

Minutes
Task Force Concerning the Treatment of Persons with Mental Illness in the
Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems
Thursday, April 20, 2017
State Capitol, 200 East Colfax Ave
House Committee Room 109
10 a.m.-12:30 pm

Call to Order

- Susan Walton, Park County Department of Human Services

Introductions and Welcome

- Susan Walton, Park County Department of Human Services

Approval of Minutes

- February, 2017 and March, 2017

Second Chance Center, Inc. Presentation

Presentation by Hassan A. Latif from the Second Chance Center, Inc. located in Aurora

The Second Chancer Center, Inc. has a mission with purpose to help formerly incarcerated men and women transition to the community successfully. The Second Chance Center also aspires to reduce recidivism rates and break the continuing cycle of incarceration within families. The services provided are client-centered and address the individual and their families in regards to thinking changes, life changes, transportation, plan developments, emergency housing and substance abuse.

Review of MICJS Annual Retreat

The six items that the Task Force Concerning the Treatment of Persons with Mental Illness in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems are tasked with:

- (a) Housing
- (b) Medication Consistency
- (c) Best Practices for Suicide Prevention- In/Out of Criminal Justice setting
- (d) Treatment of Co-occurring Disorders
- (e) Staff Safety
- (f) Data Collection Reporting
- (g) Other

The final determination of priorities for the 2017-2018 Legislative Session is as follows:
Short Term Goals- Juvenile Sex Offender Registry, Review CRS at jail screening (JBBS money for expansion), Data Information Sharing to include the implementation of Medication Consistency, Competency/Restoration and Housing Applications.

Long Term Goals- School Administration to include: disabilities, Mental Health First Aid and prevention, Frequency of 72 hour admits, and Competency/Restoration

Strategic Planning for Legislative Season 2017-2018

Task Force requested letters of support to be sent in regards to: SB17-021, SB17-019 SB17-012 and the Department of Housing. Vote was given for all four letters and no objections were given. Letterhead will be created for MICJS.

Discussion regarding potential legislation for August in regards to the Juvenile Sex Offender Registry. Another item that will potentially be ready for August is the definition of Competency. Please review the short term goals listed under "Review of MICJS Annual Retreat."

Subcommittee Updates

Grant Proposal Letter of Support- BJAA Opioid Abuse Psych Based Program Grant. Discussion regarding co-occurring disorders and under the proposal there would be a yearlong planning process to develop a comprehensive planning model for San Luis Valley. Use MICJS as a potential resource for the planning process. This process will be for adults and the starting point will be for those being booked into the local jail. If there is any more information or questions regarding this grant proposal, please contact Peggy Heil (peggy.heil@state.co.us). The Task Force voted and was in favor of creating a support letter for this grant.

Housing subcommittee is exploring the possibility of starting a non-profit housing endeavor. Discussion ensued regarding what the capabilities of the housing subcommittee were if they were to create a pilot project. The decision is that the Task Force is an oversight agency and is able to plan for projects but is not the subcommittee's role to carry out the actual project.

Re-entry supportive housing services are specifically for DOC, DYC and jails. There was discussion regarding whether or not mental health institutes are included.

Amendment approved at this point for 16.3 million marijuana sales tax for DOLA and the Department of Housing.

Behavioral Health Transformation Council Update

The Council has been consolidated and now is one large group. The two sub-committees, Crisis Services and Workforce Development, will now be worked on during the large Council meeting. The Council now meets the second Monday of every month instead of every other month. The Council has membership of 26 but there is difficulty with attendance.

Legislative Update

Legislative Oversight Committee meets on Friday, April 21, 2017. Discussion regarding which representatives would be present to discuss their subcommittees.

There is a request for consensus for SB-021 in regards to amendments in population. The discussion is in regard to those housed within mental health institutes and not criminal justice settings.

Other Updates

Juveniles Right to Council- Symposium April 20, 2017. There is a videotape that will be placed on the website for anyone interested in viewing the Symposium.