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ESTABLISHMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH REVIEW BOARDS

The Provincial Department of Health is inviting nominations for the appointment of members to mental health review boards. Suitable qualified candidates will be considered and appointed by the MEC for Health, Mrs Peggy Nkonyeni. Appointed members will serve on the Mental Health Care Review Boards of health institutions providing Mental Health Care Services in the Province. This is in line with terms of the Mental Health Care Act, No. 17 of 2002. In order to be considered for appointment nominees must fit the following criteria:

- All nominees must be South African citizens;
- The nominee must be a Mental Health Care Practitioner; or
- A Magistrate, an Attorney or an Advocate admitted in terms of the law of the Republic of South Africa; and
- Member or members of the community concerned

Appointment will be for appointment as members of Mental Health Review Boards for the following Districts/Institutions:

- eThekweni (Durban metro) – King George V Hospital
- uMgungundlovu (DC 22) – Town Hill, Fort Napier and Umgeni Hospitals
- Amajuba (DC25) – Madadeni Hospital
- Uthungulu (DC 28) – Ngwelezane Hospital



Nominations in respect of the professional categories mentioned above must ensure valid registration with the relevant professional bodies/boards and/or are admitted by law to the relevant profession.

The powers and functions of the Review Boards will be as follows:

- Consider appeals against decisions of the head of a health establishment;
- Make decisions with regard to assisted or involuntary mental health care, treatment and rehabilitation services;
- Consider reviews and make decisions 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 applications for transfer of mental health care users to maximum security facilities; and
- Consider periodic reports on the mental health status of mentally ill prisoners.

All interested persons wishing to tender in their applications for consideration for the abovementioned positions must submit the following documents:

- Comprehensive Curriculum Vitae
- Certified copies of educational qualifications
- Certified copies of valid registration relevant to the applicable profession (not required for community members)
- Certified copy of identity document
- Certified copy of proof of admission to the practice in the case of magistrates/attorney's/advocates (not applicable to community members)
- Consent in writing by the nominee to serve on the Review Board

The closing date for nominations is 24 March 2005. Nominations can be submitted to:

The Superintendent-General
Department of Health: KwaZulu-Natal
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For the attention of: Professor R W Green-Thompson

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