

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

Call to Order

- Bill Martinez, Colorado Department of Human Services

Introductions and Welcome

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Oversight Committee Voting and Process (10:30 am)

- Amanda King and Senator Martinez-Humenik:
There was some confusion on how the voting works for the oversight committee. The rules require the legislation proposals should be approved by the majority of the legislative committee members (not the majority of the quorum). Therefore, the following two bills will need to be carried by individual senators, instead of the committee.

-Sexual Offender Registry for juveniles

-renters equity application fee

Additionally Senator Singer requested that the committee provide a priority list because only 5 of the 6 can be put forward by the committee.

Finally, the taskforce requested that any bills that DHS wants in regard to the Taskforce' purview that is be brought to this group before it's presented to the oversight committee.

Future Agenda item to have discussion of inviting members, meeting members of oversight committee and providing packets for them. And making sure everyone has the understanding of the roles of this taskforce and the oversight committee and to clarify the process for bill introduction.

Overview of Proposed Bill Language

- Sex Offender Registration for Juveniles
The Oversight Committee is not planning to support an amendment bill on this topic. Taskforce members discussed if perhaps a subcommittee needed to be formed on this topic and Ashley Tunstall offered to chair such a committee if one needed to be formed. While the Oversight committee will not sponsor a bill any legislative member can still carry a bill.

- Housing

Discussion of bills to move forward:

- With an exception to a housing "ban the box" component the committee supported the creation of draft legislation. The committee was willing to draft legislation with regard to the following bills:
 - Bill 1: Re-enactment of last years 17-21, that is due to sunset,

appropriates dollars to support housing vouchers and housing development for our impacted populations. The recommendation is to have an addendum to include individuals coming out of state hospitals. The point person on this bill would be Senator Martinez-Humenik.

- Bill 2: Point person is Senator Fields regarding rental applications and multiple use of credit and record check for multiple applications, with a focus on fair notice and fair treatment with regard to application fees, costs and criteria used. Task force gave drafter suggested components for this bill.
- Juvenile Competency
 - HB 1025 was the starting place with the amended version based on what the DA's recommended. Jane in Drafting will look at Tariq and Bill's versions to determine which elements the subcommittee can recommend to the oversight committee.

Proposed Bills (11:30 am)

- Dr. Patrick Fox

Dr. Fox presented about 2 proposed bills. The first was with regard to administering medication over the objection of incarcerated individuals (involuntary medications) Jails cannot petition the court for this authorization currently and this bill would allow the jails to administer instead of needing to transport in order to have a facility that can petition for that authorization.

-The committee has requested that Dr. Fox provide the specific criteria, standards and guidelines for certification of a designated facility (for a jail)

-Who are the other stakeholders and opponents who have been in support/opposition

-Denver County (asked for the bill)

-Correct Care Solutions

-Have not heard any opposition, but have not engaged several potential stakeholders (including Doug Wilson, State Public Defender)

The second proposed bill was regarding where competency restoration takes place and how judges make that determination. Dr. Fox contended that the level of care for restoration should not be based on whether an individual can post bond, but rather the level of care that is needed by the individual. After discussion of whether community based restoration services are actually available, it was suggested that recommendations for care align with the bond criteria.

Legislative Updates

Announcements

Next Meeting: October 19, 2017