

MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION COMMISSION, STATE

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MARGARET MCDONALD, chair, at-large representative, Cherokee; term expires 1985

CHARLES SEMKE, vice chair, at-large representative, LeMars; term expires 1985

MARTIN DETTMER, executive committee, county supervisor, Janesville; term expires 1986

MILDRED LLOYD, county supervisor, Gifford; term expires 1986

G. RICHARD BURR, Sioux Rapids; term expires 1985

ARLENE STEEGE, county supervisor, Council Bluffs; term expires 1985

CLARENCE MCDERMOTT, coordinating board, Harlan; term expires 1986

RUSSELL CLARKE, mental health representative, Mason City; term expires 1986

ROBERT HOOGEVEEN, mental retardation representative, Sheldon; term expires 1987

PHYLLIS CHRISTIANSEN, at-large representative, Grinnell; term expires 1986

JAMES CLABBY, at-large representative, Waterloo; term expires 1986

MARY LEONARD, at-large representative, Iowa City; term expires 1987

PHYLLIS OSBORN, coordinating board, Carroll; term expires 1987

PHYLLIS PRIEST, at-large representative, Diagonal; term expires 1987

The commission was established by the 1981 Session of the 69th General Assembly and became effective Jan. 1, 1982. The governor appoints the commission with Senate approval. At least four must be county supervisors at the time of their appointment; at least two must be members of a county mental health and mental retardation coordinating board at the time of their appointment. There must be a representative of mental health and one for mental retardation. The remaining members are considered to be at-large.

The commission's responsibilities include: advise the division on the administration of the state plans; annually submit a report to the governor and General Assembly concerning the activities and recommendations of the commission; beginning in 1985 biannually submit a report on the availability and cost effectiveness of services; meet with the Governor's Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities at least twice a year; adopt standards for the accreditation of Community Mental Health Centers; adopt standards for the care of and services to mentally ill and mentally retarded person in county care facilities; adopt standards for the maintenance and operation of public and private facilities serving mentally ill or mentally retarded persons, which are not licensed by the Department of Health; award grants; advise the division, the Council on Social Services, the governor and the General Assembly on budgets and appropriations.

MERIT EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT

B. Frances Van Winkle, director; Grimes State Office Bldg., Des Moines 50319; 515-281-3351

JOAN D. MITCHELL, commission chair, Grinnell; term expires 1985

EVELYN LABODE, commission member, Muscatine; term expires 1985

ELIZABETH BURMEISTER, commission member, Des Moines; term expires 1987

HUBERT W. WINEBRENNER, JR., commission member, Des Moines; term expires 1987

EDWARD F. SEITZINGER, commission member, Des Moines, term expires 1987

The 62nd General Assembly passed a bipartisan act establishing in Iowa a system of personnel administration based on merit employment principles and scientific methods for governing the appointment, promotion, welfare, transfer, layoff, removal and discipline of its classified employees, and other incidents of state employment. It provides that all appointments to positions in the classified service shall be made solely on the basis of merit and fitness. The Merit Employment Commission which consists of five members. The members of the commission are appointed by the governor, subject to approval of two-thirds of the membership of the Senate.