

**Task Force Concerning the Treatment of Persons with Mental Illness in the
Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems
Thursday, February 16, 2017
State Capitol, 200 East Colfax Ave
House Committee Room 109
10 a.m.-12:30 pm**

I. Call to Order

- Camille Harding, Colorado Department of Human Services-Office of Behavioral Health

II. Introductions and Welcome

- Camille Harding, Colorado Department of Human Services-Office of Behavioral Health

III. Approval of Minutes

- January 2017 approved

IV. Mental Health Hold Task Force Bill Draft Review

Frank Cornelia presented the four recommendations from the Mental Health Hold Task Force- strengthen crisis response, end use of jails for those not charged with crime for emergency mental health holds, mental health first aid training for peace officers and incorporating mental health first aid into the POST academy.

Currently, as the Bill Draft reads, the end of jails for mental health hold use would be January 1, 2018. Areas to work on are pilot projects for secure transport to health care facilities, enhances mobile crisis services and CSU's acceptance of M1 holds. It is the intention of the Office of Behavioral Health to help with mobile crisis services.

A budget request through CDHS is being requested for enhancements to the crisis system into rural communities to develop and support CSU capability. This request is meant to be flexible and expended to the communities to target regions in the most need. Housing is also important to crisis services and to fill out the continuum of available resources. DOLA will assist in this area.

V. Housing White Paper Presentation

This discussion included permanent supportive housing and other housing options. The Task Force will need to approve this document so that dissemination can occur. Discussion regarding the RFP process and what does it look like for those wanting to provide housing and permanent supportive housing for those coming from jails, institutions and incarceration.

Alison George, from the Department of Housing, discussed three funding requests. They asked for a comeback and OSPB will do that on March 20 2017. A comeback requires the governor to state what his mind and prerogative is for the state of Colorado. Currently they are gathering support and information for the comeback if anyone has information to provide.

The MICJS Task Force Bill will be heard on March 15, 2017 at 1:30 pm. The Housing subcommittee will be meeting regarding talking points discussing the connection between housing and mental health treatment. Please send any feedback to this subcommittee by Monday, February 20, 2017.

VI. Housing Group Update

- Continuum of Permanent Supportive Housing

The Housing group will continue to get this developed to help frame what permanent supportive housing looks like with case management, referrals, and continuum of services.

VII. Competency/Restoration Group

The Competency Hearing last week and has moved on to appropriations. The subcommittee is asking for MICJS members to contact appropriations committee and ask for support. The next meeting for the subcommittee is the third Friday of every month.

Discussion then continued to discuss juvenile competency statistics are not kept in a meaningful way to attempt justification of cost savings. There are few agencies that maintain data for this topic.

VIII. Data and Information Sharing Subcommittee Update

- Peggy Heil, Colorado Division of Criminal Justice

Looking at current initiatives, like the Office of Information Technology and their ability to move data sharing. The subcommittee is looking at BJA grant sources. Are there ways to move forward and implement? Data and Information Sharing subcommittee is also working with governor's office of e-health innovation.

Medication Consistency was heard on Feb. 13, 2017 and Mo Keller testified. Passed and will go to appropriations as well. Requires rule changes on behalf of CDHS and requires a data and information sharing plan. The language said by July 1, 2017 which is not conceivable with those requirements. January 1, 2018 is the new implementation date after a data information sharing plan.

IX. Behavioral Health Transformation Council Update

- Camille Harding, Colorado Department of Human Services-Office of Behavioral Health
Cancelled in lieu of the Medication Consistency Meeting on Feb. 13

X. Other Updates

MICJS Annual Retreat March 16, 2017

Governor's office is proposing a Task Force around diversion and individuals with mental health issues.

Jen Longtin is representative for alternative for defense council
Open position for a practicing mental health therapist

HCPF and CDHS is working on data sharing agreement to better capture kids at risk for entering the system.

Construction continues with renaissance loft. 100 highest utilizers of the Denver jail system. September 2017 opening