

EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES

MENTAL HEALTH AND DISABILITY SERVICES COMMISSION

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<i>Name</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Term Ending</i>
Russell Wood, Chair	Hampton.....	April 30, 2024
Betsy Akin	Corning	April 30, 2022
Sarah Berndt.....	Wayland	April 30, 2024
Diane Brecht	Central City.....	April 30, 2023
Teresa Daubitz	Cedar Rapids.....	April 30, 2022
Janee Harvey.....	Des Moines	April 30, 2023
Don Kass.....	Remsen.....	April 30, 2024
June Klein-Bacon.....	Waterloo.....	April 30, 2024
Shari O'Bannon	Storm Lake.....	April 30, 2022
Timothy Perkins	Johnston	April 30, 2022
Jeff Sorensen.....	Muscatine.....	April 30, 2024
Maria Sorensen	Greenfield.....	April 30, 2022
Cory Turner.....	Cherokee	April 30, 2022
Richard Whitaker.....	Davenport.....	April 30, 2024
Lorrie Young	Mason City.....	April 30, 2023

Ex officio, nonvoting members from the General Assembly

Senate

Jeff Edler	State Center.....	January 8, 2023
Sarah Trone Garriott	Windsor Heights	January 8, 2023

House

Dennis Bush.....	Cleghorn.....	January 8, 2023
Lindsay James.....	Dubuque.....	January 8, 2023

The Mental Health and Disability Services 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 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.