

Substance Abuse Trend and Response Task Force

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Members

A member appointed by the governor who represents the governor's policy staff: Brandon Davis, Policy Advisor

President of the Senate Designee: Sen. Brittany Pettersen, Senate District 22

Senate Minority Leader Designee: Sen. Kevin Priola, Senate District 25

Speaker of the House Designee: Representative Meg Froelich, House District 3

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A representative of a local child and family service provider: Julia Roguski, Director of Child Protection Services

Youth Representative: Stazi Snelling, Youth Advisor, Rise Above Colorado

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A representative of a major health facility that focuses on the treatment of children: Dr. Kathryn Wells, Medical Director, Denver Family Crisis Center

A representative of a human services agency with experience in child welfare issues: Matt Holtman, Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Child Welfare

A representative of the criminal defense bar: Liz Krupa, Attorney, Law Office of Elizabeth Espinosa Krupa, LLC

A representative of a behavioral health treatment provider that is an expert in substance abuse treatment procedures: Dr. Liz Hickman, Centennial Mental Health Center, Inc., Sterling

A representative of the department of education, who is familiar with the department's drug prevention initiatives: Dr. Ashley Idrees, Director, Student Engagement & Dropout Prevention Office

A representative of the Colorado district attorneys council: John Kellner, 18th Judicial District Attorney

A representative of a Colorado sheriffs' organization: Sheriff Jaime FitzSimons, Summit County

A representative of a Colorado police chiefs' organization: George Dingfelder, Chief of Police, City of Monte Vista

A county commissioner from a rural county: Wendy Buxton-Andrade, Prowers County Commissioner

A representative of an organization that provides information, advocacy, and support services to municipalities located in rural counties: *Vacant*

A licensed pharmacist: Dr. Robert J. Valuck, University of Colorado, Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

A representative of the department of public safety: Peggy Heil, Division of Criminal Justice, Office of Research and Statistics

A representative of the office of the child's representative: Alex Wolff, Case Consultant Coordinator, The Office of The Child's Representative

A representative of the division of adult parole of the department of corrections: Melissa Divido, Manager, Division of Adult Parole, Community Corrections and Youth Offender Systems

A representative of the Colorado drug investigators association: Ray Padilla, Westminster Police Department/DEA Task Force

A representative of a substance abuse recovery organization: Tonya Wheeler, Executive Director, Advocates for Recovery Colorado

An expert in environmental protection: *Vacant*

Community Prevention Coalition: José Esquibel, Director, Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention; Associate Director, Center for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention

A representative of the Colorado department of public health and environment: Andrés Guerrero, Manager, Overdose Prevention Unit, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (Interim, Ex Officio Task Force Member)

A representative of the office of behavioral health in the Colorado department of human services: Claudia Zundel, Director, Community Prevention and Early Intervention, Colorado Department of Human Services

A member appointed by the chief justice of the Colorado Supreme Court who is a district court judge experienced in handling cases involving substance abuse: Hon. Elizabeth Weishaupl (18th Judicial District)

A member appointed by the chief justice of the Colorado Supreme Court who represents the division of probation within the judicial department: Leslie Schaefer, Chief Probation Officer (1st Judicial District)