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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
CHIEF SECRETARIAT (HEALTH)

(G.O. Ms. No. 44, Puducherry, dated 05th July 2023)

NOTIFICATION

1. In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 45 and 46 of the Mental Health Care Act, 2017 (Central Act 10 of 2017), read with rules 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the Mental Health Care (State Mental Health Authority) Rules, 2018, the Hon'ble Lieutenant-Governor, Government of Puducherry, is pleased to approve the constitution of the State Mental Health Authority for the Union territory of Puducherry, for the purpose of the Mental Health Care Act, 2017, for the persons with mental illness and to protect, promote and fulfil the rights of such persons during delivery of mental health care and services with the following composition:

(A) Official Members

- Secretary - Health, Government of Puducherry . . . *Ex-Officio* Chairperson
- Secretary - Social Welfare Department, Government of Puducherry or His representative. . . *Ex-Officio* Member
- Secretary - Law, Government of Puducherry or His representative . . . *Ex-Officio* Member
- Secretary - Home, Government of Puducherry or His representative . . . *Ex-Officio* Member
- Secretary - Finance, Government of Puducherry or His representative . . . *Ex-Officio* Member
- Director of Health and Family Welfare Services, Government of Puducherry . . . *Ex-Officio* Member
- Head of the Department of Psychiatry, Indira Gandhi Government General Hospital and Postgraduate Institute, Puducherry. . . *Ex-Officio* Member

(B) Nominated Members

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| (a) Head of the Department of Psychiatry, Indira Gandhi Medical College and Research Institute, Puducherry. | Dr. P. Arulvarman,
Head of Department,
Department of Psychiatry,
Indira Gandhi Medical College and
Research Institute, Puducherry.
Cell No. : 63837 91418 | . . Member-
Secretary. |
| (b) One Eminent Psychiatrist from the State not in Government Service. | Dr. Sathyamoorthy,
Psychiatrist,
Gajathri Nivas,
No. 01, Main Road,
Jhony Nagar, Puducherry-605 004.
Cell No. : 94433 79581 | . . Member |
| (c) One Mental Health Professional having at least 15 years' experience in the field. | Dr. K.R. Uma Maheswari,
Indira Gandhi Government General
Hospital and Postgraduate Institute,
Puducherry-605 001.
Cell No. : 94442 69442 | . . Member |
| (d) One Psychiatric Social Worker having at least 15 years' experience in the field. | Mr. Raja.V,
Psychiatric Social Worker,
Department of Psychiatry,
Indira Gandhi Government General
Hospital and Postgraduate Institute,
Puducherry-605 001.
Cell No. : 95859 78968 | . . Member |
| (e) One Clinical Psychologist having at least 15 years' experience in the field, to be nominated by the State Government, Puducherry. | Mr. D. Vijayaragavan,
Clinical Psychologist,
RCI No. : A10867
No. 22, Louis Pragasam Street,
Puducherry-605 001.
Cell No. : 96777 74099 | . . Member |
| (f) One Mental Health Nurse having at least 15 years' experience in the field. | Ms. M. Geetha,
Psychiatric Nurse,
Department of Psychiatry,
Indira Gandhi Government General
Hospital and Postgraduate Institute,
Puducherry-605 001.
Cell No. : 94434 78330 | . . Member |
| (g) Two Persons representing persons who have or had mental illness. | 1. Dr. D. Lenin Singaravel,
No. 14, Bagore Street, TN Palayam,
Puducherry-605 007.
Cell No. : 94870 69811

2. M. Kalaivani,
Illa Apartments, Gandhi Street,
Colas Nagar, Puducherry-605 001.
Cell No. : 94888 30340 | . . Members |

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| (h) Care-givers of persons with mental illness | 1. Mr. Arulprasath,
No. 01, Indira Nagar, Embalam,
Puducherry-605 106.
Cell No. : 90873 76160

2. Mr. A. Balasubramanian,
No. 30, Kamaraj Street Extention,
Murungapakkam, Puducherry-605 004.
Cell No. : 79048 31191 | . . Members |
| (i) Non - Governmental Organization's which provide services to persons with mental illness. | 1. G. Mohan,
Founder-cum-Secretary,
Sharon Society of Pondicherry,
No. 224, VIP Nagar, Korkadu,
Nettapakkam Commune, Puducherry.
Cell No. : 98434 83718

2. Sis. Nirmala Joseph,
Hospice Convent,
No. 02, Laporte Street, Puducherry.
Cell No. : 88077 34525 | . . Members |

Note : The Chairperson may Co-opt any other individual(s) to the State Mental Health Authority, Puducherry, as special invitee(s).

