



## **MENTAL HEALTH/DISABILITY SERVICES**

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### **MENTAL HEALTH AND DISABILITY SERVICES OF THE EAST CENTRAL REGION SEEKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**Johnson County, Iowa** – The Regional Governing Board of the Mental Health and Disability Services of the East Central Region is seeking advisory committee members. Applications are being accepted February 1 – March 3, 2014. For persons residing in Johnson County, applications are available online at [www.johnson-county.com](http://www.johnson-county.com) or a hard copy may be requested by calling 319-688-5811 (leave your name and address). Applications should be mailed, faxed or emailed to:

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Completed applications must be received by 4:30 pm on Monday, March 3.

To be considered for the advisory committee, applicants must be individuals who use mental health and developmental disability services, or are actively involved relatives of such individuals, service providers or regional governing board members.

The advisory committee appoints ex-officio, non-voting members to the regional governing board; makes recommendations to the regional governing board regarding administration of the regional disability services system and disability services; participates legislatively to advance the regional objectives; and fairly represents the views of their constituents.

The Mental Health and Disability Services of the East Central Region was formed as part of the State of Iowa's mental health reform. Member counties include Benton, Bremer, Buchanan, Delaware, Dubuque, Iowa, Johnson, Jones and Linn.

The governing board will review applications and make its selections in April 2014. Questions about the application process should be directed to [Mechelle.Dhondt@linncounty.org](mailto:Mechelle.Dhondt@linncounty.org) or phone 319-892-5624.