

# Teen Mental Health House Ad Hoc Committee

**PURPOSE:** The Ad Hoc Committee on Teen Mental Health, which will consist of members of the House of Representatives and of the community, is intended to research and review information regarding how substance abuse, depression and mental illness, bullying and social media, and other factors may affect mental health in youth and potential teen suicide. The committee shall work to identify potential solutions and make recommendations to public and private agencies with the goal of addressing teen mental health issues and improving access to mental health care.

## **MEMBERSHIP:**

House Four members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:  
**Travis Grantham (Co-Chair), Alma Hernandez, Vacant Z-1 House**

Other Two representatives from the education community, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:  
**Ms. Jennifer Blalock, Scottsdale Unified Schools**  
**Lisa Breitwieser Cutshall, Gilbert Public Schools**

One psychiatrist, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:  
**Dr. Jasleen Chhatwal, Arizona Psychiatry Association**

Four public members who are advocates on teen mental health issues, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:  
**Ms. Bernadette Coggins**  
**Christina Corieri**  
**Katey McPherson**  
**Solomon Sampson**

One member of the Behavioral Health provider community, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:  
**Ms. Candy Espino, Arizona Council of Human Service Providers**

One member representing a nonprofit dedicated to bringing awareness to teen mental health issues, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:  
**Ms. Gina Godbehere, Speak Up, Stand Up, Save a Life**

One member representing school counselors, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:  
**Ms. Kristina Guy, West-MEC**

One parent, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:  
**Mrs. Sally Harrison**

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One member representing rural Arizona, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

**Ms. Shelley Jones Mellon**

One pediatrician, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

**Dr. Gary Kirkilas**

One member representing a behavioral health facility, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

**Ms. Kimberly McWilliams, TERROS**

One representative of the faith-based community, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

**Pastor Ryan Nunez, Palm Valley Church**

One school resource officer, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

**Sergeant Sean Tyler, Goodyear Police Department**

One member representing the Governor's Office, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

**Vacant**

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REPORT DATE: None

EXPIRATION DATE: 12/31/2023

STATUTORY CITE: Ad Hoc Committee created by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.