

# Governor's Task Force on Community Protection

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## Member Biographies

**Norm Maleng** has been the King County Prosecutor for ten years and has been in the forefront of policy development for statewide criminal justice issues. He is particularly concerned about victims and established one of the first Special Assault Units in a prosecutor's office. In his capacity as Task Force chair, Mr. Maleng has worked hard to ensure that the group's recommendations reflect concerns raised by citizens during the public hearings.

**Marlin Appelwick**, a Seattle attorney, is serving his fourth term as a Washington State Representative. As chair of the House Judiciary Committee, Representative Appelwick knows what it takes to propose legislation which accomplishes its intended goals and will be passed by the legislature.

**Ida Ballasiotes** is Chairperson of Friends of Diane and SAVUS (Stop All Violent Unnecessary Suffering) and the mother of Diane Ballasiotes, who was attacked and killed in 1988 by an offender on work release. Her painful experiences, her empathy, and her determination to learn how the system really works make her a powerful spokesperson for the community. Ms. Ballasiotes channeled her common sense and questioning mind to our scrutiny of the current system as well as our search for alternatives.

**Lucy Berliner**, a social worker at the Sexual Assault Center in Seattle's Harborview Medical Center, is one of the nation's foremost experts on victims of sexual assaults. Ms. Berliner has cared for children, adolescents, and adults recovering from sexual abuse for over 15 years. She was the chair of the committee which investigated the research on sex offenders and interpersonal violence.

**Rosemary Bippes** has received statewide recognition for her work as a Correctional Education Specialist at Spokane County's Juvenile Detention Center. Ms. Bippes has shared her practical knowledge and expertise with numerous statewide boards and commissions addressing juvenile issues.

**David Boerner**, Associate Professor at the University of Puget Sound School of Law, had the demanding job of chairing the committee which developed recommended law changes. The former Chief Criminal Deputy for the King County Prosecutor, Mr. Boerner is widely recognized as an expert in criminal law.

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**Mary Margaret Cornish**, the director of a two-county agency providing residential services to people with developmental disabilities, has many years of experience working with citizen groups. A former regional administrator with the state Developmental Disabilities Office, Ms. Cornish is an expert in treatment systems.

**Fran Dew** is a registered nurse with 25 years of experience in public policy and social service programs. She is the coordinator of two all-volunteer, 24-hour-a-day community programs at the Central Washington Comprehensive Mental Health in Yakima. Ms. Dew chaired the Task Force committee concentrating on community issues.

**Anne Ellington** is a King County Superior Court Judge and the chair of the Sentencing Guidelines Commission, an independent agency which recommends sentencing policy to the Legislature and Governor. Judge Ellington chaired the committee which produced detailed descriptions of today's systems.

**Larry Erickson** is the Sheriff of Spokane County and the President of the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs. Sheriff Erickson has been a law enforcement professional in Washington for 27 years and provided the Task Force with valuable insight into local law enforcement issues.

**Helen Harlow** is the mother of the young Tacoma boy who suffered a brutal assault earlier in 1989. Ms. Harlow's own experiences and her empathy with other people who have been victimized have helped the Task Force define its mission and goals.

**John Ladenburg**, Pierce County Prosecutor, has been a practicing attorney in Washington since 1974. A proponent of enhanced penalties for repeat offenders and improved victim services, Mr. Ladenburg has been active on many other boards and commissions, including the Sentencing Guidelines Commission.

**Roland Maiuro, Ph.D.**, directs the Harborview Anger Management Program at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle and is an Associate Professor at the University of Washington School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. Dr. Maiuro is a nationally recognized expert in program development, teaching, and research on anger and interpersonal violence and is Chief Editor of the journal, Violence and Victims. He has been a powerful voice for improved treatment for both offenders and victims.

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**Yvonne Huggins-McLean**, an attorney in private practice in Seattle, has extensive practical experience in civil and criminal law. Ms. Huggins-McLean provided insight into the complexities of the criminal justice system and helped write our review of the confidentiality statutes.

**Mike Patrick** has served for nine years as a Washington State Representative from Renton and is a former Seattle police officer. A master of the legislative process and an innovative thinker, Representative Patrick brought a strong voice to enhanced treatment services for juveniles.

**Kent Pullen** represented his home city of Kent in the Washington State Senate and was chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee. He was recently elected to the King County Council. As co-chair of the Legislative Ad Hoc Committee on Sex Offenders, Criminal Justice, and Public Policy, Senator Pullen helped achieve consensus regarding needed changes in state laws.

**Chase Riveland** is the Secretary of the Washington State Department of Corrections, the agency responsible for adult criminal offenders. Mr. Riveland has a national reputation for his skill and experience not only in corrections, but also with mental health and social welfare issues.

**Robert Scherz, M.D.** has been an eloquent spokesman for the rights of crime victims. Dr. Scherz's professional work as the Medical Director of the sexual assault program at Mary Bridge Childrens' Center is focused on the diagnosis and treatment of children who have been physically, psychologically or sexually abused. He researched and contributed to the Task Force's review of juvenile sex offenders.

**Robert Stalker** is an attorney with Evergreen Legal Services, the statewide agency that offers legal services to low-income persons. Mr. Stalker's areas of expertise include the rights of institutionalized persons and youth law.

**Melba Sunel** is a citizen member from Bellingham. As a longtime small business owner, Ms. Sunel brought to the Task Force the wisdom and sensitivity of one who responds daily to the issues of community protection.

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**Dick Thompson** is the Secretary of the Department of Social and Health Services, the agency that administers the state's mental health, developmental disabilities, and juvenile rehabilitation systems. An attorney and former Puyallup City Manager, Mr. Thompson has many years of practical experience working with communities to implement public policy.

**Trish Tobis** holds a Master's Degree in Nursing. A resident of King County, Ms. Tobis is a survivor of a brutal crime and President of Family and Friends of Missing Persons and Violent Crime Victims. She is a social activist on crime victims' issues and community protection.

**Paul Wert, Ph.D.** is a licensed clinical psychologist from Spokane in private practice who treats juvenile and adult offenders. Dr. Wert's practical experience and knowledge about treatment services proved invaluable to the Task Force.

**R. Lorraine Wojahn**, a State Senator from Pierce County, has served in the legislature for 21 years. Senator Wojahn has a long and outstanding record as an advocate for the children of this state and helped the lay members of the Task Force understand how the legislative process works and is best influenced.