

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 HOUSE CONCURRENT  
4 RESOLUTION 1009

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Concurrent Resolution creating the Task Force to  
8 Study Methadone-related Deaths; providing for  
9 membership; providing for vacancies; providing for  
10 designation of cochairs; specifying quorum;  
11 specifying administrative support; providing for  
12 travel reimbursement; providing for duties; and  
13 requiring certain report.

14 WHEREAS, in recent years methadone has contributed to more  
15 Oklahoma deaths than any other drug; and

16 WHEREAS, Oklahoma deaths resulting from methadone use more than  
17 doubled from 2002 to 2006; and

18 WHEREAS, methadone is increasingly prescribed as a painkiller  
19 and the vast majority of deaths from methadone are due to an  
20 unintentional overdose; and

21 WHEREAS, it is paramount for Oklahoma to study and address this  
22 growing problem.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
2 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
3 CONCURRING THEREIN:

4 THAT there is hereby created, to continue until January 1, 2011,  
5 the "Task Force to Study Methadone-related Deaths".

6 THAT the Task Force shall consist of eleven (11) members:

7 1. The Director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and  
8 Dangerous Drugs Control or a designee;

9 2. The Executive Director of the Board of Pharmacy or a  
10 designee;

11 3. A representative from the Poison Control Center;

12 4. A physician appointed by the State Board of Osteopathic  
13 Examiners;

14 5. A provider of methadone services to be appointed by the  
15 Governor;

16 6. The Commissioner of Mental Health and Substance Abuse  
17 Services or a designee;

18 7. The Chief Medical Examiner or a designee;

19 8. A representative sheriff from the Oklahoma Sheriffs and  
20 Peace Officers Association;

21 9. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma District Attorneys  
22 Association or a designee;

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1 10. A member from the Oklahoma House of Representatives to be  
2 appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;  
3 and

4 11. A member of the Oklahoma State Senate to be appointed by  
5 the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate.

6 THAT members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing  
7 authorities. A vacancy on the Task Force shall be filled by the  
8 appointing authority.

9 THAT appointments to the Task Force shall be made by September  
10 1, 2009.

11 THAT the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and  
12 the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate shall each designate a  
13 cochair from among the members of the Task Force.

14 THAT the cochairs shall convene the first meeting of the Task  
15 Force by October 1, 2009.

16 THAT a majority of the members present at a meeting shall  
17 constitute a quorum to conduct business.

18 THAT members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for  
19 their service, but shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

20 1. Nonlegislative members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed  
21 by their appointing authorities pursuant to the provisions of the  
22 State Travel Reimbursement Act; and

1           2. Legislative members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed in  
2 accordance with the provisions of Section 456 of Title 74 of the  
3 Oklahoma Statutes.

4           THAT administrative support for the Task Force including, but  
5 not limited to, personnel necessary to ensure the proper performance  
6 of the duties and responsibilities of the Task Force shall be  
7 provided by the staff of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and  
8 the State Senate. All participating state agencies shall provide  
9 for any additional administrative support requested by the Task  
10 Force.

11           THAT the Task Force shall study and make recommendations  
12 relating to deaths associated with methadone.

13           THAT the Task Force shall issue a report of its recommendations  
14 to the Legislature and Governor no later than December 1, 2010.

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