

**Minutes**  
**Task Force Concerning the Treatment of Persons with Mental  
Health Disorders in the Criminal Justice System**  
**Thursday, June 15, 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, Colorado Department of Human Services

Introductions and Welcome

- Camille Harding, Colorado Department of Human Services

Approval of Minutes

- April, 2017 and May, 2017- Next Meeting

MHDCJS Task Force Chair

- July Election

MHDCJS Member Packet

- Copies of member packet were given out, if there is a need of an update, please let Bethe Feltman know.

Next Steps for SB17-012 (Competency Restoration Services and Education) 10:00 am

- Presented by Dr. Patrick Fox, Colorado Department of Human Services

The Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) is implementing outpatient competency restoration. This requires that Colorado provides restoration services in the least restrictive setting. SB-012 seeks to remedy that CDHS will provide a uniform yet flexible curriculum that can provide individualization for restoration. There will be creation of the Competency Kit that will ensure the curriculum addresses those that are juveniles and have intellectual developmental disability. CDHS will contract with community for those on bond (in the community, competency restoration comprises a partnership of a community mental health provider with an overlay of competency education services).

Research and Curriculum for SB17-012

- Presented by Jagruti Shah, Colorado Department of Human Services

There are 30 states that have outpatient services for restoration. There are 16 states have operating programs. The Florida curriculum is the most widely used. Some models have a group model and others are 1:1 models. In rural areas, a restoration specialist would provide 1:1 services. Virginia uses

assessment based and has guidelines for each individual case of restoration. At this point, the funds will cover the creation of the curriculum and additional funds will be requested.

The Office of Behavioral Health's sole focus is in community outpatient restoration services. This is a very early stage of conceptualization and there is no funding mechanism available to move past the curriculum development at this point.

#### Next Steps for SB17-019 (Medication Mental Illness in Justice Systems)

- Presented by Camille Harding, Colorado Department of Human Services

The presenter recently attended an E-Health Commission meeting in regards to the the work that will be intended for SB19. There is an OBH workgroup for medication consistency to ensure that the existing formulary and the expanded formulary will work for the state of Colorado. There was additional discussion regarding the standard screening tool for jails and understanding how jails obtain medications and what is the process for release.

#### Oversight Committee Preparation and Agenda

- Vacancy discussion
- Draft agenda
- Summary points from Carl Blake in regards to the work for juvenile sex offenders.

#### Subcommittee Updates

- Housing  
There was discussion regarding Felon Checkbox on Housing Applications and a "Ban the Box" initiative. Regulations are stating that landlords cannot ask right away and must give a conditional offer first. Additional discussions regarding enforcement mechanisms to ensure landlords are doing the right thing and if they do deny, what factors are they looking at. Discussed the application fee, pay between \$30 and \$65 on average and does not include background and credit checks. What is an incentivization to landlords to not have so many large fees for tenant applications?
- Competency  
Continue to build on the objectives for this summer to primarily identify work with OBH to recoup the funding for restoration. Discuss juvenile competency and DA council support for juvenile definition. Kristi Thrash at the Mental Health Institute is going to participate in the subcommittee meetings. The subcommittee requests that there is OBH representation as well. Will meet 6/16/17 from 12 pm to 1 pm at 1575 Sherman Street, Denver CO in Room 9G.

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This subcommittee is working on item #17 from the Course Corrections documents and looking at suspensions and expulsions for those in Pre-K and Kindergarten. The subcommittee needs community members that would be best to identify an informal mapping process for prevention in this area. Currently, they are looking at the data to see what is happening and what is already being worked on. This subcommittee requested any information regarding networking and outreaching.

#### Behavioral Health Transformation Council Updates

Currently, the Behavioral Health Transformation Council is working on the Crisis System and workforce development issues. Thomas Hartman and Elise Lowe-Vaughn are discussing workforce and career pathways for behavioral health professionals and shortages. SB207 update: Crisis Services enhancement dollars for end of use of jails for M1 holds, template for capacity and partnering with law enforcement. Lead and co-responder models for RFP applications for communities to apply are currently being worked on and will be released soon.

#### Legislative Updates

Currently, there are two vacancies: Department of Corrections and Fernando Martinez. Vanessa Conway presented on vacancies. Legislative oversight committee fills the vacancies and will accept recommendations from the Task Force.

Senator Martinez-Humenik complimented the MHDCJS Task Force on the bills that were presented this past year.

#### Announcements

Division of Youth Corrections is now Division of Youth Services. There was a discussion regarding minor consent to the treatment statute and the age gap between 15 and 17. Request was given to look into whether or not MHDCJS would like to look into this and present.

Circle program has been temporarily closed due to staffing shortages. If you know any nurses or psych techs that are interested in working at CMHIP, please let them know of openings. The staff shortage is impacting patient care.

Equitas partnered with Jefferson County and Jefferson Center and did their first local conference to plan where the local behavioral health system should be headed. Planning was related to mental health and criminal justice.

Next Meeting: July 20, 2017