MENTAL HEALTH COLORADO | 2016 CANDIDATE SURVEY

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	Raymond Garcia	Republican						
-	Susan Lontine	Democrat						
	Alec Garnett	Democrat						
2		Republican	Yes	Parity of coverage for diagnosis and treatment of mental health and physical conditions, is critical to improving the overall health of the individual. The rapid increase in serious drug and substance use needs focused attention and a new approach.	Yes	Mental and physical health are key components of overall health and wellness. Both need to be addressed in indicated situations.	Yes	The keys are not only adequate numbers but also competent providers and effectiv treatment alternatives.
	Jeff Bridges	Democrat						
	Katy Brown	Republican						
	Dan Pabon	Democrat						
	Crisanta Duran	Democrat	Yes		Yes		Yes	
5	Ronnie Nelson	Republican						
6	Chris Hansen	Democrat	Yes	My family has dealt with mental health issues and I understand how vital this care is for overall health.	Yes		Yes	
7	James Rashad Coleman	Democrat						
8	Leslie Herod	Democrat						
8	Evan Vanderpool	Republican						
9	Paul Stevens Martin	Republican						
9	Paul Rosenthal	Democrat	Yes		Yes		Yes	
10	Edie Hooton	Democrat						
11	Corey Piper	Republican						
11	Jonathan Singer	Democrat						

In August 2016, Mental Health Colorado emailed every state legislative candidate the questions below. We followed up with individual phone calls. We received answers from 79 of the candidates and have reproduced their responses verbatim. The remaining candidates did not reply. If you have any questions about the survey please contact Emily Elder at (720) 208-2233 or eelder@mentalhealthcolorado.org.

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s	No	Problems with this approach are several - it is a proposed Constitutional Amendment, it does not address the great increase in marijuana, heroin and meth use, and allocates only a small percentage of tax receipts to mental health problems. (As an aside, I have never been a smoker). Presumably, the tobacco tax is also a diminishing resource.	Yes	Any state run program must ensure the competence and commitment of the providers involved.						
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17 Kit Roupe Ves Mental health care should be less stigmatized and we do it by making it part of normal expectations. Yes I guess I answered why in the previous question Yes I do. Most people are uncertain what type of mental health care provider they need. There are other reasons too, and it seems we would want to get the best fit between the mental health provider and the patient. Yes I guess I answered why in the previous question Yes I guess I answered why in the previous question Yes I guess I answered why in the previous question Yes I guess I answered why in the previous question Yes I guess I answered why in the previous question Yes I guess I answered why in the previous question Yes I guess I answered why in the previous question Yes I guess I answered why in the previous question Yes I guess I answered why in the previous question Yes I guess I answered why in the previous question Yes I guess I answered why in the previous question Yes I guess I answered why in the previous question Yes I guess I answered why in the previous question Yes I guess I answered why in the previous question Yes I guess I answered why in the previous question Yes I guess I answered why in the previous question Yes I guess I answered why in the previous question Yes I guess I answered why in the previous question Yes I guess I answ	16 Larry Liston	Republican	Yes	reason. It cannot and should not be open ended or unlimited for	Yes		No	a hardship on the poor who smoke, whether we like it or not. This huge increase will create a black market for cigarettes and will put small tobacco stores out of business. This is NOT the way to fund	Yes	-
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	17 Kit Roupe	Republican	Yes	less stigmatized and we do it by making it part of normalYesI guess I answered why in the previous question	Yes	of mental health care provider they need. There are other reasons too, and it seems we would want to get the best fit between	Yes	reasonable. Some tobacco users use anti-depressants as they go	Yes	well. Aspen Pointe provides their care but they seem understaffed for the need. I think this still goes back to the stigma associated with mental health, and to people not realizing that they need help. What concerns me as well is that some patients need more than 6 or 8 visits to resolve their problems. I'd like to understand how this operates for those needing fuller care. I don't just go to the doctor for my heart, I pick a cardiologist. Is there something along these
	17 Susan Ouilleash	Libertarian								
	18 Norman Dawson	Libertarian								

