In exercise of the powers conferred by section 45 and 46 of the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017 (Central Act No. 10 of 2017) read with rule 3 of the Mental Healthcare (State Mental Health Authority) Rules, 2018 dated 29th day of May , 2018, issued by the Government of India, the Government of Kerala hereby establish the State Mental Health Authority with the following members, namely:-
(a) The Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department - Chairperson (ex-officio)

(b) Joint Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department in charge of mental health - Member (ex-officio)

(c) Director of Health Services - Member (ex-officio)

The remaining members of the State Authority shall be nominated in due course.

By order of the Governor

Rajan Namdev Khobragade
Principal Secretary to Government

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport)

Section 45 of the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017 (Central Act No. 10 of 2017) provides that every State Government shall, within a period of nine months from the date on which the said Act receives the assent of the President, by notification, establish an Authority to be known as the State Mental Health Authority. Hence Government have decided to constitute the said Authority.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.