



Psychedelic Medicine Task Force

- Participants listed below.
- Meeting documents with presentation slides provide more detail and are available on the [task force webpage](#).

Meeting Summary: Nov. 6, 2023, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Roll Call and Introductions

Facilitator, Stacy Sjogren, with Management Analysis and Development (MAD), welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Members introduced themselves during roll call.

Questions arose regarding the absence of tribal member representation. MDH replied, stating the candidate applications are in the process of review with the Governor's office.

Quorum was secured during introduction activities on Mural platform.

Introductions of MAD and MDH staff supporting the Task Force were made.

Review and Refine Task Force Draft Charter

Members shared reactions and additional suggestions to the following drafts of group process agreements

General individual expectations

- Come to meeting prepared. Review the agenda and read required materials ahead of the meeting
- Seek to understand the opinions viewpoints and lived experiences of others
- Be present minimize the use of cell phones, emails, and side conversations
- Step up/step back

Expectations for participating in meeting remotely

- Participate with video on at all times so everyone feels your presence
- Mute yourself when not speaking
- Using the "raise hand feature" when you want to speak
- Refrain from using chat as a means of comment or participating in a conversation
- Help facilitator encourage remote participation

- Do your part to assure functioning technology by joining early to check connection and joining meeting from stable environment.

Expectations during challenging moments

- Sometimes words land on other ears or come out wrong. Offer or ask for “do-overs”
- Lean into discomfort with respect and to seek understanding
- Assume good intent but acknowledge harm
- Ask for a break if discussion becomes re-traumatizing or stress inducing
- Focus on the issues not the people
- Be objective, respectful and solution-driven when sharing amongst a group of passionate professionals
- Be open minded and curious about others experiences
- Seek to address issues during a meeting

MAD staff will provide revised group process agreements for final review at the next task force meeting.

Guiding Principles

Members shared reactions and additional suggestions to the following drafts of guiding principles:

- Scientific rigor
- Collaboration and inclusivity
- Accountability and integrity

Additional suggestions made by committee members:

- Practicality (political) of implementation of recommendations (base criteria)
- Taking feedback from the public prior to meeting (listening sessions)
- Justice, righting past wrongs

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Scope of Authority

Discussion on scope and examples given.

Representative Andy Smith explained the role of recommendations to the legislature. He and other representatives hope to make sure the task force’s recommendations are taken seriously, and he is hopeful to bring new legislation based on this group's recommendations.

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Public Communications and Comments

Discussion on Open Meeting Law and working outside of the meeting space. It is not recommended for task force members to conduct meetings or discussion regarding this task force outside of regularly scheduled meetings. This is likely to be in violation of Open Meeting Law.

Discussion on conduct when speaking to the public regarding this task force.

Members spoke to the importance in establishing public listening sessions.

Dana added that there will be ongoing changes to the task force webpage to reflect member feedback and meeting updates

Action: Task Force elects a chairperson

In keeping with requirements for the task force under state law, members chose a leader.

The task force reviewed the draft chairperson's role description and discussed important chairperson characteristics.

- Members that previously expressed interest in the chairperson position: Courtney Amundson, Bennett Hartz, Jessica Nielson, and Adam Tomczik. Tomczik withdrew his name. No other members indicated interest.
- Candidates spoke to their background and qualifications for the chair position.
- Dr. Jessica Nielson was named chairperson by simple majority vote.

Workplan

Legislative deadlines

- The task force's first report is due to the Legislature by February 1, 2024. This report will be an overview of how the task force was formed and items that have been established.
- The final (second) report is due January 1, 2025

Closing

Meeting feedback requested from members in Mural.

The meeting Mural will remain open to members to comment on all items discussed, with specific attention to the review of the draft Charter. Comments will be compiled by planning team (MAD, MDH, and chair) and brought back to the group at the next meeting.

Next task force meeting

MAD provided a form to establish meeting preferences. Please complete by Monday, November 13, 2023. Future meetings will be scheduled, on a reoccurring basis, using the survey data.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

November 6 participants

Task force members

Adam Tomczik
Arielle (Ari) McHenry
Bennett Hartz
Chris Tholkes
Courtney Amundson
Dave Hoang
Dr. Jessica Nielson
Dr. Margaret Gavian
Dr. Ranji Varghese
Helen Bassett
Jeremy Drucker
Jill Phillips
Kenneth (Ken) Sass
Michael Tabor
Paula DeSanto (formally Brandt)
Rep. Andy Smith
Rep. Nolan West
Sen. Julia Coleman
Sen. Kelly Morrison
Stefan Egan

Not present

Guthrie Capossela
Kit O'Neill

Others

Stacy Sjogren (MMB)
Jessica Burke (MMB)
Dani Schweitzer (MMB)
Dana Farley (MDH)
Chrissie Deutsch (MDH)
Caroline Johnson (MDH)
Catherine Diamond (MDH)