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House Health & Human Services Committee to Spotlight Arizona's Fight Against Drugs

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – State Representative Joanne Osborne, chair of the House Health and Human Services Committee, announced the committee will present an in-depth look into the state of drugs in Arizona during a hearing on Monday, January 24.

In this first committee meeting of the new legislative session, Chairwoman Osborne intends to put a substantive spotlight on the dangerous, and often deadly, consequences that prescribed and illegal narcotics have on people and communities.

The public hearing begins at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 4. A livestream will be available here: <https://www.azleg.gov/videooplayer/?clientID=6361162879&eventID=2022011068>

Chairwoman Osborne has invited respected experts to contribute professional perspectives in the areas of law enforcement/first responders, border, addiction and treatment, physical and mental health, and current opioid data trends. Featured presenters include:

- Colonel Heston Silbert, Director, Arizona Department of Public Safety
- Jeff Taylor, Chairman of the Western Territory – Salvation Army
- Sheriff Mark Lamb, Pinal County
- Captain Scott Crowley, Phoenix Fire Department
- Dr. Julian Grove, Pain Management Specialist
- Dr. Gary Kirkilas, Pediatrician
- Arizona Department of Health Services

In 2021, Representative Osborne was appointed to serve as an Opioid Policy Fellow through a year-long bipartisan program established with the National Conference of State Legislatures. In this role, and as a state legislator and committee chair, Osborne continues to focus efforts on raising awareness and combatting addiction in Arizona communities through the public exchange of ideas and solutions.

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