

Minutes
**Task Force Concerning the Treatment of Persons with Mental
Health Disorders in the Criminal Justice System**
Thursday, December 21, 2017
Legislative Services Building
200 East 14th Avenue, Denver, CO
80203, Room LSB-B
10 a.m.-12:30 pm

Call to Order, called to order at 10:07am

- Susan Walton, Park County Department of Human Services

Introductions and Welcome

- Susan Walton, Park County Department of Human Services

Approve minutes from November 16, 2017 meeting

- Susan Walton, Park County Department of Human Services

We do not have quorum, so we will approved these minutes next month.

Membership Updates

- Susan Walton, Park County Department of Human Services
- Update on vote and letter to oversight committee

- We have not heard from the Oversight committee on who they are appointing to fill the vacancy. The Task Force voted overwhelmingly for Hassan Latif. The oversight committee can appoint whomever they choose so we will need to wait for their appointment in order to install a new member.

Legislative Updates:

- Review and discussion of bills Oversight committee is introducing
 - Bill A - Competency to Proceed Juvenile Justice System
 - Has the CDAC council voted on approval for this?
 - From Tariq - Not sure if they have an official position on it now, but they are “not fighting it” at this point.
 - We can begin to consider who can testify on this bill (Task Force members, outside experts?)
 - Who is currently chairing the competency Sub-committee now?
 - Sheri Danz said she is not clear who the new chair of the subcommittee is with Bill Martinez’ departure from the task force
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Stacy will send an email to the task force to see who wants to be on this subcommittee.
 - Send a reminder to group to calendar it for the 19th for the subcommittee meeting, the subcommittee is looking for leadership and membership and needs to regroup.

- Bill B- Fund Transitioning from Criminal Juvenile Justice System
 - Gina: We are needing assistance in dialogue with the oversight committee.
 - This bill removes the sunset so the fund can continue to go to helping with housing for our impacted population.
 - **Susie will contact the chair and vice-chair of the oversight committee to request a meeting with the housing subcommittee.**
 - Vanessa's replacement Anne Wallace will take over in January.
- Bill D - Inmate Treatment Incentive Plans
 - Ask Task Force members to read it and develop an opinion to see if the Task Force should provide support/testimony for the bill
- Discussion of bills not introduced by oversight committee
 - Bill C - Rental application Disclose Selection Criteria
 - The oversight committee voted to support this bill, but the legislative council decided it was outside the purview of the oversight committee and the Task Force, and therefore it must be introduced by individual legislators (and count against their 5 bill limit).
 - Bill 2- Definition of Facility (not recommended)
 - Are some of these issues that we should be studying and making suggestions on issues in hearings?
 - Bill 3 - Restoration of Competency Services in Jail (not recommended)
- **Could we have Dr. Fox come back to talk about these potential budget solutions to help with the competency issues, for the January meeting. If he could do a little more in-depth (explain why the need is there, and how it will impact the communities within the purview of the task force and what are the asks of the task force with regard to these bills((do they want input from us?)). Susie would invite Dr. Richard Martinez to possibly participate in that conversation as well.**
- Involuntary meds has been studied to some degree in the past and could be a support.
- If not Doctor Fox, could Denver Health come explain why the legislation is needed. Both would be helpful.
- New Item:
 - Ideas from Moe Keller about reorganizing Task Force?
 - We know what works, we have all the pilots and studies we need. None are continued once the funding runs out.
 - We may just need to create those programs that we know works on a state-wide basis

- Develop ‘What would it take to come up with the package of the programs we know works?’ and it should be replicated in all judicial districts.
- There would be value in spending a concentrated amount of time to map out what an ideal system would look like to develop legislation from that.
- Next Steps: **Put this item on the agenda.** If the task force wants to move in this direction we should have a retreat or LEAN effort/event? Potentially use the intercept model and mapping
- Ask Camille about a potential LEAN event and reaching out the Lt. Governor about how to possibly do that.
- Another idea would be to pull Equitas into this.
- Is there data on outcomes on where people on mental health holds end up?
- Frank Cornelia: CBHC - perhaps you should expand this conversation to co-occurring and SUD treatment.
 - CCJJ - post arrest, pre-file diversion programs
 - Frank can share these proposals with the Task Force

Announcements

Next Task Force Meeting: January 18, 2018

Meeting adjourned at 11:47am