	Pete Lee	Democrat	Yes	As a former board member of AspenPointe, the community behavioral provider, I am familiar with the connection between mental and physical health	Yes	See previous question; Preventative and holistic care makes this critical.	Yes		Yes	It would help fund mental health and reduce smoking.	Yes	Twenty percent of DOC inmates suffer from serious mental illness and the lack of treatment within and outside DOC contribute to the problem.
	Cameron Forth	Republican										
	Paul Lundeen	Republican										
	Tom Reynolds	Democrat	Yes		Yes		Yes		No		Yes	
20	Terri Carver	Republican										
20	Judith Darcy	Libertarian	No	Government over-regulates the health care industry. Health Insurance is a product that would best provide for the consumers as a free market product. The cost would go down & the product that each consumer needs would be priced accordingly and more competitively.	No	We do not pick up the phone & call our Congressmen when we have to make a healthcare decision. We consult our family, friends, and doctors. The government has no place in the healthcare industry. It only adds bureaucracy & cost to the consumer.	No	As long as the government is involved in healthcare, I think that the last 3 questions are appropriate requirements. I do not support any government involvement in healthcare. When we give them this power then what they give can become what they take away.	No	I do not support any form of "Sin Tax". When Sin taxes are collected to fund costs of that particular sin then that revenue should only apply to the cost of that sin, not become a cash cow for every pet project.	No	I believe that many people in Colorado involved in the criminal justice system do not belong there. They are there due to mental health issues and victimless crimes. It is the laws that need changed. Government expansion will not help to make that better. It is not the job of government to provide healthcare. For those with disabling mental illness Social Security & Medicare are available to them. The purpose of government is to create laws to protect life, liberty, and property from infringement by others. The government is not to provide with quality of life, only the ability to pursue your own happiness with all of the liberty needed to do so.
20	Julia Endicott	Democrat	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
21	Lois Landgraf	Republican	Yes		Yes		Yes	l support the intent. I don't believe it has happened.	Yes	I voted against the proposed amendments to the blue book which were an attempt to ensure the measure would die.	Yes	SB 169, which I sponsored in the house, was a step in that direction. Unfortunately the Governor vetoed it. Now I am on the task for to try to figure out, in 3 months, what it took 4 years to do.
21	Michael Seebeck	Libertarian	Yes	While I oppose ACA in general, while it is in play, mental health should be covered, and at better levels than it is currently, with lower deductibles and higher coverage percentages.	Yes	One's mental health and physical health are directly related and impact each other. As such, they need to be treated together.	Yes	What's "adequate?" Is that a certain number of providers per number of policyholders, per ZIP code, or what?	No	I generally oppose tax increases, and I don't feel it's proper to have smokers pay for mental health care that isn't necessarily their health problem.	Yes	Imprisonment and recompense should be for crimes of violence and actual victims, not for simply having a mental problem or an addiction to a substance without any harm coming to others or damage to others' property.
22	Justin Everett	Republican										
22	Mary Parker	Independent	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
	Chris Hadsall	Republican										
	Chris Kennedy	Democrat	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
	Jessie Danielson	Democrat										
	Joseph DeMott	Republican										
	Tim Leonard	Republican										
	Tammy Story	Democrat										
26	Michael Cacioppo	Republican										

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		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. 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. 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.
	Doug Miracle	Independent										
	Wade Norris	Democrat	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
	Lang Sias	Republican										
	Matthew Hess	Libertarian										
	Nancy Pallozzi	Republican										
	Brittany Pettersen	Democrat	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
	Susan Kochevar Tracy Kraft-Tharp	Republican 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	l 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.

