



# Psychedelic Medicine Task Force Meeting Summary

- Participants listed below.
- Meeting documents with presentation slides provide more detail and are available on the [task force webpage \(https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/psychmed/index.html\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/psychmed/index.html).

## Meeting Summary: Jan. 8, 2023, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

### Welcome

Facilitator, Stacy Sjogren, with Management Analysis and Development (MAD), welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. She reviewed rules of engagement for the meeting, welcomed outside observers, reviewed the legislative charge of the task force, and gave reference to the task force webpage to find more information.

### Agenda overview, roll call and approval of minutes

Chairperson Nielson thanked everyone for attending and reviewed the agenda.

Quorum was secured. See voting log for attendance. Neilson noted the final open seat for an Ojibwe representative will likely be filled by the next meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the December 4, 2023, meeting minutes as written. Motion carried. See voting log for details.

### Finalize charter

Members reviewed and discussed the task force charter.

Task force members heard additional information had the opportunity to ask question about the several sections of the charter, including conflicts of interest, decision making tools, and scope of authority. Additionally, a task force member raised concerns about approving a charter with missing Tribal representation.

Neilson recommended approving the charter at the next task force meeting to allow time to update charter language based on feedback and to await the appointment of the new Tribal representative.

Without objection, the approval of the charter was tabled for the February task force meeting.

## Work group update

Chrissie Deutsch, with the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), provided an update on the creation of work groups (legal, regulatory, policy). She shared which members are currently in which work groups, noted that the composition of the groups is fluid, and asked that members assess their earlier tentative choices and indicate any changes on the Mural. The legal work group's first meeting is on January 10. Initial meeting dates for the other two committees will be determined shortly.

## Legislative report update

Jess Burke, with Management Analysis and Development (MAD), provided an outline of the task force's first report to the legislature due February 1, 2024. The task force will have the opportunity to review the report for errors. Final thoughts and feedback are due by January 16.

## Review and finalize research methodology

Dr. Caroline Johnson, with the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), provided an overview of research methodology decisions the task force made at their December meeting. Task force methodology decisions can be found on the meeting presentation slides (available on the [task force website](#) under "meeting materials" pages 16 – 23). Dr. Johnson asked the few remaining members who had yet to weigh in on input areas to do so on Mural.

## General Q & A

A portion of the task force's meeting time was dedicated to questions from members.

Few questions surfaced overall, indicating to staff that members feel confident about the information shared to date as well as various group processes. Questions focused on how the new standards may impact Indian American health services and practices. Members stressed the importance of addressing these concerns to avoid issues that cropped up in similar situations in Oregon and Colorado. Group consensus was that continued conversation on this topic at future meetings was needed once the final Tribal seat is filled.

A task force member asked for clarification on the scope of the charge of the task force. Members and presenters stressed the importance of word choice when referencing use of psychedelics for non-medical purposes. Members reviewed the task force charge is specifically related to the medicinal use of three specific categories of psychedelics.

## Legal overview

Special guests, Ismail Ali, Director of Advocacy and Policy at the Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies (MAPS) and Robert Rush of RRush Law, gave presentations on the history of psychedelic drugs in the US, and an overview of the legal landscape regarding psychedelic drugs. The guests also answered questions and provided an update on the status of psychedelic drugs in Oregon and Colorado.

## Participants

### Task force members

Cortney Amundson  
Helen Bassett  
Guthrie Capossela  
Sen. Julia Coleman  
Stefan Egan  
Dr. Margaret Gavian  
David Hoang  
Arielle McHenry  
Sen. Kelly Morrison  
Kit O'Neill  
Dr. Jessica Nielson  
Jill Phillips  
Ken Sass  
Michael Tabor  
Adam Tomczik  
Dr. Ranji Varghese  
Rep. Nolan West

### Others

Jessica Burke MAD  
Stacy Sjogren, MAD  
Nick Kor, MAD  
Dana Farley, MDH  
Chrissie Deutsch, MDH  
Dr. Caroline Johnson, MDH  
Ismail Ali, Director of Advocacy and Policy, Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies (MAPS)  
Robert Rush, RRush Law

### Next task force meeting

Monday, Feb. 5, 2024, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

# Psychedelic Medicine Task Force Roll Call and Voting Log

Date: January 8, 2024

Member name	Roll Call	Vote on minutes from December Motion: Tomzick Second: Varghese	Vote	Vote
Courtney Amundson	P	y		
Helen Bassett	P	y		
Guthrie Capossela	P	y		
Sen. Julia Coleman	P	y		
Paula DeSanto	A	-		
Jeremy Drucker	A	-		
Stefan Egan	P	y		
Dr. Margaret Gavian	P	y		
Bennett Hartz	A	-		
David Hoang (off camera)	P	y		
Nick Lehnertz	A	-		
Arielle "Ari" McHenry	P	y		
Sen. Kelly Morrison	P	y		
Dr. Jessica Nielson	P	y		
Kit O'Neill	P	y		
Jill Phillips (camera off)	P	y		
Kenneth Sass	P	y		
Rep. Andy Smith	A	-		
Michael Tabor	P	y		
Adam Tomczik	P	y		
Dr. Ranji Varghese	P	y		
Rep. Nolan West	P	y		