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# Charting Oregon's Path to Cleaner Streets, Safer Communities, and Saving Lives

*On December 4th, the Joint Committee responding to the drug crisis will hear about policy solutions from experts and Oregonians*

**SALEM, Ore.** – Today, the [Joint Interim Committee on Addiction and Community Safety Response](#) announced the [agenda](#) for its third meeting scheduled for December 4th at 9:00 AM.

Lawmakers will hear from experts about effective ways to treat drug addiction and build accountable drug treatment programs inside and outside of jails. They will also listen to public testimony about the solutions to the drug crisis Oregonians would like to see the state pursue in their communities. Legislators will carefully consider these ideas as they continue their work to build a response to the drug crisis that saves lives and keeps our streets clean and communities safe.

Full agenda below:

### MEETING 3: Charting Oregon's Path to Cleaner Streets, Safer Communities, and Saving Lives

Monday, December 4, 2023

9:00 AM, Hearing Room D ([Livestream](#))

#### **Informational Meeting (9:00 AM - 11:00 AM)**

- Evidence-Based Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment
  - *Morgan Godvin, Commissioner, ADPC*
  - *Additional presenters to be determined.*
  
- Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)
  - *Moxie Loeffler, Policy Chair and Past President, Oregon Society of Addiction Medicine*

- *Lt. Jamie Russell, Jail Commander, Lincoln County*
- *Sgt. Marie Gainer, Lincoln County*
- *Tom Kilgallon, Chief Executive Officer, Ideal Option*
- *Dr. Brian Dawson, Chief Medical Officer, Ideal Option*
- *Additional presenters to be determined*
- **Deflection, Stabilization, and Alternative Intervention Programs**
  - *Lisa Daugaard, Co-Executive Director, Purpose. Dignity. Action.*
  - *Presenters to be determined, Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD), King County, Washington*
  - *Dr. Margie Balfour, Chief of Clinical Quality and Innovation, Connections Health Solutions*
  - *Morgan Matthews, Vice President of Partnerships, Connections Health Solutions*
  - *Dave Durocher, Executive Director, The Other Side Academy*
  - *Additional presenters to be determined*

### **Public Hearing on Solutions to the Drug Crisis (11:00 AM - 1:00 PM)**

#### *Guidance for Public Testimony*

- Testimony should focus on addressing addiction and community safety.
- Testifiers will have two minutes.
- Public Comment will be accepted at future Committee meetings and may also be submitted in writing to [JACSR.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov](mailto:JACSR.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov).
- Submit written comment:
  - Email: [JACSR.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov](mailto:JACSR.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov). Please specify agenda topic in subject line.
  - Mail: Joint Interim Committee on Addiction and Community Safety Response, 900 Court Street NE, Room 453, Salem, OR, 97301
  - *Written comment may be submitted up to 48 hours after the meeting start time.*
- Register to give public comment:
  - Register online: [https://survey.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bCQd86TlfrfQzNY](https://survey.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bCQd86TlfrfQzNY)
  - Register by phone to speak in person or remotely: 833-588-4500 (U.S. toll free)
  - Registration closes 30 minutes ahead of meeting start time.

The joint committee serves as the [legislative hub](#) for the coordination of an urgent public health and safety response to the drug crisis. Through the 2024 session and beyond, this bipartisan, bicameral group of legislators will provide oversight of state programs and funding, while seeking short and long-term solutions to the drug crisis.

During the committee's first two meetings in October and November, legislators dug into the current public health and public safety responses to the drug crisis, hearing from treatment providers, law enforcement experts, and more about programs that are working and problems that need to be solved.

The Joint Interim Committee on Addiction and Community Safety Response is co-chaired by **Senate Majority Leader Kate Lieber (D – Beaverton & SW Portland)** and **Representative Jason Kropf (D – Bend)**. The full membership of the committee can be found [here](#).

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