

ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE
OBESITY TREATMENT STUDY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting
November 13, 2025
12:00 P.M., SHR 2

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Members Present:

Senator David Gowan, Co-Chair
Senator Sally Ann Gonzales
Julie Hoffman
Cindy Komar
Dr. Christine Lovato*
Dr. Douglas Maready

Representative Julie Willoughby, Co-Chair
Representative Elda Luna-Nájera
Amy McCallister
Emily Moree, Designee
Dr. Kiran Raman, Designee

*Participated remotely via a teleconference platform

Staff:

Michael Madden, Senate Research Analyst
Ahjahna Graham, House Senior Research Analyst
Tasja McMaster, House Assistant Research Analyst

Co-Chair Gowan called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m. and attendance was taken.

MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

Co-Chair Gowan provided opening remarks and requested that the Committee members introduce themselves.

OVERVIEW OF OBESITY IN ARIZONA, ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

Emily Moree, Committee Member, Designee, Arizona Department of Health Services, Bureau of Nutrition and Physical Activity, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Obesity in Arizona" (Attachment A).

The Committee offered comments.

TREATMENT OPTIONS FOR OBESITY

Dr. Douglas Maready, Committee Member, President, Arizona Obesity Organization, distributed and explained handouts entitled "Obesity's Impact on Arizona's Economy and Workforce in 2023" (Attachment B) and "Medication Cost Modeling" (Attachment C).

CURRENT INSURANCE COVERAGE LANDSCAPE, ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM

Steve Berg, Legislative Specialist, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Obesity Treatment Study Committee 11.13.25" (Attachment D).

Dr. Kiran Raman, Committee Member, Designee, answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee offered comments.

PANEL DISCUSSION: PATIENT & PROVIDER PERSPECTIVES

The Committee offered comments.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION & NEXT STEPS

The Committee offered comments.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No public testimony took place.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackson Cooper
Committee Secretary

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