

EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES

MENTAL HEALTH AND DISABILITY SERVICES COMMISSION

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*Department of Health and Human Services, Lucas State Office Building,  
Des Moines 50319; 515.281.7277*

<i>Name</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Term Ending</i>
Russell Wood, Chair .....	Hampton.....	April 30, 2024
Betsy Akin .....	Corning .....	April 30, 2025
Sarah Berndt.....	Mount Pleasant .....	April 30, 2024
Diane Brecht .....	Central City.....	April 30, 2026
Teresa Daubitz .....	Ely.....	April 30, 2025
Linda Dettmann .....	Grimes.....	April 30, 2025
Mike Fidgeon.....	Dubuque.....	April 30, 2026
Sue Gehling.....	Breda.....	April 30, 2024
Don Kass .....	Remsen.....	April 30, 2024
June Klein-Bacon.....	Waterloo.....	April 30, 2026
Kathy Norris.....	Moville.....	April 30, 2026
Jack Seward .....	Washington .....	April 30, 2026
Terri Steinke.....	Urbandale.....	April 30, 2025
Kenneth Wayne.....	Clive.....	April 30, 2025
Richard Whitaker.....	Davenport.....	April 30, 2024

*Ex officio, nonvoting members from the General Assembly*

*Senate*

Jeff Edler .....	State Center.....	January 12, 2025
Sarah Trone Garriott .....	Waukee.....	January 12, 2025

*House*

Ann Meyer .....	Fort Dodge .....	January 12, 2025
Megan L. Srinivas.....	Des Moines .....	January 12, 2025

The commission's responsibilities include advising the Mental Health and Disability Services Division of the department on the overall administration of the state disability services system; making system design recommendations for adults and children with MHDS needs to the General Assembly and executive branch; adopting rules as necessary pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 17A, which relate to disability programs and services; adopting standards for accreditation of community health centers and other mental health programs; biannually submitting a report on the availability and cost-effectiveness of services; and advising the administrator of the Mental Health and Disability Services Division, the Council on Health and Human Services, the Governor, and the General Assembly on budgets and appropriations concerning disability services.

The Governor appoints the commission members with Senate approval. Three members must be county supervisors at the time of their appointment; two must be selected from nominees submitted by the director; one must be an active board member of a community mental health center selected from nominees submitted by the Iowa Association of Community Providers; one must be an active board member of an agency serving persons with developmental disabilities selected from nominees submitted by the Iowa Association of Community Providers; one must be a board member or employee of a provider of mental health or developmental disabilities services to children; two must be staff members of regional administrators selected from nominees submitted by the community services affiliate of the Iowa State Association of Counties; one must be selected from nominees submitted by the state's Council of the Association of Federal, State, County, and Municipal Employees; and three must be service consumers or family members of service consumers and of these, one must be a service consumer, one must be a parent of a child service consumer, and one must be a parent or other family member of a person admitted to and living at a state resource center. Two members must be selected from nominees selected by service advocates and of these, one must be an active member of a statewide organization for persons with brain injury. One member must be an active board member of an agency serving persons with a substance abuse problem selected from nominees submitted by the Iowa Behavioral Health Association, and one member must be

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a military veteran who is knowledgeable concerning the behavioral and mental health issues of veterans. In addition to the voting members, the membership includes four members of the General Assembly, with one member designated by each of the following: the Majority Leader of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. Legislative members serve ex officio.