Joint Legislative Psychiatric Hospital Review Council

PURPOSE: To review, analyze and make recommendations regarding at least the following: 1) psychiatric hospital capacity in this state, including the bed capacity at the Arizona State Hospital and other public facilities; 2) the role of private facilities in addressing psychiatric treatment needs; 3) innovative programs to ensure public safety while providing clinically appropriate treatment in the most integrated setting; 4) legal barriers; 5) current waiting lists; 6) barriers to accessing appropriate inpatient care; 7) licensing barriers; and 8) any other issues related to inpatient psychiatric treatment. On or before December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2022, the Review Council shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate and the Governor and shall provide a copy of the reports to the Secretary of State.

MEMBERSHIP:

House Two members of the House of Representatives from different parties, one designated as Co-Chair, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives: 
Kelli Butler, Beverly Pingerelli (Co-Chair)

Senate Two members of the Senate from different political parties, one designated as Co-Chair, appointed by the President of the Senate: 
Nancy Barto (Co-Chair), Rebecca Rios

Other The Director the of Department of Health Services or their designee: 
Dr. Aaron Bowen, Arizona State Hospital, CEO; ADHS, Deputy Director

A family member of a person with serious mental illness, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives: 
Ms. Deborah Geesling

One person who provides legal representation to and advocates on behalf of persons with serious mental illness, appointed by the President of the Senate: 
Mr. Josh Mozell (8/31/2023)

A psychiatrist who specializes in treating persons with serious mental illness, appointed by the President of the Senate: 
Dr. Carol Olson, Valleywise Health (8/31/2023)

The Director of the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System or their designee: 
Ms. Jami Snyder, Director, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (8/31/2023)
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A Judge of a Superior Court in which cases involving persons with serious mental illness are routinely adjudicated, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Judge Lisa VandenBerg, State of Arizona Superior Court, Maricopa County

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