

Washington State Hospital Safety Review Panel

Chair:

Richard Veith, M.D., Chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Washington School of Medicine. Dr. Veith is the Richard D. and Bernice E. Tuft Endowed Professor in the Neurosciences at the school.

Other members:

Barbara Bate is President of the Washington State Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, an organization formed in 1979 to focus on family advocacy for relatives with mental illnesses. “Thirty years ago, we didn’t know all we do now about mental illnesses, including that people can and do recover and live better lives,” says Bate. “Now we can reflect more on the current needs of everyone who has been touched by a mental illness experience and is looking for strength and hope. That’s almost all of us at one time or another.”

Christina Beusch is a deputy attorney general for Washington State with more than a decade of experience in the office. She left the state in 1994 to serve as an assistant attorney general in Maryland, and returned to Washington in 2002. She has served as counsel in a broad range of state services, including the corrections and social and health services.

John Chiles, M.D., is a University of Washington psychiatrist and the medical director of Western State Hospital, Dr. Chiles has been a professor of psychiatry at the UW School of Medicine since 1973. Earlier he was a professor at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, Texas.

Bret Farrar was appointed Lakewood Police Chief in February of 2008. A police officer for 20 years, Farrar has been with the Lakewood Police Department since its inception. He earlier served as Assistant Chief since September 2006. The Lakewood force’s jurisdiction includes the campus of Western State Hospital.

Scott Frakes has been the Superintendent of the Monroe Correctional Complex since 2008, and with the Department of Corrections since 1982. The 2,500-bed complex consists of five units that house maximum, close, medium, and minimum-custody adult male offenders. Among the units are the Washington State Reformatory and the Special Offenders Unit for inmates with mental illnesses.

Ozzie Knezovich has been Spokane County Sheriff since his appointment to the office in 2006. Prior to that, he spent a decade in the office, also serving as president of the deputies’ union. He focused his campaign for the appointment on the need for more openness and proposing department shifts to promote community policing.

Dan Satterberg, 49, was elected King County Prosecuting Attorney in November 2007 after serving as Chief of Staff for the Prosecutor’s Office for 17 years. Prior to 1990, he was a trial attorney in the Criminal Division of the office, with experience in the Special Assault Unit, Drug Unit and gang prosecution staff.