

# **Opioid and Other Substance Use Disorders Study Committee**

**Thursday, June 29, 2023**

**9:00 a.m.**

**House Committee Room 0112**

**State Capitol Building**

**9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductory Remarks from Committee Members**

- Representative Chris deGruy Kennedy, Chair
- Senator Kevin Priola, Vice Chair

**9:15 a.m. Overview of Committee Charge and Bill Request Process and Procedures**

- Rachel Kurtz-Phelan, Senior Research & Committee Analyst, Legislative Council Staff
- Yelana Love, Senior Attorney, Office of Legislative Legal Services

**9:30 a.m. Overview of Colorado's Addiction Crisis Response: Opioid and Other Substance Use Disorders Trends, Response Strategies, and Legislation**

- Dr. Robert J. Valuck, Executive Director, Center for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention, Skaggs School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus
- Jose Esquibel, Director, Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse, and Associate Director, Center for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention, Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

**11:30 a.m. Lunch Break**

**12:30 p.m. State Department Role Overview**

- Marc Condojani, Director, Adult Treatment and Recovery, Behavioral Health Administration
- Cristen Bates, Deputy Medicaid Director and BHIC Office Director, Health Care Policy & Financing
- Jim Leonard, Deputy Director, Pharmacy Office, Health Care Policy & Financing
- Leora Joseph, Director, Office of Civil and Forensic Mental Health, Department of Human Services
- Sam Bourdon, Harm Reduction Grant Fund Coordinator, Prevention Services Division, Department of Public Health and Environment
- Barbara Gabella, Senior Epidemiologist, Prevention Services Division, Department of Public Health and Environment

**2:40 p.m. Break**

**2:50 p.m. Behavioral Health Administration Deep Dive**

- Summer Gathercole, Deputy Commissioner of Operations, Behavioral Health Administration

**3:35 p.m. Financial Landscape**

- Cristen Bates, Deputy Medicaid Director and BHIC Office Director, Health Care Policy & Financing
- Jamie Feld, Deputy Director of Opioid Response, Attorney General's Office
- Stephen Peng, Chief Financial Officer, BHA
- Commissioner Lesley Dahlkemper, Jefferson County
- Commissioner Wendy Buxton-Andrade, Prowers County

**4:30 p.m. Public Testimony**

**Adjourn**