

**Task Force Concerning the Treatment of Persons with Mental Illness in the
Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems
Thursday, March 16, 2017
Volunteers of America
2660 Larimer Street
Annual Retreat
8:30 am – 2:30 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) Review the Required Areas of Legislation

Discussion began regarding the 5-0 votes for all bills that were presented from MICJS. There was then an explanation of fiscal notes and how they are added in appropriations. Discussion regarding Senator Martinez-Humenik and whether or not there was request to take all of the bills and parcel them into one package. **Clarification has been requested.** Frank Cornelia presented information regarding SB-207 which will be heard on March 22, 2017. The basic foundation of SB-207 is to end state jails as M-1 holds, strengthen the crisis system and law enforcement diversion, and promote early diversion from the criminal justice system to the behavioral health system.

IV) Sex Offender Management Board Presentation

- Lori Rose-Kepros (Director of Sexual Litigation) and Carl Blake from the Sex Offender Management Board.

Carl reviewed the rules regarding sex offender registry for juveniles. Discussed the different aspects regarding juvenile sex offender registry, such as law enforcement, courts, and public perception. These were the general recommendations given: Consider having treatment providers make recommendation at the end of sentencing, remove the level of direction on what to base recommendation upon and create an FAQ based on general recommendations and common questions. The next step is to summarize the research and create proper citations, draft an outline on position paper, review with committee and then draft the position paper out of the committee before July, 2017 for the August legislative season. A general discussion after the presentation ensued regarding suicide attempts and those required to register as a sex offender.

V) MICJS Tasks

- 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

VI) Behavioral Health Transformation Council

- Tasked with work within the Crisis System and workforce development. Those two subjects are closely related in regards to staffing for mobile responses and employing crisis workers. Crisis will have a lot of work regarding licensing and designation.

VII) Break Out Groups

- Discussion regarding high priority areas for MICJS. The fourteen main areas that were voted as important are:
 - (1) Frequency of 72 hour admits (CRS27-65)
 - (2) Imminent/Gravely Disabled
 - (3) Competency/Restoration- definition of incompetent – explore expanding the definition of adult incompetency to include ASPD. How to keep competency and not decompensate. Medication availability in jails (involuntary, medication availability, jail capacity to administer) look at juveniles and adults. Management plans
 - (4) Housing- Permanent options, removal of arrest/offense on rental applications. Vouchers acceptance.
 - (5) Notifications- guardian or POA can receive information from DOC regarding developmentally disabled persons in the system
 - (6) Data Information Sharing- data on those placed in jail for holds. Medication Consistency needs a plan for information sharing and implementation
 - (7) Juvenile Sex Offender Registry
 - (8) NGRI adj. on registry
 - (9) Incompetent to Proceed- registration- limit of time, P.I.T.P.
 - (10) Suicide Rate- oversight of behavioral health for jails
 - (11) Revise CRS at jail screening/ DOC.
 - (12) JBBS \$ for SUD expansion
 - (13) School Administration- disabilities, mental health first aid
 - (14) “Good Samaritan” - having other avenues than law enforcement when you are trying to help a loved one in a psychotic episode

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.