

Safety Alliance forms subcommittee on aftercare

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The National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) announced today that the NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance has formed a special subcommittee focusing on aftercare of retired Thoroughbreds. The goal of the NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance Subcommittee on Aftercare is to work towards a national solution to issues surrounding retired Thoroughbred racehorses, including enhancement of aftercare funding and improvement of compliance and best-practice standards for racetracks and other industry participants.

"Our aim is to bring together the many outstanding leaders who do so much on behalf of our retired equine athletes," said Mike Ziegler, Executive Director of the NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance. "Through cohesiveness and cooperation among all parties, we think we can create a model that can make it easier for racetracks, owners and others to provide retired Thoroughbreds with a happy and productive life after their racetrack days are over."

Members of the NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance Subcommittee on Aftercare include:

- [Madeline Auerbach](#), CARMA
- Anna Ford, New Vocations
- Liz Harris, [Churchill Downs](#), Inc.
- Lucinda Mandella, CARMA
- Diana Pikulski, Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation
- Mike Ziegler, NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance

The NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance initially focuses on human and equine safety, but will be expanded to cover additional areas, including [wagering](#) security. Information on the Alliance, including the Alliance Code of Standards, can be found at www.NTRAalliance.com.

The Honorable Tommy G. Thompson, former four-term Governor of Wisconsin and U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, serves as independent counsel of the Alliance.