

# 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 Three members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House.  
**Travis W. Grantham (Co-Chair), Alma Hernandez, Joanne Osborne (Chair)**

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**

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

Three public members who are advocates on teen mental health issues, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

**Ms. Bernadette Coggins**

**Katey McPherson**

**Solomon Sampson**

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

**Ms. Christina Corieri, Office of the Governor**

A member of the Behavioral Health provider community.

**Ms. Candy Espino, Arizona Council of Human Service Providers**

A 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**

A member representing school counsellors 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.

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**Mrs. Sally Harrison**

A member representing rural Arizona, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

**Ms. Shelley Jones Mellon**

A pediatrician, appointed by the Speaker of the House.

**Dr. Gary Kirkilas**

A member representing a behavioral health facility appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

**Ms. Kimberly McWilliams, TERROS**

A representative of the faith-based community, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

**Pastor Ryan Nunez, Palm Valley Church**

A school resource office, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

**Sergeant Sean Tyler, Goodyear Police Department**

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