



Trace Faust
Facilitator
Timothy Montoya Task Force to Prevent Children from Running Away from Out-of Home Placement

August 19, 2024

Dear Trace Faust,

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the Timothy Montoya Task Force to Prevent Children from Running Away from Out-of Home Placement. We appreciated the opportunity to work with and collaborate with all of the stakeholders on this important endeavor.

Consistent with general practice on agency participation in task forces, the agency will use its discretion to abstain from votes on legislative and budget recommendations.

The following is confirmation of our votes on the recommendations put forward by the Timothy Montoya Task Force to Prevent Children from Running Away from Out-of Home Placement.

Recommendation 1(A) Creation of a Standard, Statewide Information and Data Collection System

- Dr. Renée Marquardt – Abstain
- David E. Lee – Abstain
- Dennis Desparrois - Abstain

Recommendation 1(B): Development of Standard Training for the Standard, Statewide Information and Data Collection System

- Dr. Renée Marquardt – Abstain
- David E. Lee – Abstain
- Dennis Desparrois - Abstain

Recommendation 3(A): Define Risk Categories for Children or Youth Who Runaway from Care

- Dr. Renée Marquardt – Abstain
- David E. Lee – Abstain
- Dennis Desparrois - Abstain





Recommendation 3(B): Utilizing Defined Risk Categories, Develop Standard Response Protocols for Children or Youth Who Run Away from Care

- Dr. Renée Marquardt – Abstain
- David E. Lee – Abstain
- Dennis Desparrois - Abstain

Recommendation 3(C): Ensure Diversity, Equity and Inclusion are Considered

- Dr. Renée Marquardt – Abstain
- David E. Lee – Abstain
- Dennis Desparrois - Abstain

Recommendation 5(A): Clarify the meaning of “imminent”

- Dr. Renée Marquardt – Abstain
- David E. Lee – Abstain
- Dennis Desparrois - Abstain

Recommendation 5(B): Define a facility's duty to intervene

- Dr. Renée Marquardt – Abstain
- David E. Lee – Abstain
- Dennis Desparrois - Abstain

Recommendation 5(C): Establish a “Good Faith” Provision for Facilities Regarding the Use of Restraints

- Dr. Renée Marquardt – Abstain
- David E. Lee – Abstain
- Dennis Desparrois - Abstain

Recommendation 5(D): Require Parents and Caregivers be Informed of Policies

- Dr. Renée Marquardt – Abstain
- David E. Lee – Abstain
- Dennis Desparrois - Abstain

Recommendation 5(E): Develop Plan for Short-Term Stabilization Units





- Dr. Renée Marquardt – Abstain
- David E. Lee – Abstain
- Dennis Desparrois - Abstain

Recommendation 6(A): Additional Study of Physical Infrastructure Needs

- Dr. Renée Marquardt – Abstain
- David E. Lee – Abstain
- Dennis Desparrois - Abstain

Recommendation 6(B): Require Consideration of a Placement's Physical Infrastructure

- Dr. Renée Marquardt – Abstain
- David E. Lee – Abstain
- Dennis Desparrois - Abstain

Recommendation 6(C): Develop Standard Pre-Admission Risk Assessment Tool

- Dr. Renée Marquardt – Abstain
- David E. Lee – Abstain
- Dennis Desparrois - Abstain

Recommendation 6(D): Create Standard Education for Those Providing Out-of-Home Care

- Dr. Renée Marquardt – Abstain
- David E. Lee – Abstain
- Dennis Desparrois - Abstain

Recommendation 6(E): Create Standard Education for Children/Youth Regarding the Risks of Running Away from Care

- Dr. Renée Marquardt – Abstain
- David E. Lee – Abstain
- Dennis Desparrois - Abstain

Recommendation 7(A): Develop a Statewide Response Unit

- Dr. Renée Marquardt – Abstain
- David E. Lee – Abstain
- Dennis Desparrois - Abstain

Recommendation 7(B): Require Implementation of the Statewide Response Unit





- Dr. Renée Marquardt – Abstain
- David E. Lee – Abstain
- Dennis Desparrois - Abstain

We recognize and appreciate the value of representation from our Department to assist in this important endeavor and we thank the task force for their time and commitment to the children of Colorado.

Thank you,

Dr. Renée Marquardt

David E. Lee

Dennis Desparrois

