

26	Diane Mitsch Bush	Democrat	Yes	Mental health treatment should be covered by health insurance just as any treatment for physical conditions is. A person cannot be "healthy" without being well physically and mentally. They are causally related.	Yes	Please see my answer to the previous question	Yes	It is especially important in rural districts like mine for people to have a full network of providers. Those with mental illnesses should not have to travel to Denver or Grand Junction for care, often on hazardous roads for 3 or 4 hours one way.	Yes	It will provide desperately needed revenue for therapeutic behavioral health resources: beds, inpatient, outpatient, addiction treatment programs, or enough funding to create these programs where there are none	Yes	<p>This is an acute problem in my district. I have worked with MindSpring Mental Health and my two Sheriffs on "emergency" holds. Emergency rooms & jails cannot provide effective, needed treatment. Jails are stretched thin and not equipped to handle the critical mental health needs of those in the criminal justice system, resulting in danger to these patients. Hospitals do not get reimbursed as fully for treating them in an emergency room as they do for "physical" injuries or problems.</p> <p>People with these illnesses go through a revolving door, showing up again and again at jails and emergency rooms without long-term care or support, which perpetuates the cycle. When their condition worsens they still may not get treatment. Behavioral health problems are serious health issues that are often not treated as such.</p> <p>The underlying issue is that there are simply not enough therapeutic resources: beds, inpatient, outpatient, or enough funding to create these programs where there are none. Hopefully, the Commission that came out of the veto of SB16-169 will have solutions and ideas that we can all work on together.</p>
27	Doug Miracle	Independent										
27	Wade Norris	Democrat	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
27	Lang Sias	Republican										
28	Matthew Hess	Libertarian										
28	Nancy Pallozzi	Republican										
28	Brittany Pettersen	Democrat	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
29	Susan Kochevar	Republican										
29	Tracy Kraft-Tharp	Democrat	Yes		Yes		Yes	yes but what does this mean?	No	I don't know, while I support additional mental health funding I have serious questions about the logistics of how this funding would be implemented.	Yes	Yes but what does this mean?
30	Dafna Michaelson Jenet	Democrat	Yes	A major reason that I am running for office is to increase access to mental healthcare. Many of the bills I would like to introduce revolve around access to mental health care.	Yes	I believe it is critical that there be parity.	Yes		Yes		Yes	An additional primary reason that I am running for office is to help stem the "school to prison pipeline" which I believe is primarily a mental health issue.

50	Dave Young	Democrat	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	If I am appointed to the JBC again, I will work with Mental Health Colorado to ensure there is proper funding. Currently, the plan for Phase 2 of the ACC is focused on integrating primary care with mental/behavioral health. I am completely supportive of this. However, I would also like to see HCPF engage in more inclusive long-range planning in regards to the ACC, so that treatment of substance use disorders, long-term services and supports, and oral health are part of the integration plan for the Phase 2 ACC RFP.
51	Hugh McKean	Republican									
51	Jody Shaddock-McNally	Democrat	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	
52	Joann Ginal	Democrat									
52	Donna Walter	Republican									
53	Jeni Arndt	Democrat	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	Absolutely!
54	Gilbert Fuller	Libertarian	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	
54	Yeulin Willett	Republican									
55	Dan Thurlow	Republican									
56	Phil Covarrubias	Republican									
56	Kevin Gulbranson	Libertarian	No	I think it should be offered as an option and the choice should be up to the purchaser of said insurance.	Yes		Yes		No	Yes	Treatment is always a much better option than imprisonment
56	Matt Snider	Democrat	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	
57	Bob Rankin	Republican									
58	Don Coram	Republican									
59	J Paul Brown	Republican									
59	Barbara McLachlan	Democrat	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	
60	David Higginbotham	Democrat	Yes	I don't believe that a board of proxies looking after an insurance company has the necessary level of human caring to dictate mental health protocol	Yes	Whole person = whole care	Yes	Again, I am in favor of getting insurance companies out of the healthcare business.	Yes	Yes	I blame Ronald Reagan! The de facto use of prisons as mental health programs is inhumane.

60	Glenn Ingalls	Libertarian	No	I believe in consumer choices that help reduce the overall cost of health insurance coverage. Similar to Vision Care or Dental Care, Mental Health Care should be coverage option that consumers can choose to subscribe to not.	No	Many people can not afford health care insurance and requiring consumers to buy ALL options increases the overall cost to just acquire insurance for catastrophic basic needs. I believe in consumer choices that help reduce the overall cost of health insurance coverage. Similar to Vision Care or Dental Care, Mental Health Care and many of the subcategories of physical healthcare should be coverage options that consumers can choose to subscribe to not.	No	Mandates increase costs and reduce competition. If consumers desire a strong network of mental health providers, they should be free to purchase coverage from a pool of insurers who provide the best networks in this area.	No	I do not believe taxes should be taken from one person against their will to pay for another person's health care. I believe in and advocate for voluntary charitable organizations that would raise funds to supplement health care for those that cannot afford it.	No	Mental health and substance use disorders should not be a crime to begin with. Non-violent people should not be placed in the criminal justice system to start with. As a voluntary society of compassionate people, we should help people obtain access to treatment when they need help doing so, but the state should have no role in it.
60	James D Wilson	Republican										
61	Millie Hamner	Democrat	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	While this tax increase is a significant one. I do support the need to invest in these important programs. Unfortunately in our state, TABOR constrains our state government's ability to budget in a way that can adequately fund these types of programs, making initiatives like this increasingly necessary.	Yes	Absolutely, they should not be in jail. They should be getting help.
61	Bob Schutt	Republican	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
62	Bob Mattive	Republican										
62	Donald E Valdez	Democrat	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
63	Thomas A Hudson	Democrat	Yes	We greatly need to expand our mental health care facilities. As well as training for those that work with the mentally ill.	Yes	Mental, physically, dental, and vision should all be treated as medical issues and one insurance should take care of it.	Yes		Yes		Yes	For non-violent criminals, our justice system should be about rehabilitation and restorative justice. Even violent criminals that are unlikely to repeat offend should be treated this way.