(C) Terms of office, salaries and allowances of Chairperson and other Members

- (i) The Chairperson and other *Ex-officio* Members of the State Mental Health Authority shall hold Office as such Chairperson or Member, as a case may be, so long as he holds the Office by virtue of which he is nominated.
- (ii) The nominated Members of State Health Mental Authority shall hold Office as such for a term of three years from the date of nomination and shall be eligible for reappointment and the nominated Members shall not hold Office such after he has attained the age of 70 years.
- (iii) The salaries and allowances payable to, and the other terms and conditions of service of the Chairperson and other members shall be such as may be prescribed.

(D) Resignation

(a) A Member of the State Mental Health Authority may, by notice in writing under his hand addressed to the Government, resign his Office.

(b) Provided that a Member shall, unless he is permitted by the Government to relinquish his Office sooner, continue to hold Office until the expiry of three months from the date of receipt of such notice or until a person duly appointed as his successor enters upon Office or until the expiry of his term of Office, whichever is the earliest.

(E) Filling of vacancies

The Government shall, within two months from the date of occurrence of any vacancy by reason of death, resignation or removal of a Member of the Authority and three months before the superannuation or completion of the term of office of any Member of that Authority, make nomination for filling up of the vacancy.

(F) Functioning of State Mental Health Authority

The State Authority shall -

- (a) Register all Mental Health establishments in the State except those referred to in section 43 and maintain and publish (including online on the internet) a register of such establishments.
- (b) Develop quality and service provision norms for different types of mental health establishments in the State.

- (c) Supervise all mental health establishments in the State and receive complaints about deficiencies in provision of services.
- (d) Register Clinical Psychologists, Mental Health Nurse and Psychiatric Social Workers in the State to work as mental health professionals, and publish the list of such registered mental health professional in such manner as may be specified by regulations by the State Authority.
- (e) Train all relevant persons including law enforcement officials mental health professionals and other health professionals about the provisions and implementation of the Act.
- (f) Discharge such other functions with respect to matters relating to mental health as the State Government may decide.
 1. Provided that the mental health establishments in the State (except those referred to in section 43), registered before the commencement of this Act, under the Mental Health Act, 1987 or any other law for the time being in force, shall be deemed to have been registered under the provisions of this Act and copy of such registration shall be furnished to the State Authority.
 2. The procedure for registration (including the fees to be levied for such registration) of the mental health establishment under this section shall be such as may be prescribed by the State Government.

(G) Meetings of State Mental Health Authority

- (a) The State Authority shall meet at such times (not less than four times in a year) and places and shall observe such rules of procedure in regard to the transaction of business at its meeting (including quorum at such meetings) as may be specified by regulations made by the State Authority.
- (b) If, the Chairperson, for any reason, is unable to attend a meeting of the State Authority, the senior most Member shall preside over the meetings of the Authority.
- (c) All questions which come up before any meeting of the State Authority shall be decided by a majority of votes by the Members present and voting and in the event of any equality of votes, the Chairperson or in his absence the Member presiding over shall have a second or casting votes.
- (d) All decisions of the State Authority shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairperson or any other Member authorized by the State Authority in his behalf.
- (e) If, any Member, who is a Director of company and who as such Director, has any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in any manner coming up for consideration at a meeting of the State Authority, he shall, as soon as possible after relevant circumstances have come to his knowledge, disclose the nature of his interest at such meeting and such disclosure shall be recorded in the proceedings of the Authority, and the Member shall not take part in any deliberation or decision of the State Authority with respect to that matter.

3. The Chairperson of the above Committees if, need arises can invite a person as special invitee whenever required, for the betterment of the programme. In case, the Chairperson is not available for the meeting, a nominee of the Chairperson may preside over the deliberations.

4. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department *vide* their I.D. Note No. 301/FC/FD/F4/A2/2023-2024, dated 16-06-2023.

(By order of the Hon'ble Lieutenant-Governor)

K. CANDANE @ SIVARADJANE,
Under Secretary to Government (Health).