30 JoAnn Windholz	Republican	No	Mental health care may only require minimal intervention that can even save a person's life. Money well spent.	Yes	Many times one's mental health is the basis for a physical ailment and by treating both the person's overall health is greatly improved.	Yes	People need to have access to mental health providers they are comfortable with. If not, they won't get the help they need.	No	I realize that funding is needed. I believe that the funds can be found by cutting unused and/or top heavy programs in the healthcare system before we increase taxes - this will be one of the items I will be focusing on next session.	VAC	Yes, if the money must be found within the justice system and the healthcare programs.
31 Joe Salazar	Democrat										
31 Jessica Sandgren	Republican										
32 Adrienne Benavidez	Democrat	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
32 Alexander Jacobsen	Republican										
32 Steven Zorn	Democrat	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
33 Matt Gray	Democrat										
33 Karen Nelson	Republican										
33 Kim Tavendale	Libertarian	Yes		Yes		Yes		No	I do not support increasing taxes. Often it is the poorer people who end up paying more of these taxes. The average smoker in Colorado has less than a college degree, is under 40, and is likely to be either Native American or African American. Raising taxes on tobacco will affect these groups most of all.	Yes	Colorado spends on average just over \$30,000 per prisoner per year. Many of these inmates are suffering from mental health issues or addiction. It costs a lot less to treat people for addiction than it does to put them through the criminal justice system and keep them in jail. By treating addiction and drug use as a health issue instead of a criminal one, we can reduce the number of inmates, reduce the costs of incarceration, and free up funds for mental health care.
34 Jenice Dove	Green Party										
34 Dustin Johnson	Republican	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
34 Steve Lebsock	Democrat										
35 Emily Voss	Republican	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
35 Faith Winter	Democrat										
36 Gail Bell	Unaffiliated										
36 Richard Bowman	Republican										
36 Mike Weissman	Democrat										
37 Carol Barrett	Democrat	Yes	You never know when a problem comes about when there is a need for coverage.	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	We need more access to facilities and health care specialist to treat substance abuse and alcohol and drug abuse.
37 Cole Wist	Republican	Yes		Yes		Yes		No		Yes	
38 Susan Beckman	Republican										
38 Robert Bowen	Democrat	Yes	Mental Health is part of health care and not an option. We need to make sure treatment is	Yes	Absolutely	Yes	It does no good to cover mental health if treatment is not readilly available, not weeks later or at a great distance.	Yes	lt is a start.	Yes	A high percentage of prisoners have a mental illness or and addiction often caused by mental illness. Treatment is the appropriate remedy, not incarceration. We need to require private
			available and not rationed.								prisons to step up until we get rid of them.

39	Richard Opler	Democrat	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
40	Janet Buckner	Democrat								
	Spencer Wellman	Republican								
	Linda Garrison	Republican								
41	Jovan Melton	Democrat								
	Alex Portelli	Unaffiliated								
42	Mike Donald	Republican								
42	Dominique Jackson	Democrat								
	Kevin Van Winkle	Republican								
	Scott Wagner	Democrat	Yes	Yes, no less essential than physical health care	Yes		Yes		Yes	Colorado is dea capita, in fundir with the fewest Those with long residential care especially probl
44	Tim Hicks	Democrat	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
44	Kim Ransom	Republican								
45	Patrick Neville	Republican								
45	Shantell Schweikart	Democrat	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
46	Daneya Esgar	Democrat								
47	Jason Munoz	Democrat								
47	Clarice Navarro	Republican								
48	Steve Humphrey	Republican								
	Annie King	Democrat	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
	Perry L Buck	Republican								
49	Adrian "Buzz" Sweeney	Democrat	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
50	Roy Dakroub	Libertarian	No	The government does not need to force a company into covering mental health for them to offer it. Mental health coverage would still be available without these regulations.	No	A private business has the right to treat its products however it likes, and you have the right to choose who you do business with.	No	Don't like the network, use another insurer.	No	Absolutely not. mental health is burden of anotl if they are a sm
50	John Alan Honeycutt	Republican								

	Yes		Yes	This is a money problem, which thanks to TABOR and the after-effects of the Great Recession, means that the Assembly's hands are largely tied. If elected, I will do what I can.
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	Yes	Colorado is dead last, per capita, in funding mental health with the fewest number of beds. Those with longer term care or residential care needs is especially problematic.	Yes	Especially for our youth! Criminal justice does not serve mental health well in Colorado!
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	Yes		Yes	We need to sequester funds from the hospital provider fees to provide expansion of mental health treatment and raise the pay for health care providers so that they are encouraged to work in public treatment centers.
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the network, use another insurer.	No	Absolutely not. One person's mental health issues are not the burden of another person. Even if they are a smoker.	No	Stop criminalizing the mentally ill and throwing people in jail for victim-less crimes. Problem solved.
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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 Shadduck-McNally	Democrat	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
52 Joann Ginal	Democrat										
52 Donna Walter	Republican										
53 Jeni Arndt	Democrat	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	But, in doing so, I think it's important to not create a black market for tobacco. We have to be careful about that.	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	People with schizophrenia use tobacco at a higher rate. It is thought that nicotine has some favorable effects.	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.	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	Ye	S	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	Ye	s	Yes		Yes		Yes	
	Bob Mattive	Republican									
62	Donald E Valdez	Democrat	Yes	Ye	s	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.	Mental, physically, dental, and vision should all be treated as medical issues and one insurance should take care of it.	Yes		Yes		Ves	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.