18	Steve Fenberg	Democrat	Yes	Yes, absolutely. And I would be interested in learning more about potential opportunities to better expand access to quality mental health care for Coloradans.	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	I wholeheartedly support efforts to expand access to treatment for individuals with mental health and/or substance abuse disorders. It's wrong to treat people with these health issues as criminals and to just lock them away.
18	M Peter Spraitz	Republican										
19	Hans Romer	Libertarian										
19	Laura J Woods	Republican	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	If the voters approve this tax increase, it will become law without legislative approval or interference. I support letting the voters decide.	Yes	The issue, of course, will be funding. With Medicaid Expansion taking so many of the state's resources, it clearly limits what else we can spend money on. "Expanded access" sounds great, but we have to find the resources to fund it.
19	Rachel Zenzinger	Democrat	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
21	Kara Leach Palfy	Republican	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
21	Dominick Moreno	Democrat	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
23	TJ Cole	Democrat	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
23	Vicki Marble	Republican										
25	Jenise May	Democrat										
25	Kevin Pirola	Republican										
26	Nancy A Doty	Republican										
26	Daniel Kagan	Democrat	Yes		Yes		Yes		No	We should not be funding mental health care through an unreliable mechanism that depends on the changeable smoking habits of Coloradans. Mental health care must be acknowledged as a vital need, and funded, like other vital needs, through normal, dependable channels.	Yes	
27	Tom Sullivan	Democrat	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
27	Jack Tate	Republican	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
28	James Woodley	Republican	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
28	Nancy Todd	Democrat	Yes	Mental health should be treated equally to any physical health issues	Yes	Absolutely!	Yes	Choice for quality mental health providers that match an individual is essential in building a trusting relationship	Yes	I do have some concern with the numbers but support more of the tax to go to mental health services	Yes	Absolutely
29	Rhonda Fields	Democrat	Yes	I support efforts to increase access to mental health services.	Yes	Parity works to break down barriers that prevent far too many people from seeking help.	Yes	It's important that we address and recognize the shortage of mental health providers to handle the demands of new patients.	Yes	Investment, education and training must be expanded to accommodate public need.	Yes	People with mental illness are very vulnerable to arrest. We must help get these folks to a pathway of treatment vs incarceration.

29	Michele Poague	Libertarian	No	I believe insurance companies should decide for themselves what should be covered and at what rate. Personally, I would choose the company that offered mental health care but I would never propose to force my choice on another person.	No	I believe it's good practice but does not need to be a law.	No	I believe it's good practice but I don't think it should be a law.	No	I do not support any raise of taxes but I believe the insurance companies should be allowed charge more money for people who don't live a healthy lifestyle including smoking.	No	The war on drugs had over burdened our justice system. We need to invest in understanding and addressing the causes of addiction and mental illness.
31	Lois Court	Democrat	Yes		Yes		Yes		No	If it were statutory, I'd support it wholeheartedly. But I don't believe that detailed taxing and spending language belongs in our State Constitution.	Yes	As a member of the House Judiciary Committee for 6 years we have struggled to address the absurdity of having our corrections system function as a de-facto mental health system. It is a complex and extremely difficult problem, but one we must continuously work to improve.
31	Bob Lane	Republican	Yes		Yes		Yes		No		No	
33	Raymon A Doane	Republican	Yes		Yes		Yes		No	The raising of taxes is an understandable proposal when it comes to funding issues that are important to the community. However, raising taxes will not solve the problem at hand. I believe there are other methods to aid opportunities to aid society (in particular mental health care) without imposing an increase in tax on a "sin" product.	Yes	
33	Angela Williams	Democrat										
35	James W Casias	Democrat	Yes	Yes, the increase in mental issues is continuing to rise.	Yes	Yes, they run hand and hand	Yes	Yes, in rural Colorado we lack the needed providers to get the treatment required. We lack the ability to have them in our area or give incentives.	Yes	Yes, plus they should use taxes from the Marijuana sales, as mental issues are related to substance abuse.	Yes	Yes, it does need to be expanded, as now some are being held in County Jails and only adding to their issues.
35	Larry Crowder	Republican	Yes		Yes		Yes		No	As a republican, I do not support tax increase	Yes	Without a doubt. Our county jails are not the place for this. This is a subject matter in which we are working on. We came close last session, but then realized how difficult this is. Constitutional rights, available beds, and a multitude of other factors play into this. We will continue to find solutions that work.