

2025 ESP Wellness Commission Members

Position	Commission Member	Related Information	Term (3 years)
Person who serves or served on a peer support team appointed by the Department of Mental Health	Mark McDonough*	Burlington Fire Battalion Chief *Commission Vice Chair	2/28/2027
Commissioner of Health or designee	Stephanie Busch*	Injury Prevention Manager *Commission Chair	N/A
Representative, appointed by the Vermont Criminal Justice Council	Karim Chapman		2/28/2026
Commissioner of Public Safety or designee	Mourning Fox	Director of Mental Health Programs Department of Public Safety	N/A
Commissioner of the Department of Corrections or designee	Cindy Lack	Peer Support	N/A
Commissioner of Mental Health or designee	Kristen Briggs	Director of Mental Health Services	N/A
Commissioner of Human Resources or designee	Clarke Collins	Deputy Director of Benefits and Wellness	N/A
Law enforcement officer who is not a chief or sheriff, appointed by the President of the Vermont Police Association	Emily Leinoff	Newport Police Department- Emergency Coms	2/28/2026
Representative appointed by the Vermont Association of Chiefs of Police	Loretta Stalnaker	Royalton Chief of Police	2/28/2026
Representative, appointed by the Vermont Sheriffs' Association	James Gulley	Bennington Sheriff	2/28/2027
Volunteer firefighter appointed by the Vermont State Firefighters' Association	Bill Elwell	VSFA Chaplain / Peer support	2/28/2026
Representative of the designated and specialized service agencies appointed by Vermont Care Partners	Knowles Wentworth		2/28/2026

Representative, appointed by the Vermont State Employees Association	Nathan Pickard		2/28/2027
Representative, appointed by the Vermont Troopers' Association	Seth Loomis	VSP Sgt	2/28/2026
Professional firefighter, appointed by the Professional Firefighters of Vermont	Vacant	Vacant	
Clinician associated with a peer support program who has experience in treating workplace trauma, appointed by the Department of Mental Health	Lori Gurney	Clinician	2/28/2026
Professional emergency medical technician or paramedic appointed by the Vermont State Ambulance Association	Emily Wilson	Rescue Inc Captain	2/28/2027
Volunteer emergency medical technician or paramedic appointed by the Vermont State Ambulance Association	Vicki Fielding	Grand Isle Rescue	2/28/2027
Chief of Training of the Vermont Fire Academy or designee	Michael Skaza	Chief of Training of the Vermont Fire Academy	N/A
Representative, appointed by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns	Trevor Whipple	Law Enforcement Consultant	2/28/2027
Chief, appointed by the Vermont Career Fire Chiefs Association	Vacant	Vacant	2/28/2025
Chief, appointed by the Vermont Fire Chiefs Association	Gene Perkins	Ryegate Fire Chief	2/28/2025
Representative appointed by the Vermont Association for Hospitals and Health Systems	Emma Harrigan	Vice President of Policy at VAHHS	2/28/2028
Executive Director of the Enhanced 911 Board or designee	Ashley Happy	Training & Communications Program Manager	N/A
Member of the National Ski Patrol appointed by consensus of N & S VT regional directors	Oliver "Ollie" Neith	Retired Ski Patrol	2/28/2028