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GAUTENG HEALTH CALLS FOR PUBLIC TO SERVE ON MENTAL HEALTH REVIEW BOARDS

In a bid to strengthen and enhance mental healthcare services, the Gauteng Department of Health calls for suitably qualified members of the public to serve on various mental healthcare boards for a period of three years.

The appointment of mental health review board is in line with Mental Health Care Act, No. 17 of 2002. The Department has mental healthcare review boards in all the province's five regions (Ekurhuleni, Johannesburg, Tshwane, Sedibeng, and West Rand) that play a critical role in maintaining and enhancing the standard of care for mental patients.

The mental healthcare review board members perform various functions, which include, amongst others:

- 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 involuntary mental health care users;
- Consider 72-hours assessment made by the head of health care 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.

The new mental healthcare review boards will replace the current boards whose term of office is coming to end.

In order to be considered for appointment a nominee must be a South African citizen; 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 a member of the community concerned.

For a detailed advertisement and submission process, the public can visit the Gauteng Department of Health portal on: www.gauteng.gov.za.

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