

Crisis Response Improvement Strategy (CRIS) Committee Member List

September 2024

Member	Member Representation (HB 1477)^
Adam Wasserman , State 911 Coordinator Washington State Emergency Management Division	State Enhanced 911 Coordinator, or designee
Aleesia Morales , Holistic Outreach Promoting Engagement (HOPE) Program Co-Manager, Tacoma Fire Department	Member representing an emergency medical services department with a CARES program
Amber Leaders** , Senior Policy Advisor – Behavioral Health, Aging, and Disability, Office of Governor Jay Inslee	Office of the Governor
Anna Nepomuceno , Director of Public Policy and Advocacy, National Alliance on Mental Illness Washington	National Alliance on Mental Illness
Bipasha Mukherjee** , Crisis Line Volunteer	Member representing lived experience
Blaise Geddry , Lieutenant, Vancouver Police Department	Law Enforcement
Chloe Merino , Staff Attorney, Treatment Facilities Program, Disability Rights Washington	Member representing a social justice organization addressing police accountability and the use of deadly force
Claudia D’Allegrì , Senior VP, Chief Behavioral Health Officer, Sea Mar Community Health Centers	Behavioral health interests of persons of color (recommended by Sea Mar)
Connie Chapman , Suicide Prevention Program Manager, Washington Department of Veterans Affairs	Director of Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs, or designee
Darcy Jaffe , Senior VP – Safety and Quality, Washington State Hospital Association	Washington State Hospital Association
Dillon Nishimoto , Clinical Manager, Asian Counseling and Referral Service	Behavioral health interests of persons of color (recommended by Asian Counseling and Referral Service)
Fennec Oak , Fennec Oak Counseling	Organization specializing in facilitating behavioral health services for LGBTQ populations
Heather Sanchez , LICSW, Social Work Supervisor, HUD-VASH, American Lake Veterans Affairs	Veterans Affairs
Jan Tokumoto , MEd, DCR, Chief Operating Officer, Frontier Behavioral Health	National Suicide Prevention Lifeline contracted members from each crisis call center in Washington (total of three Lifelines)

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Jane Beyer , JD, Senior Health Policy Advisor, Washington State Office of the Insurance Commissioner	Washington State Insurance Commissioner, or designee
Joan Miller , JD, Chief Executive Officer, Washington Council for Behavioral Health	Washington Council for Behavioral Health
Judy Warnick , Senator, Washington State Senate	Member from each of the two largest caucuses of the Senate
Justin Johnson , MSW, LICSW, MHP, Assistant Director, Community Services, Housing, & Community Development Department, Spokane County Regional Behavioral Health Division	Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organization (rural region)
Kashi Arora , Program Manager - Mental and Behavioral Health, Community Health and Benefit, Seattle Children's	Children and Youth Behavioral Health Work Group
Kelly Waibel , MS, LMHC, Crisis Intervention Specialist, Tulalip Tribes Behavioral Health	Federally recognized tribes, with expertise in behavioral health needs of tribal communities
Kristen Wells , After Hours Crisis Response Specialist, Valley Cities Behavioral Health Care	Member representing lived experience
Larry Wright , PhD, Forefront Suicide Prevention, UW-School of Social Work	University based suicide prevention center of excellence
Laura Pippin , Designated Crisis Responder, Clark County WA	Washington Association of Designated Crisis Responders
Levi Van Dyke , Deputy Director Behavioral Health Volunteers of America Western Washington	National Suicide Prevention Lifeline contracted members from each crisis call center in Washington (total of three Lifelines)
Manka Dhingra* , Senator, Washington State Senate	Member from each of the two largest caucuses of the Senate
Mark Snowden* , MD, MPH, Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs – Chief of Psychiatry, Harborview Medical Center	Non-voting Steering Committee Member
Michael Reading , Chief of Crisis Systems and Services, Behavioral Health and Recovery Division, King County	Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organization (urban region)
Michele Roberts** , Acting Assistant Secretary, Prevention and Community Health Division, Washington State Department of Health	Secretary of the Washington State Department of Health, or designee
Michelle McDaniel , Chief Executive Officer, Crisis Connections	National Suicide Prevention Lifeline contracted members from each crisis call center in Washington (total of three Lifelines)
Puck Kalve Franta , Access & Inclusion Consultant, Freelance Marketing and Creative Services	Member representing lived experience

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Robert Small , Behavioral Health Medical Director and Psychiatrist, Premera Blue Cross	Commercial health insurance
Teesha Kirschbaum* , MS, Deputy Director of Treatment and Recovery Programs – Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery, Washington State Health Care Authority	Director of the Washington State Health Care Authority, or designee
Tina Orwall** , State Representative, Washington State House	Member from each of the two largest caucuses of the House of Representatives
Tom Dent , State Representative, Washington State House	Member from each of the two largest caucuses of the House of Representatives
Tory Gildred , Associate Vice President, Behavioral Health, Molina Healthcare of WA	Medicaid Managed Care Organization

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