017, the State Mental Health Authority shall by notification, constitute Boards to be called the Mental Health Review Boards, for the purposes of this Act and the requisite number, location and jurisdiction of the Boards, shall be specified by the State Authority in consultation with the State Governments concerned. The constitution of the Mental Health Review Boards by the State Authority for a district or group of districts in a State shall be such as may be prescribed by the Central Government. Rule 17 of the Mental Healthcare (Central Mental Health Authority and Review Boards) Rules, 2018, provides that, the State Authority shall in consultation with State Government, take decision on the number of such Boards to be constituted in the State. As per G. O. (Rt.) No. 115/2021/H&FW dated 12th January, 2021, the Government granted permission to constitute five Mental Health Review Boards at Thiruvananthapuram, Kottayam, Thrissur, Kozhikode and Kannur having the jurisdiction mentioned in the 'SCHEDULE' of the above notification.

The notification is intended to achieve the object.

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