

2017-2018 Operational Planning

- (1) Opioid-Other Substance Abuse Disorders Interim Study Committee (**Information**)
- (2) Task Force to Advise the Interim Study (**Information**)

Opioid-Other Substance Abuse Disorders Interim Study Committee defined:

Pursuant to Section 2-3-303.3, C.R.S. the 2017 General Assembly authorized the appointment of a 10-member (5 from each chamber) interim study to:

- Study prevention, intervention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery support strategies for opioid and other substance use disorders in Colorado.

Background: Opioid-Other Substance Abuse Disorders Interim Study Committee

1. Will meet up to 6 times.
2. 10 members; 5 from both chambers.
3. As many as 6 bills are anticipated as a result of the study.
4. Issues to be studied:
 - a. A review of data and statistics on the scope of the substance use disorder problem in Colorado, including trends in rates of substance abuse, treatment admissions, and deaths from substance use;
 - b. An overview of the current prevention, intervention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery resources, including substance abuse prevention outreach and education, available to Coloradans, as well as public and private insurance coverage and other sources of support for treatment and recovery resources;
 - c. A review of the availability of medication-assisted treatment and whether pharmacists can prescribe those medications through the development of collaborative pharmacy practice agreements with physicians;
 - d. An examination of what other states and countries are doing to address substance use disorders, including evidence-based best practices and the use of evidence in determining strategies to treat substance use disorders, and best practices on the use of prescription drug monitoring programs;
 - e. Identification of the gaps in prevention, intervention, harm reduction, treatment, and
 - f. Recovery resources available to Coloradans and hurdles to accessing those resources; and identification of possible legislative options to address gaps and hurdles to accessing prevention, intervention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery resources.

Members: Opioid-Other Substance Abuse Disorders Interim Study Committee

The Honorable Brittany Pettersen, State Representative (D-Jefferson County), Chair
The Honorable Colonel Kent D. Lambert, State Senator, Vice Chair, (R-El Paso County)
The Honorable Irene Aguilar, State Senator, (D-Denver)
The Honorable Perry Buck, State Representative (R-Windsor)
The Honorable Cheri Jahn, State Senator (D-Jefferson County)
The Honorable Chris Kennedy, State Representative (D-Jefferson County)
The Honorable Clarice Navarro, State Representative (R-Fremont, Otero, Pueblo Counties)

The Honorable Kevin Priola, State Senator (R-Adams County)
The Honorable Jonathan Singer, State Representative (D-Boulder)
The Honorable Jack Tate, State Senator (R-Aurora)

The Task Force to advise the interim legislative study defined: Pursuant to Section 2-3-303.3, C.R.S. the 2017 General Assembly authorized a Task Force to:

- To assist the interim study committee in studying the scope of policy issues described in the charge.

Task Force composition specifies members from the following groups: The Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention; Substance Abuse Trend and Response Task Force; Colorado Providers Association; Colorado Medical Society; Colorado Pharmacists Society; Harm Reduction Action Center; a law enforcement representative; a non-law enforcement first responder representative; and a representative of the substance abuse recovery field.