

ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Fifty-fourth Legislature - First Regular Session

**HOUSE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ABUSE AND NEGLECT OF VULNERABLE
ADULTS**

Report of Interim Meeting
Tuesday, December 17, 2019
House Hearing Room 1 -- 1:30 P.M.

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Convened 1:33 P.M.

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Reconvened

Adjourned 2:15 P.M.

Members Present

Representative Longdon, Chairman
Representative Dunn, Vice-Chairman
Dr. Christ
Ms. Collins
Ms. Knupp
Ms. Ortiz
Ms. Reed
Mr. Rico
Ms. Snyder
Mr. Traylor

Members Absent

Ms. Kader
Ms. Kennedy
Ms. McFadden

Agenda

Original Agenda -- Attachment 1

Committee Attendance

Report -- Attachment 2

Committee Action

Action

Adopt Final Recommendations

Vote

7-3-3

Attachments

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Hayley Howard, Committee Secretary
December 17, 2019

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adjourned: 2:15 pm

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INTERIM MEETING NOTICE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

HOUSE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ABUSE AND NEGLECT OF VULNERABLE ADULTS

Date: Tuesday, December 17, 2019

Time: 1:30 P.M.

Place: HHR 1

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Review and Adopt Committee Recommendations
3. Adjourn

Members:

Representative Jennifer Longdon, Chair
Representative Timothy M. Dunn, Vice Chair
Colby Bower – designee for Dr. Cara Christ
Sherri Collins
Sarah Kader
Dana Kennedy
Cheryl Knupp

Erica McFadden
Elizabeth Ortiz
April Reed
Jose de Jesus V Rico
Jami Snyder
Molly McCarthy

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COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE RECORD

HOUSE AD HOC STUDY COMMITTEE ON ABUSE AND NEGLECT OF
VULNERABLE ADULTS

CHAIRMAN: Jennifer Longdon VICE-CHAIRMAN: Timothy M. Dunn

DATE	12/17/19	/19	/19	/19	/19
CONVENED	1:33pm	m	m	m	m
RECESSED					
RECONVENED					
ADJOURNED	2:15pm				
MEMBERS					
Colby Bower- Designee for Dr. Cara Christ	✓				
Sherri Collins	✓				
Sarah Kader	-				
Dana Kennedy	✓				
Cheryl Knupp	✓				
Erica McFadden	-				
Elizabeth Ortiz	-				
April Reed	✓				
Jose de Jesus V Rico	✓				
Jami Snyder	✓				
Molly McCarthy- Designee for DES	✓				
Dunn, Vice-Chairman	✓				
Longdon, Chairman	✓				

✓ Present --- Absent exc Excused

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INTERIM COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTE

COMMITTEE: HOUSE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ABUSE AND NEGLECT OF VULNERABLE ADULTS

DATE: December 17, 2019 MOTION: Adopt Committee Recommendations

CHAIRMAN: Jennifer Longdon VICE-CHAIRMAN: Timothy M. Dunn

	PASS	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT
Colby Bower- Designee for Dr. Cara Christ				✓	
Sherri Collins		✓			
Sarah Kader					✓
Dana Kennedy		✓			
Cheryl Knupp		✓			
Erica McFadden					✓
Elizabeth Ortiz					✓
April Reed		✓			
Jose de Jesus V Rico		✓			
Jami Snyder				✓	
Molly McCarthy- Designee for DES				✓	
Timothy M. Dunn, Vice Chairman		✓			
Jennifer Longdon, Chairman		✓			

APPROVED:

Jennifer Longdon
 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Timothy M. Dunn
 COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIRMAN

Keyley Howard
 COMMITTEE SECRETARY

Attachment 3

House Ad Hoc Committee on Abuse and Neglect of Vulnerable Adults

Committee Recommendations

December 17, 2019

Version 2

Recommendation #1: That legislation be drafted to create or identify and fund an agency to oversee vulnerable adults in Arizona, including related agencies, boards and commissions.

Recommendation #2: The Legislature appropriate sufficient funds to the Arizona Department of Health Services and Adult Protective Services to timely investigate complaints in order to eliminate the back logs and create a metric for the tracking of complaints to ensure timely resolution.

Recommendation #3: Support the recommendations outlined in the Arizona Auditor General's Report 19-112 contained on pages 14-15 and encourage implementation of said recommendations.

Recommendation #4: The Legislature fund an independent audit of APS.

Recommendation #5: The Speaker continue the House Ad Hoc Committee on Abuse and Neglect of Vulnerable Adults upon completion of the independent audit to review the findings and make recommendations.

Recommendation #6: Support the recommendations of the Governor's Abuse and Neglect Prevention Task Force related to Disclosure and Investigation Training, Signage and Trauma-Informed Approach.

Recommendation #7: Support and funding of training and education for facilities, caregivers, residents and family members on the signs of, and how to report abuse and neglect, who to report to, and develop posting requirements to be reviewed annually by the above-mentioned entities/individuals.

Recommendation #8: APS identify and make appropriate accommodations at intake, and throughout the investigation process, for vulnerable adults that may impact their ability to communicate and cooperate with the investigation.

Recommendation #9: Acknowledge that caregivers are vital skilled professionals and that stability and consistency are essential for the wellbeing of our most vulnerable populations and that appropriate compensation, training and support must be addressed.

Recommendation #10: Create a statutory definition for emotional abuse in Title 46.

Recommendation #11: Support the Arizona Department of Health Services and Department of Economic Security in the development and implementation of a stakeholder-driven action plan to protect Arizona's vulnerable adults.