



ABSTRACT

Tamil Nadu State Mental Health Authority – Constitution of Mental Health Review Boards in 13 locations of State - Orders – Issued

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (EAPI-2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms).No.248

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Read:

From the Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu State Mental Health Authority, letter No.101/TNSMHA /2018, dated: 02.11.2018

ORDER:

The Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu State Mental Health Authority has stated that as per section 73 (1) of the Mental Health care Act, 2017, the State Authority shall, by notification, constitute Boards called the Mental Health Review Boards. As per section 73 (2) of the Mental Health care Act, 2017, the requisite number, location and the jurisdiction of the Boards shall be specified by the State Authority in consultation with the State Governments concerned. As per proviso of section 17 of the Mental Health Review Board Rules, at least one Board shall be constituted for a district and where it is not feasible, one Board for a group of two or more districts, not exceeding three districts, in the State and send the list of at 13 locations of State.

2. The Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu State Mental Health Authority has also stated that, as per Sec 74(1) of the Mental Health Care Act, 2017, it will be appropriate to have a retired District Judge as the Chairperson of the Mental Health Review Board. As per section 20 (1) of Mental Health Review Board Rules, if a retired Judge of the District Court is appointed as the Chairperson of the Board, he shall be entitled to a consolidated monthly honorarium which together with the pension or pensionary value of the terminal benefits or both received by such person shall not exceed the last pay drawn by him. As per section 20 (4) of Mental Health Review Board Rules, every member of the Board, who is not a servant of the Government, attending the meeting of the Board shall be entitled to sitting allowance, travelling allowance, daily allowance and such other allowances as are applicable to non-official members of the Commissions and Committees of the Central Government attending the meetings of such Commission or Committees. He has also stated that supporting staff are needed for smooth functioning of the constituted Mental Health Review Boards.

3. The Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu State Mental Health Authority has further stated that the approximate total expenditure required for constitution of one Board is Rs.3,85,000/- per month, or Rs.46,20,000 / per year for one board. The approximate total cost required for constitution for Thirteen Boards per year is Rs.6,00,60,000/- and also proposed to constitute the Mental Health Review Boards from January 2019, so an amount of Rs.75,00,000 (50% of the pro-rata amount) may be sanctioned for the financial year 2018-2019.

4) The Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu State Mental Health Authority has stated that after carefully analyzing the prevailing scenario of Mental Health Care in the State, he has requested the Government to constitute Mental Health Review Boards in 13 locations of States, viz., Chennai, Thiruvallur, Vellore, Villupuram, Salem, Erode, Thiruchirappalli, Ramanathapuram, Theni, Tirunelveli, Coimbatore, Thanjavur and Madurai with the composition of the Members and supporting staff for smooth functioning to constitute Mental Health Review Boards along with the budgetary requirements.

5) The Government after careful examination have decided to accept the proposal of the Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu State Mental Health Authority and issue the following orders:-

- (i) As per Proviso of Section 17 of the Mental Health Review Board Rules, the Mental Health Review Board be constituted in 13 locations of the State, as indicated below:-

No (1)	District Head Quarters (2)	Areas and Districts (3)	Location (4)
1	Chennai	Chennai	Institute of Mental Health, Chennai
2	Thiruvallur	Kancheepuram, Thiruvallur	Institute of Mental Health, Chennai
3	Vellore	Vellore, Thiruvannamalai,	Vellore Medical College, Vellore
	Villupuram	Cuddalore, Villupuram	Villupuram Medical College, Villupuram
5	Salem	Dharmapuri, Krishnagiri, Salem	Government Mohan Kumaramangalam Medical College, Salem.
6	Erode	Erode, Karur, Namakkal	Erode HQrs Hospital, Erode
7	Tiruchirappalli	Trichy, Ariyalur, Perambalur	KAP Viswanatham Government Medical College, Tiruchirappalli
8	Ramanathapuram	Pudukottai, Sivagangai, Ramanathapuram	Govt. District HQrs Hospital, Ramanathapuram
9	Theni	Madurai, Theni, Dindugal	Theni Medical College, Theni
10	Tirunelveli	Tirunelveli, Kanyakumari Thoothukudi,	Tirunelveli Medical College, Tirunelveli
11	Coimbatore	Coimbatore, Tiruppur, Nilgiris	Coimbatore Medical College Hospital, Coimbatore
12	Thanjavur	Thanjavur, Nagapattinam, Thiruvarur	Thanjavur Medical College, Thanjavur
13	Madurai	Madurai, Virudhunagar	Madurai Medical College, Madurai

- (ii) As per section 74 (1) of the Mental Health Care Act, the Mental Health Review Board be constituted with the composition of the following members.

