

Call for nominations for the Mental Health Review Board for Buffalo City & Amathole Districts in the Eastern Cape Province

In terms of Chapter IV of the Mental Health Care Act No. 17 of 2002, the Honourable MEC for Health: Eastern Cape Province invites nominations for membership of the above Boards for the Eastern Cape Department of Health.

Nominees are required from the Eastern Cape Province and preferable from the above districts as there will be no allowance for travelling from home to the work offices.

- Their offices will be at Cecilia Makiwane Hospital.

Only applications from recognized Organizations with a C.V of their nominee indicating whether: Legal Practitioner, Mental Health Practitioner or Community Member will be considered for processing. Individual applications will be eliminated.

(N.B) Permanent Eastern Cape Department of Health employees should not apply.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Make decisions and consider reviews on assisted or involuntary Mental Health Care Users
- Consider 72-hours assessment made by the Head of the Health establishment and make decisions to provide further involuntary care, treatment and rehabilitation
- Consider appeals against the decisions of the Head of a Health establishment
- Consider applications for transfer of Mental Health Care Users to Maximum Security facilities
- Consider periodic reports on the Mental Health status of Mentally ill Prisoners
- Receive notices of all emergency admissions.
- Investigate any allegation of abuse reported to it and if necessary lay a charge with South African Polices Services.
- Receive registers of all mechanical restraints, Electro Convulsive Therapy (ECT) and seclusion.
- Make visits to facilities where mental health users are being admitted and participates in Departmental / National meetings as stake holders.

Nominations of South African Citizens and resident in the Eastern Cape Province are invited in three categories of membership: according to criteria indicated below.

1. Mental Health Care Practitioner

Professional qualification and current registration with relevant council as a medical practitioner, psychiatrist, psychiatric nurse, or counseling psychologist, occupational therapist or social worker. Requisite practical experience working with users with a primary diagnosis of mental disorder or intellectual disability.

2. Legal Practitioner

Appropriate professional qualification and registration with relevant authority, admission in terms of the law of the Republic of South Africa as magistrate, attorney, or advocate.

3 Community Member

Basic understanding of the South African Mental Health System, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), consumer advocacy and Community Based Care.

NATURE OF APPOINTMENTS

Appointments will be on a sessional / part time basis. An average of 15 hours per week: The number of sessions / per hour is expected to be 60 hours per month.

REMUNERATION

Members of the review boards will be remunerated in accordance to hourly rates as determined by MEC for Health:

- Chairpersons – R 483.60 (session per hour) plus cell phone allowance
- Board members – R 329.08 session per hour
- Rates will increase in accordance with Annual salary adjustment.
- Travelling and Subsistence allowance is payable for attending board meetings.

TERM OF OFFICE

The term of office will be 1-3 years (one year renewable contract).

Nominees should forward their applications quoting reference number indicating the category of membership sought, e.g. Legal Practitioner etc. including brief motivation and full CV. Faxed applications will not be accepted. Computer Literacy & valid driver's license will be an added advantage.

N.B Applicants should preferably be from Regions of placement as no allowance will be paid from home to work.

Closing Date: 28 September 2018

**Forward nominations to: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH EASTERN CAPE
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