

**Arizona Department of Economic Security
Division of Developmental Disabilities
District North Independent Oversight Committee
Annual Report**

Please note: Due to issues beyond the control of the committee, this report has been compiled by Eric Houghtalin, DDD Liaison to the District North Independent Oversight Committee. This report will only have a summary of membership, key topics covered, total incident reports were reviewed, and total of behavior plans reviewed.

Current Membership

- Cynthia McKinnon, Committee Co-Chair – Retired Registered Nurse
- Audra Sindelar – College Student in Criminal Justice program
- Danielle “Dani” Lawrence – Real Estate Agent and Former Candidate for Flagstaff City Council
- Kyle White – DDD Member
- Sandra Malloy – Parent of DDD Member
- Robert Malloy – Retired Army Officer and Parent of DDD Member
- Maegan Van Wyck – Disabilities and Mental Health Manager for Northern Arizona Head Start

Resigned in 2019/2020

- Dora Harrison
- Norm Wallen

Passed Away in 2019/2020

- Theodore Garland (December 1, 2019)

Recruiting Efforts in 2019/2020

Active recruiting has been occurring in the last year. Hundreds of letters, emails, and face-to-face contacts have been made in the District North area to increase the community awareness of the need for more members to maintain the numbers as required per Arizona Revised Statute 41-3801. Audra Sindelar, Dani Lawrence, Sandra Malloy, Robert Malloy, and Maegan Van Wyck are members that joined the committee as a result of active recruiting efforts made by Jeffery Yamamoto and Eric Houghtalin in the DDD Office of Individual and Family Affairs.

There will be a continued effort to increase membership of the committee for the foreseeable future. Per Arizona Revised Statute 41-3801, the minimum membership is seven and the maximum membership is 15.

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Key Topics in 2019/2020

- New IOC Member Training
- Criminal Justice Reform for People with Disabilities
- Use of Police as a Threat Against DDD Members
- Sex Education with Appropriate Socialization for DDD Members
- Increased Bed Bug Infestations in Group Homes

Incident Report Reviews in 2019

IOC meetings did not occur in February, August, and December of 2019. The meeting in April 2019 was an abridged public meeting for the purpose of reviewing and voting on two potential new members. This meeting occurred by conference call that was made available to the public.

Open Incident Reports Reviewed

Type of Incident	Jan 2019	Feb 2019	Mar 2019	Apr 2019	May 2019	Jun 2019	Jul 2019	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Oct 2019	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Total 2019
Accidental Injury	15		32		29	23	23		35	15	20		192
Deaths	0		6		2	2	3		0	1	3		17
Emerg. Measures	2		3		2	5	3		0	5	2		22
Human Rights	4		8		6	3	3		2	2	2		30
Legal	3		8		6	2	1		3	2	0		25
Medication Err.	0		19		55	35	47		26	34	11		227
Missing	2		1		2	5	4		3	7	2		26
Neglect	6		15		6	7	9		11	2	3		59
Other Abuse	2		11		0	2	3		2	4	1		25
Other	7		49		18	58	28		69	37	20		286
Physical Abuse	4		7		3	4	2		1	6	2		29
Property Damage	3		13		7	4	9		4	2	1		43
Suicide	0		1		0	3	0		0	2	0		6
Total	48		173		136	153	135		156	119	67		987

Open incident reports are those that are currently under investigation.

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Closed Incident Reports Reviewed**

Type of Incident	Jan 2019	Feb 2019	Mar 2019	Apr 2019	May 2019	Jun 2019	Jul 2019	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Oct 2019	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Total 2019
Accidental Injury	31		105		68	66	109		83	100	56		618
Deaths	3		1		0	0	7		0	2	1		14
Emerg. Measures	8		17		3	7	12		9	13	4		73
Human Rights	6		1		0	0	0		3	2	0		12
Legal	2		1		1	0	1		3	2	0		10
Medication Err.	0		81		17	5	91		99	60	89		442
Missing	0		0		0	3	0		4	4	0		11
Neglect	6		4		0	1	9		12	14	2		48
Other Abuse	0		1		0	2	0		2	6	0		11
Other	66		215		164	168	173		183	206	171		1,346
Physical Abuse	0		3		0	3	0		1	3	0		10
Property Damage	0		2		0	1	5		9	1	2		20
Suicide	0		5		2	2	1		2	7	2		21
Total	122		436		255	258	408		410	420	327		2,636

Closed incident reports are those in which DDD Quality Improvement has completed all investigations and has rendered a final disposition.

In total, the District North Independent Oversight Committee reviewed 3,614 reports. Cynthia McKinnon reviewed all reports as the Senior Co-Chairperson. The remaining members equally divided a second copy of the reports to ensure accuracy.

Suicide incident reports are for attempts, suicidal idealizations (written or verbal), and member threats of suicide. If a member commits suicide, DDD Quality Improvement issues a death incident report is issued.

Behavior Plan Reviews in 2019

Jan 2019	Feb 2019	Mar 2019	Apr 2019	May 2019	Jun 2019	Jul 2019	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Oct 2019	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Total 2019
12		24		24	12	12		24	12	12		132

All behavior plans for members approved by the Program Review Committee are reviewed by at least one member of the Independent Oversight Committee to ensure that the clients' human rights are being preserved. Reviews are completed using Article 9 as tool to determine the correct use of otherwise prohibited interventions for members with high behavior needs.