

Task Force on Pregnancy Health and Substance Use Disorders (TFPSUD)

ESTABLISHED JULY 1, 2023

About the Task Force

The Task Force on Pregnancy Health and Substance Use Disorders was established to recommend protocols for when physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, and physician assistants should administer a toxicology test and requirements for reporting for prenatal exposure to a controlled substance.

This Task Force is appointed through open and direct appointments via the Office of Secretary of State.

Deliverables of Task Force

Members of the Task Force will develop **recommended protocols** for when a toxicology test for prenatal exposure to a controlled substance should be administered to a birthing parent and a newborn infant. The task force must also **recommend protocols** for providing notice or reporting of prenatal exposure to a controlled substance to local welfare agencies under [Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 260E](#).

No later than December 1, 2024, the task force must submit a **written report** to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over health and human services on the task force's activities and recommendations on the protocols developed.

Tentative Timeline

In compliance with [Minnesota law, Chapter 70, Article 4, Section 110](#) all task force members will be appointed by **October 1, 2023**. The first meeting will be convened by **October 15, 2023**. In the first meeting two co-chairs will be selected by the task force and a task force charter will be discussed and/or approved.

The meeting format will be primarily virtual, with the option to hold in-person meetings in the spring, should the task force determine as necessary. Task force members should plan to meet monthly for approximately 2 hours for the first year. Dates and scheduling will be determined based on Task Force members' availability through a survey once members are identified.

All Task force appointments and activities will conclude **December 1, 2024**.

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