63	Joe Johnson	Libertarian	Yes	While I believe that mental health is in fact an essential part of health care, I am opposed to forcing businesses to provide services. Only a free market with customers choosing providers that meet there needs can provide the best services and best pricing.	Yes	this is a very tentative "yes." A "maybe" option should have been provided here. Again, I am opposed to forced health coverage because it raises prices, and makes healthcare unattainable to most (government intervention in healthcare since 1943 has brought the US to the point where it is today, and more meddling will not suddenly make things better). HOWEVER, I believe that there should be equal protection under the law, so as long as we have stupid and destructive laws, those laws should be applied equally.	No	Again, government should not be involved in healthcare. Customers should be free to buy health insurance in the same way that they buy an apple or a tee-shirt, or a new pair of shoes. No one would agree that a shoe store should be required to carry all brands of shoes, health care is more important than shoes, and so we should have healthcare that is at least as good as footwear in this nation.	No	taxing the poor is a horrible way to fund healthcare. The poor smoke disproportionately to other classes of people. Smoking is a personal choice, and it is abhorrent that such a suggestion would be made. Smoking does not cause mental illness, how could such a tax be justified?	Yes	Here again, there should be a "maybe" button. I need more information on this issue. It sounds logical to me, and I agree that our criminal justice system is filled with the mentally ill, but this two sentence question does not provide enough information.
64	Kathleen Conway	Democrat	Yes	Mental health is an obvious portion of overall good health.	Yes	Mental health is part of the human body.	Yes	The shortage of mental health facilities and treatment in the U.S. is shameful.	Yes	A tax that makes tobacco less attractive and provides for a positive service to people is a win win.	Yes	The privatization of prisons has also made this situation worse. Warehousing humans with mental health and substance abuse problems is just plain inhumane.
64	Kimmi Lewis	Republican										
65	Jon Becker	Republican										
65	Anthony Engelhaupt	Democrat	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	l have never smoked.	Yes	If we don't do something about this problem, it just gets worse. I would assume that it would be less costly to treat them than jail them.

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4	Christina Riegel	Democrat	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	But also need to diversify the funding portfolio. Maybe look at marijuana tax revenue for example	Yes	
4	Jim Smallwood	Republican									
8	Randy Baumgardner	Republican									

8	Emily Tracy	Democrat	Yes	Coordinated health care that addresses both physical and mental health needs is much more successful.		People should be able to access quality mental health care as needed, just as they do physical health care.	۷۵۵		Yes		Yes	Mental health and substance abuse treatment needs are substantial for jail and prison inmates. Treatment should be available, not only to assist inmates in improving their lives, but also to provide a safer working environment for jail and prison staff, and to make it more likely that inmates can succeed once they are released.
10	Mark Anthony Barrionuevo	Democrat	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		No	The state should expand access to treatment within the criminal justice system. If someone begins using and abusing illegal substances or commits crimes on legal substances then there are consequences for violating the law. However, criminal justice in Colorado has become more of an incapacitating instrument rather than a rehabilitative one. I would support measures to improve rehabilitation in prisons and jails so that recidivism rates reduce. One way to improve rehabilitation is to expand access to mental health treatment for those who are incarcerated.
10	Owen Hill	Republican										
12	Bob Gardner	Republican	Yes	As a House member, I was responsible for legislation to make this the law.	Yes		Yes		No	l support greater funding for mental health care, but am skeptical about further taxation.		The state should expand access to treatment in the hope that we can treat people before they offend or have alternatives when they do offend.
12	Manuel Quintel	Libertarian										
14	Hans Hochheimer	Republican										
	John Kefalas	Democrat	Yes	I support coordinated and integrated health care delivery systems.	Yes	I helped pass this legisation into law.	Yes	There is a great need to deploy behavioral health providers in underserved areas, especially in rural communities. I supported this legislation.	Yes	Unfortunately this is a regressive tax that will disproportionately impact low- income individuals. However, one intent is to disincentivize smoking and provide more resources for public health, mental health and smoking cessation programs; this is good. As more people stop smoking, there will be less tax revenue so there is a need to develop sustainable revenue sources.	Yes	It is illogical and expensive to address behavioral health issues in jails; yes to community-based behavioral health services.
17	Matt Jones	Democrat										

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										
	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										
	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	
	Tom Sullivan	Democrat	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
	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	l 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	l believe it's good practice but does not need to be a law.	NO	l 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.	INO	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										
	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.