No	Name of the Post	Position in the Board	Section		Honorarium Per month
1	District Judge or an officer of the State Judicial service, who is qualified to be appointed as District Judge or a retired District Judge	Chairperson	74(1) (a)	Rs.1 lakh per month	Rs.1 lakh
	Representative of the District Collector or District Magistrate or Deputy Commissioner of the District in which the Board is to be constituted	Member	74 (1)(b)		TA/DA as per rules in force
3	Psychiatrist	Member	74 (1)(c)	*	Maximum of Rs.50,000/- +TA
4	Medical Practitioner	Member	74 (1) (c)	*	Maximum of Rs.50,000/- +TA
5	Persons with mental illness or care givers or persons representing organizations of persons with mental illness or care givers or non Governmental Organizations working in the field of Mental Health	2 Members	74 (1)(d)	Rs. 1000/- Per day sitting allowance	Rs.30,000 for 15 days + TA
					Rs. 2,30,000

* Note:

- i) In case of a serving Government Doctor being nominated, a honorarium of Rs.2000 per month
- ii) In case of a retired Government Doctor being nominated a monthly honorarium of Rs.50,000/- P.M. as per rule + TA.
- iii) In case of a person not belonging either of the above categories, being nominated Rs.1000/- per day + sitting allowance + TA

- (iii) Sanction is also accorded for the following supporting staff for smooth functioning of the constituted Mental Health Review Board as indicated below:-

Name / Number of the Post	Qualification	Method of appointment	Remuneration	Amount per month
Assistant cum Data Entry Operator (2)	Any Degree* with Computer knowledge	Out sourcing	Rs.15,000/-	30,000

Office Assistant (1)	10 th Std	Out sourcing	Rs.10,000/-	10,000
				Rs.40,000

- (iv) Sanction is also accorded for a sum of Rs.5,07,00,000/- for the financial year 2019-2020, towards the constitution of Mental Health Review Boards per district as detailed below:-

Sl. No	Details	Total cost per month per board	Total cost per year per board	Total cost for 13 boards per year
1.	Honorarium for MHRB	2,30,000	27,60,000	3,58,80,000
2.	Staff Remuneration	40,000	4,80,000	62,40,000
3.	Contingencies	15,000	1,80,000	23,40,000
4.	Vehicle Hiring Charges	40,000	4,80,000	62,40,000
Total		3,25,000	39,00,000	5,07,00,000

- (v) The concerned Deans / Joint Director of Health Services are instructed to make necessary arrangements for locating the Mental Health Review Boards in their institution and render necessary logistical support.
- (vi) The Mental Health Care records are sensitive. Hence, the Director, Institute of Mental Health is directed to keep the staff sanctioned for the board, under the ministerial supervision and control of the concerned office of Dean / Headquarters Hospital Superintendent, treating them as a section of the office.

6. The expenditure sanctioned in para (iv) above, shall be debited to the following head of account:-

2210 Medical and Public Health -06 Public Health – 001 Direction and Administration – State's Expenditure JG Establishment of State Mental Health Authority	
301 salaries 09 Honorarium (DPC 2210 06 001 JG 301 09)	Rs.3,58,80,000/-
305 Office Expenses 02 other contingencies (DPC 2210 06 001JG 305 02)	Rs. 23,40,000/-
321 Motor Vehicle – 03 Hire Charges (DPC 2210 06 001 JG 321 03)	Rs. 62,40,000/-
333 Payments for professional and special services (DPC 2210 06 001 JG 333 02) 02 - Remuneration	Rs. 62,40,000/-
Total	Rs.5,07,00,000/-

7. The expenditure sanctioned in para (iv) above shall constitute an item of "New Instrument of Service" and the approval of Legislature will be obtained in due course. Pending approval of the Legislature, the expenditure may be initially met by drawal of an advance from the Contingency Fund. The Director of Medical Education is directed to calculate the actual amount required for the period upto next Supplementary Estimates and apply for sanction of the same as advance from the Contingency Fund to Finance (BG.I) Department directly in Form-A appended to the Tamil Nadu Contingency Fund Rules 1963 along with a copy of this order. Orders for sanction of an advance from the Contingency Fund will be issued from Finance (BG.I) Department. The Director of Medical Education is requested to send necessary explanatory notes to include the above expenditure in the Supplementary Estimates for the year 2019-2020 to Finance (BG-I) Department at the appropriate time without fail.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No. 1805/Health-II/2019, dated: 08.05.2019. ASL.No.154 (One hundred and fifty four only)

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

**BEELA RAJESH
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Mission Director, State Health Society, Chennai-6
The Director, Institute of Mental Health, Chennai-10
The Member Secretary, State Mental Health Authority, Chennai-10
The State Commissioner for Disabled, Chennai-5
The Director of Medical Education, Chennai-10
The Director of Medical and Rural Health Services, Chennai-6
The Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Chennai-6.
The Director, National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Science, Bangalore.
The Social Welfare & Nutrias Meal Programme Department, Chennai-9

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The Finance (Health-II/BG-I/BG-II) Department, Chennai-9
The Health and Family Welfare (Z/ EAP-II/Data Cell) Department, Chennai-9
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//FORWARDED BY ORDER //

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