

ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

JOINT LEGISLATIVE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL REVIEW COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting

October 20, 2021

1:00 P.M., SHR 1

This meeting will be held via teleconference software.

Members of the public may access a livestream of the meeting here:

<https://www.azleg.gov/videoplayer/?clientID=6361162879&eventID=2021101007>

Members Present:

Senator Nancy Barto, Co-Chair

Senator Victoria Steele*

Deborah Geesling

Dr. Aaron Bowen* (Don Herrington Designee)

Josh Mozell*

Representative Beverly Pingerelli, Co-Chair*

Representative Kelli Butler

Dr. Carol Olson

Jami Snyder

Judge Lisa Vandenberg

*Participated remotely via a teleconference platform.

Staff:

Michael Madden, Senate Research Analyst

Rachel Caldwell, Senate Assistant Research Analyst

Emily Bonner, House Research Analyst

Co-Chair Barto called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. and attendance was taken.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Senator Barto asked for members to introduce themselves.

OPENING REMARKS

Co-Chair Senator Barto

Senator Barto distributed and explained the goals and the inception of the Council (Attachment A) and made opening remarks.

SB1851 AND JOINT LEGISLATIVE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL REVIEW COUNCIL OVERVIEW

Michael Madden, Senate Research Staff

Michael Madden, Senate Research Analyst, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Joint Legislative Psychiatric Hospital Review Council Overview" (Attachment B) and distributed a handout entitled "AHCCCS Treatment & Housing Continuum" (Attachment C).

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

The Council discussed information provided by Mr. Madden including admission to the Arizona State Hospital, oversight and transparency, inclusion of families and adequate housing.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Holly Gieszl, representing self, explained how Pima county handles psychiatric admission in response to questions posed by Senator Barto.

ARNOLD V. SARN

Charles "Chick" Arnold, Esq.

Charles "Chick" Arnold, representing self, gave a background on the *Arnold v. Sarn* court case and its progression of time and how it relates to the Council. Mr. Arnold answered questions posed by the Council.

Technical experts, who attended via a teleconference platform (Attachment A), and the Council discussed information provided by Mr. Arnold and possible future legislation.

Jami Snyder referred to and questioned data on the handout (Attachment C).

PUBLIC TESTIMONY (continued)

Ms. Gieszl testified in support of the Council's work and urged them to act.

NEXT STEPS

Senator Barto offered closing comments and announced the next meeting dates as October 28th, November 10th and November 23rd.

Attached is the form noting the individual who submitted a Speaker slip on the agenda items (Attachment D).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Gardner
Committee Secretary

(Audio recordings and attachments are on file in the Secretary of the Senate's Office/Resource Center, Room 115. Audio archives are available at <http://www.azleg.gov>)