

## CONCLUDING COMMENTS

Our vision is ambitious. From the beginning, we knew that it would take committed, passionate individuals to tackle this issue and find solutions. It will take even greater dedication to move this report and our recommendations beyond the words found on these pages.

We are confident that the recommended implementation team will bring these words to life, that our communities will mobilize in united action, and that our governments will do the right thing for people depending on them. We believe that all of the stakeholders will work together for the noblest of reasons. We have hope that Alberta's children and youth will have a meth-free future that is positive and full of opportunity.

Ultimately, we recognize that the outcome of this report and responsibility for implementing these important recommendations lie with each and every Albertan, because we all play a role in preventing the use and abuse of crystal meth and other drugs in our communities.

We encourage people to talk with their children about drugs and making choices, volunteer in their community, give their time and resources to less fortunate children and youth. Make certain that friends and loved ones understand the dangers of meth and drug use employers take a lead in educating their employees on the hazards of crystal meth and know where to turn for addictions support.

We all have a choice. We can and must choose to work together to actively prevent further abuse of crystal meth and other drugs in our province.

## Premier's Task Force on Crystal Meth Terms of Reference

### TASK FORCE PURPOSE

The purpose of the Crystal Methamphetamine Task Force is to provide recommendations for a province-wide holistic strategy addressing crystal and other forms of methamphetamine abuse and issues. Building on the work done by AADAC and other government departments, the Task Force will coordinate, review, advise and champion the development and implementation of a government and community based strategy to stop the supply and lessen the demand for crystal and other forms of methamphetamines.

The Task Force will pursue the following objectives:

1. Decrease capacity for the production and trafficking of crystal and other forms of methamphetamines through the use of greater deterrents.
2. Reduce demand of the drug by increasing awareness and education of its dangers and through a decreased availability and supply.
3. Improve capacity to treat and heal Albertans that use the drugs and support families and communities affected by the drug.

### TASK FORCE VISION

An Alberta committed to eliminating the growing problems of crystal and other forms of methamphetamine abuse through prevention, awareness, treatment and healing.

### TASK FORCE MISSION

Building on the strengths and capacity of our province, communities, families, and existing prevention, enforcement, treatment and healing resources, the Task Force will engage new stakeholders in mobilizing an Alberta strategy to address the supply and demand issues associated with crystal and other forms of methamphetamines.

The task force, utilizing input from communities and Albertans, will oversee a province-wide, holistic strategy to address the supply and demand dimensions of crystal and other forms of methamphetamines. The task force will provide leadership to ensure coordination, cooperation and maximum participation across governments, communities and all stakeholders.

The task force will engage and work with clusters of interested stakeholders in key areas including: youth and families, law enforcement and the judiciary, environmental protection, industry and business, Aboriginal people and communities, treatment and healing professions, and elected officials. The task force and its clusters will serve as provincial champions, acting as the visionaries and leaders in finding solutions to stop the abuse and negative impacts of these drugs on Alberta communities, families, young people, industry, workplaces, and our future.

## TASK FORCE SCOPE

The Crystal Meth Task Force will research, consult and review the issues surrounding crystal meth and other forms of methamphetamines. The Task Force will review and consider information and ideas and deliver recommendations in the following areas:

- Production, including the precursors of production, drug labs, drug trafficking
- Law enforcement issues, including legislation, enforcement, justice and sentencing
- Environmental issues, including the protocols and guidelines for the clean-up and disposal of production labs
- Endangerment of children, including both children addicted to the drugs and indirectly impacted by the drugs through use by family and friends
- Fetal exposure, including the possible ramifications
- Impact of addiction on individuals, families, communities, business and industry, and the province and society as a whole
- Research and information, focusing on dissemination
- Building educational capacity, (through the education system, social marketing, peer education and other forms of education) to foster greater awareness of the drugs and their dangers
- Prevention of the spread and interest in the drugs with a focus on current and best methods
- Treatment and healing those addicted and affected by the drugs
- Coordination of initiatives and activities to date by various government departments, the Cross-Ministry Working Group on Methamphetamine, and AADAC
- Impact on the community and the resources required to mobilize and build community capacity
- Implementation of new legislation and regulations

## MEMBERSHIP

Dr. Colleen Klein and Dr. Bob Westbury will serve as the co-chairs of the Task Force. The Membership consists of representation from key stakeholders and groups interested in and affected by the production and abuse of crystal and other forms of methamphetamines. The Members of the Task Force are as follows:

Robert Day,  
Senior Vice President,  
TransCanada Corporation

Don Falk,  
Superintendent,  
Red Deer Public Schools

Murray Finnerty,  
CEO, AADAC

Mary Anne Jablonski,  
MLA, Red Deer-North

Dan MacLennan,  
President, Alberta Union of  
Provincial Employees

Diana McQueen,  
Mayor, Drayton Valley

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Dean of Pharmacy,  
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Drug Awareness Service,  
'K' Division

Carol Secondiak,  
Chair, Palliser Health Region

Bronwyn Shoush,  
Director, Aboriginal Justice  
Initiative, Solicitor General and  
Public Security

Silvia Vijushi,  
Executive Director, AADAC

The Task Force will act as a catalyst and conduit and will work with clusters of stakeholders from key stakeholder groups and interests. The clusters and their Task Force leaders are as follows:

Cluster Group	Task Force Leaders
Youth	Mary Anne Jablonski, Bronwyn Shoush, Don Falk, Diana McQueen, Colleen Klein, Silvia Vajushi
First Nations/Aboriginal	Bronwyn Shoush, Colleen Klein, Diana McQueen
Law Enforcement	Ian Sanderson, Mary Anne Jablonski, Bronwyn Shoush
Industry	Robert Day, Dan MacLennan, Ian Sanderson, Diana McQueen
Community	Diana McQueen, Don Falk, Dr. Franco Pasutto
Healing	Carol Secondiak, Murray Finnerty, Dr. Franco Pasutto

Leaders of each cluster serve on the task force and will lead interactive focus sessions with cluster representatives, feeding ideas, collaboration initiatives and recommendations into the task force.

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## Where to go for help

Phone AADAC (Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission)

24 hour help line

toll free within Alberta at

**1-866-332-2322**

Visit AADAC's website at

**[www.aadac.com](http://www.aadac.com)**

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Premier's Task Force on Crystal Meth  
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