

**Task Force Concerning the Treatment of Persons with Mental Illness in the
Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems**

Thursday, January 19, 2017

Legislative Services Building, 200 E 14th Ave

Committee Room B

10 a.m.-12:30 pm

I. Call to Order

II. Introductions and Welcome

III. Approval of Minutes

December 2016

IV. Mental Health Hold Task Force Recommendations

The Mental Health Hold Task Force was created to examine the issues of concern regarding mental health (M-1) holds in Colorado. Guest speaker Ryan Templeton, Office of Behavioral Health, described the final recommendations issued by the Mental Health Hold Task Force.

These are the final recommendations:

- End the Use of Law Enforcement Facilities for M-1 Holds
- Streamline Regulations and Establish a Stronger System of Accountability.
- Establish a Tiered System for Carrying Out M-1 Holds
- Ensure Network Adequacy
- Expand and Extend the Behavioral Health Workforce
- Create a Sustainable and Reliable Data Monitoring System
- Ensure Proper Payment for Treatment of Individuals on Mental Health Holds
- Identify and Pilot Client Transportation Solutions that Reduce the Costs, Stigma, and Trauma Associated with M-1 Transport

A general question and answer discussion occurred after the presentation to include law enforcement issues, emergency departments, and insufficient data regarding M-1 holds. For a full copy of the Colorado Mental Health Hold Task Force Final Report and Recommendations, please visit the CDHS website or this link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5VYtOtGTnaxZ1NCY1A1Rndjem8/view>

V. Housing Group Update

A general discussion regarding the continuing steps of the housing group was given to include a soon to be finished white paper. Please provide letters of support to the housing group in regards to the white paper.

The housing group currently has a doodle poll out regarding meeting dates and times if anyone is interested in joining the group.

Alison George from the Department of Housing discussed a Housing Toolkit which is currently helping partnerships between those that would not normally partner. This partnership will help to create service for particular housing needs.

A general question and answer discussion occurred to include service provisions, case management, permanent supportive housing, Housing Toolkit and C-SCHARP.

VI. Competency Group

The competency group will now meet on the third Friday of each month from 12-1 pm. Sheri Danz will no longer be able to co-chair and anyone interested should let Camille

Harding know.

VII. Data and Information Sharing Subcommittee Update

A discussion regarding a statewide system where justice agencies and prisons could get mental health needs in the community and information could provide a continuity of care while complying with consent in a secure way.

There was discussion regarding Justice and mental health collaboration opportunities which mostly funds programs the data group could try to fund a communication system that would provide continuity of care.

VIII. Behavioral Health Transformation Council (BHTC) Update

The Smart Act presentation was on January 9, 2017. A facilitator was hired to frame the scope of work for BHTC. The reporting structure for BHTC will need to be reviewed and corrected as the Governor's Behavioral Health Cabinet no longer exists.

IX. Membership Updates and Vacancies Discussion

- Fernando Martinez is stepping down, which creates an alternative defense council opening.
- Active mental health professional opening

XI. Legislative Update

Vanessa Conway is now staffing MICJS with occasional assistance from Amanda King. The following Senate Bills have been scheduled:

<http://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb17-019>

<http://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb17-012>

<http://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb17-021>

XII. Other Updates

There will be a retreat for MICJS on March 16, 2017 from 8:30 am until 2 pm to discuss current bills and action steps towards the next legislative session. Invitees should include chairs of other committees such as CCJJ and BHTC.

The Division of Housing (DOH) provided an update regarding new work collaboration between DOH, the Department of Corrections (DOC) and the Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) in regards to extension of C-SCHARP. This \$16 million dollar request would be for Permanent Supportive Housing and providing safe transition for those coming from the institute and needing wraparound services.