

**Minutes**  
**Task Force Concerning the Treatment of Persons with Mental Health Disorders in the Criminal Justice System**  
**Thursday, October 19, 2017**  
**Legislative Services Building**  
**200 East 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Denver, CO**  
**80203, Room LSB-B**  
**10 a.m.-12:30 pm**

Call to Order

- Camille Harding, Division Director, Community Behavioral Health

Introductions and Welcome

- Camille Harding, Division Director, Community Behavioral Health
- Susan Walton, Park Department of Human Services

Approve minutes

- Susan Walton, Park County Department of Human Services
- Approved

Presentation on housing and re-entry

- The Vera Institute of Justice (Vera) Initiative

Overview of Proposed Bill Drafts

**Bill 1**

Will be voted on by email (with suggested amendments)

**Bill 2 -For-0, Abstaining-6, Opposed-10**

For:

Abstain: KJ Moore, Denise Peacock, Tobin Wright, Susan White, Alison George, Camille Harding

Opposed: Gina Shimeall, Jennifer Longtin, Karen Knickerbocker, Tariq Sheikh, Susie Walton, Deirdre Parker, Sheri Danz, Lisa Thompson, Peggy Heil, Chris Johnson.

**Bill 3: Jail-based restoration services For-0, abstain-6, opposed-10**

**For:** none

**Abstain:** KJ Moore, Alison George, Denise Peacock, Susan White, Camille Harding, Tobin Wright (abstaining as state agency representatives)

**Opposed:** Gina Shimeall, Jennifer Longtin, Karen Knickerbocker, Tariq Sheikh, Susie Walton, Dierdre Parker, Sheri Danz, Lisa Thompson, Peggy Heil, Chris Johnson

**Bill 4: Funds transfer community corrections, transitional housing**

Already voted on this one.

Taskforce wanted to clarify that this bill does include individuals transitioning out of state mental health institutions

### **Bill 5: Rental applications**

Already voted on this one, but have amendments that are being sent through drafters. The following language was rough draft for a starting point:

-Page 4: add subsection c, as of 5 years from date of conviction

-Definitions: Criminal history only includes conviction, shall not include arrests that do not result in conviction nor successfully completed deferred judgements

-Definition of rental application fee: reasonable and covering cost only to administrative or evaluative process (page 4 line 11)

-Upon request of a potential tenant, a written notice for reason of denial shall be given within 5 days

### **Vote on collective AMENDMENTS: For-9, abstain-7, opposed-0**

**For:** Gina Shimeall, Jennifer Longtin, Karen Knickerbocker, Susie Walton, Deidre Parker, Sheri Danz, Lisa Thompson, Peggy Heil, Chris Johnson,

**Abstain:** Camille Harding, Denise Peacock, KJ Moore, Alison George, Tobin Wright, Tariq Sheikh, Susan White,

**Opposed:** None

### **Bill 6: Incentive plan for more mental health professionals** - For-0, abstain-7, opposed-9

Significant discussion on the origins of this bill and how the process is supposed to work. Who presents bills to whom? Does the oversight committee need feedback from the task force to proceed? Representative Singer offered to ask the Legislative Council for a clarifying ruling on the process to prevent these procedural questions/issues in the future. Many noted that their no votes on a few of the bills today were based on procedure and not necessarily opposing the concept of the bill.

**For:** none

**Abstain:** Camille Harding, Alison George, Susan White, Peggy Heil, KJ Moore, Denise Peacock, Tobin Wright

**Opposed:** Gina Shimeall, Jennifer Longtin, Karen Knickerbocker, Tariq Sheikh, Susie Walton, Deidre Parker, Sheri Danz, Lisa Thompson, Chris Johnson,

Membership Updates

Send nominations to Susie Walton, she can send out resumes and voting on

nominations can happen via email.

Announcements

Oversight Committee Bill Approval Meeting: November 1, 2017

Next Meeting: November 16, 2017