

Governor's Council on Behavioral Health Membership – April 2024

Legislative members (4)

1. Representative Michael Chippendale – appointed by the Speaker of the House (appointed- Feb 2023)
2. Representative Rebecca Kislak – appointed by the Speaker of the House (appointed- Feb 023)
3. Senator Louis DiPalma –appointed by Senate President (appointed- Aug 2022)
4. Senator Alana DiMario –appointed by Senate President (appointed- Aug 2022)

Non-Legislative-Appointed by Position (4)

1. SUMHLC- John Tassoni
Designee: Vicky DaPonte
2. Mental Health Advocate- Megan Clingham
3. AFL-CIO- Ian Lacombe
4. Child Advocate- Kate Medeiros (Assistant Child Advocate)
5. Hospital Association of RI- Teresa Paiva Weed
Designee: Lisa Tomasso

Ex-Officio

1. **BHDDH**- Director Richard Leclerc
Designee: Thomas Martin
2. **RIDOH**-Acting Director Dr. Staci A. Fischer
Designees: Kristine Campagna, Colleen Polselli
3. **DHS**- Director Kimberly Merolla-Brito
Designee: Donna Rook
4. **DCYF**- Director Ashley Deckert
Aucoin Designee: Chris Strnad
5. **OHA**-Director Maria Cimini
Designee: Meghan Connelly
6. **OHDC**- Mike Tondra
Designee: Raymond Neirinckx
7. **EOHHS**-Secretary Richard Charest
Designee: Chantele Rotolo, Marti Rosenberg
8. **DOC**-Acting Director Wayne Salisbury
Designee:
9. **RIDE**-Angelica Infante-Green
Designee: Alice Woods, Rosemary Reilly-Chammat

10. **RI Public Safety Grant Admin Office**-Michael J. Hogan
(Formerly RI Justice Commission)
11. **Attorney General**-Peter Neronha
Designees: Julia Harvey, Jessica Rider, Victoria Goetz
12. **ORS**-Ronald Racine
Designee:

Public Members (up to 23 members are allowed; currently, there are 19 members)

Larry Warner, Chair

Dennis Bailor

Tara Boulais

Linda Bryan

Kathleen Calandra

Sandra Del Sesto

Sarah Dinklage

Christine Gadbois

Inez Garcia

Lindsay Garcia

Linda Hurley

Wendy Looker

Margaret Holland McDuff

James McNulty

George O'Toole

Obed Papp

Esther Picon

Laurie-Marie Pisciotta

Janet Spinelli

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