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The Oklahoma Commission on Opioid Abuse

Oklahoma Attorney General Mike Hunter announced legislation to form the Oklahoma Commission on Opioid Abuse on April 26. The main areas of focus will be on prevention, intervention, education, treatment, law enforcement and rehabilitation during a series of five meetings, scheduled August through January.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 12 created the commission, after unanimously passing the Oklahoma House of Representatives and by a 38 to 2 margin in the Oklahoma Senate on May 17. Sen. AJ Griffin and Rep. Tim Downing authored the legislation.

Members will release findings and recommendations for potential legislation in the weeks leading up to the 2018 legislative session.

Commission members include:

Senator AJ Griffin represents district 20 in the Oklahoma Senate, where she currently serves as the chair for the appropriations subcommittee on human services and as vice chair of the energy committee. She is a manager for a non-profit dedicated to improving the lives of Oklahoma children and families. During her time in the Senate, she has worked to write and pass legislation to address Oklahoma's fastest growing substance abuse issue—prescription drug addiction. Sen. Griffin also authored legislation to better protect victims of child abuse. She received a bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University and a master's degree from the University of Central Oklahoma.

Bob Howard is an Oklahoma City businessman involved in several ventures through his investment company, REHCO, LLC. He is also the president of Mercedes-Benz Volvo of Oklahoma City and managing partner of Midtown Renaissance, a real estate company engaged in the redevelopment of Oklahoma City's Midtown District. Howard also serves on the Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision.

Cynthia Fain is a pharmacist and serves as the chief compliance officer at the Oklahoma Pharmacy Board.



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Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Director John Scully is serving as an ex-officio member on the commission, per Senate Concurrent Resolution 12. He has been the director of the OBNDD since March 2016. Prior to his appointment, Scully was a member of the Oklahoma City Police Department for 32 years, where he served in many capacities, including deputy chief for the final eight years of his tenure. He received both a bachelor's and master's degree from Southern Nazarene University. Scully is a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, the Police Executive Research Forum in Boston, Mass., and the DEA Drug Unit Commander Academy in Quantico, Va.

Kevin Buchanan was elected as the district attorney for Washington and Nowata counties in 2011. He currently serves as president of the District Attorneys Council. Prior to his current role, he worked in private practice as a criminal defense attorney. Buchanan received a bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University and a law degree from the University of Tulsa.

Dr. Kevin Taubman is the president of the Oklahoma State Medical Association and is an assistant professor in the OU School of Community Medicine, Department of Surgery and Vascular Fellowship Program director in Tulsa. He completed his general surgery residency at Kern Medical Center at the University of California, San Diego. Dr. Taubman completed his fellowship in vascular/endovascular Surgery and interventional radiology at the Heart and Vascular Institute of the Penn State University Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. His specialties include carotid artery disease, arterial aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and venous disease.

Layne Subera, DO is a doctor of osteopathic medicine. He currently works in family medicine at the Skiatook Osteopathic Clinic. Dr. Subera is board certified in Family Practice and Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment by the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians. He is a member of the American Osteopathic Association, the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians, the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association and the American Academy of Professional Coders. Subera received a bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University and a doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from Oklahoma State University.



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Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Commissioner Terri White is serving as an ex-officio member on the commission, per Senate Concurrent Resolution 12. She was the first female to be appointed by then-Governor Brad Henry as Oklahoma Secretary of Health from 2009 to 2011. She has been recognized by The Journal Record newspaper as one of Oklahoma's top "Achievers Under 40" and is a three-time honoree of The Journal Record's "50 Women Making a Difference." In 2014, White received the "Kate Barnard Award" from the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women, an award created to honor women who have made a difference in Oklahoma through public service. In 2011, she was inducted into the University of Oklahoma's Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work Hall of Fame. She is also volunteer faculty with the University's School of Medicine and is a Henry Toll Fellow with the Council of State Governments. White received both her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Oklahoma.

Representative Tim Downing represents District 42 in the Oklahoma House of Representatives, where he currently serves as the assistant majority whip and as vice chair of the civil and environmental judiciary committee. He is an officer in the United States Army Reserves and he previously worked at the attorney general's office. Rep. Downing received a bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma, a master's from Oral Roberts University and a law degree from Regent University in Virginia.