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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS**MENTAL HEALTH CARE ACT, 2002 (ACT NO. 17 OF 2002)****NOMINATIONS OF PERSONS TO SERVE ON THE MINISTERIAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH**

The Acting Minister of Health, Ms MT Kubayi, MP hereby invites relevant Institutions or Professional Councils or Organisations to submit nominations of a suitable candidate to be considered for appointment to the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Mental Health, ("the Committee") for a five (5) year term of office as follows:

- a. One representative from a higher education institution or institutions that conduct research in the field of mental health;
- b. One representatives from NGOs that provide mental health care, treatment and rehabilitation;
- c. Two representatives of NPOs of mental health care users;
- d. One representative with at least five (5) years working experience as a registered professional nurse who has been trained to provide prescribed mental health care, treatment and rehabilitation services;
- e. One representative with at least five (5) years working experience as a registered social worker;
- f. One representative with at least five (5) years working experience as a registered psychiatrist;
- g. One representative with at least five (5) years working experience as a registered psychologist;
- h. One representative with at least five (5) years working experience as a registered occupational therapist;
- i. One representative with at least five (5) years working experience as a registered traditional health practitioner
- j. One representative from the Private Health Care Sector;
- k. A Magistrate, an Advocate or an Attorney admitted in terms of the Law of the Republic

The Committee is established in terms of Section 71 of the Mental Health Care Act, 2002 (Act No. 17 of 2002), ("the Act") and is responsible for the following:

- (c) Engage with mental health care users in policy development and implementation as well as planning and monitoring of services;
- (d) Provide technical support to the Department to ensure that in the financing of National Health Insurance System, mental health services will be given parity with other health conditions, in proportion to the burden of disease and evidence for cost-effective interventions;
- (e) Recommend to the National Health Council, mental health services norms and standards in line with the Act;
- (f) Provide technical support to the Department for routine periodic population surveys of the prevalence and burden of mental illness in South Africa and a national evaluation of mental health services; and
- (g) Facilitate the development of a national mental health research agenda in consultation with the National Health Research Committee.

The Committee meets on a quarterly basis.

Remuneration: Members of the Committee shall be remunerated in accordance with the level prescribed by the National Treasury. Members of the Committee will not serve in a full-time capacity. Persons who are employees of National, Provincial and Local Government, the Services or Agencies and Entities of Government will not be remunerated for their service as Members of the Committee.

Requirements of a valid nomination: Nominations must be made on a prescribed nomination form obtainable from the Department of Health website at www.health.gov.za. A comprehensive CV of the nominee as well as a written motivation by the nominee should be attached, including certified copies of academic qualifications and other relevant supporting information.

Submission of nominations: Duly completed and signed nomination forms, with the required attachments, addressed to the Director-General, Department of Health and marked for the attention of the Directorate: Mental Health and Substance Abuse must be submitted to Dr AB Xuma Building, 1112 Voortrekker Road, Pretoria Townlands 351-JR, Pretoria, 0187 or sent electronically to dudu.shiba@health.gov.za by no later than **16h30 on Friday 3 September 2021**.

Enquiries may be directed to dudu.shiba@health.gov.za

Every nomination in respect of which any of the requirements as stipulated above has not been complied with, or which is not received by the aforesaid date and time at one of the addresses provided, will be invalid.

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