

Minutes
**Task Force Concerning the Treatment of Persons with Mental
Illness in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems**
Thursday, May 18, 2017
Legislative Services Building
200 East 14th 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 minutes will be approved at June's meeting

Review 2017 Current Task Force Legislation

Next Steps

Discussion tabled until next month

SB17-012 Competency Restoration Services

The Office of Behavioral Health is oversight for this bill to ensure that education is given. The only opposition for this bill was through the fiscal bill. The fiscal note is to develop the curriculum. The next step is to determine how to develop curriculum. Discussion regarding how this Bill will help and what steps the Task Force needs to do in regards to assisting the Office of Behavioral Health. Discussion regarding the changes to this Bill since the last reading included the changes in the fiscal portion.

SB17-019 Medication Mental Illness in Justice Systems

Very few amendments were created with this bill. The biggest amendment included overall cost for information sharing with OIT. The formulary remains consistent as presented and will be incorporated by December, 2017. The flexibility of the formulary will be reviewed every other year by the Office of Behavioral Health and other agencies.

SB17-021 Assistance to Mentally Ill Offenders

The bill was established for housing and wraparound services that would help with reducing recidivism. There is concern from the Joint Budget Committee regarding the monetary gain that came from reversion dollars. Startup costs in year one will only have reversion dollars and after that, the years will have to be determined without reversion dollars. This bill no longer has verbiage for mental health institutes. The Office of Behavioral Health and the Department

of Housing will be meeting to determine how housing vouchers will work and who will receive those vouchers.

Staffing

Ongoing funding and staff support for MICJS and authorizes state departments and/or agencies to staff MICJS.

SB17-236

This Task Force was renamed to Legislative Oversight Committee Concerning the Treatment of Person with Mental Health Disorders in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems” to help overcome the stigmatism regarding the term “mentally ill”.

SB17-207- Colorado Behavioral Health Crisis System

This bill was signed and approved on May 18, 2017. This includes transportation pilots and some existing work to be done by the regions in the Crisis Services in regards to staffing. There will be additional funding for LEAD programs and co-responder leads. There will also be additional funds for evaluation regarding the new crisis funds. An RFP will be drafted for crisis intervention training for mental health first aid. The 27-65 Committee will determine M-1 holds during transportation.

Review April Oversight Committee Meeting

- Next meeting scheduled June 26, 2017 at 10:00 am

Subcommittee Updates

Competency Subcommittee will meet May 19, 2017 from 12:30-1:00 pm at 1300 Broadway. This subcommittee has been waiting for the outcome of SB17-012, which has now passed, and will move forward with the process of helping the Office of Behavioral Health to develop the curriculum.

Prevention subcommittee will focus on prevention efforts that emerged as priority for the Legislative season. In reference to the Course Corrections document, recommendation 17 (eliminate damaging and disciplinary practices in schools statewide including suspensions/expulsions in pre-K and kindergarten) will be the current focus. There was discussion regarding early warning signs or indicators regarding the “school to prison pipeline” pathway. Overall discussion occurred during the Task Force regarding beginning steps for this sub-committee and how to best help children and their families as a whole. Due to the tight timeline for this legislative season, it does not appear that this subcommittee will be prepared until the next legislative season. The next meeting has not been determined yet but will be determined soon.

There was discussion regarding where the Juvenile Sex Offender work will reside. The Prevention Committee has discussed whether this work can occur

within Prevention. A meeting in July will occur regarding the white paper being drafted for the Juvenile Sex Offender work.

The Housing Subcommittee will now be co-chaired by Jennifer Longtin and Gina Shimeall. This subcommittee will be looking at removing the “felon” checkbox on housing applications. They will also be looking at the new housing legislation that was recently approved. This subcommittee will meet at 8:30 am on the third Thursday of every month.

A recommendation has been given that more legislative representation occurs during the legislative season so the Task Force will be better informed throughout the process.

Behavioral Health Transformation Council Updates

No new announcements.

Legislative Updates

The Legislative Oversight Committee has to refer any bills created during interim process no later than November 23, 2017. The last day the legislative oversight committee can request bill drafts is September 22, 2017. Bill drafts must be presented to the legislative oversight committee prior to September 22, 2017. The first meeting is June 26 and will also meet again October 30, 2017. The Office of Legislative Legal Services has three weeks to draft and the office must complete the fiscal notes prior to October 27, 2017. Another meeting for the Legislative Oversight Committee will be created closer to the September 22, 2017 deadline, but has not been set yet.

Announcements

Dr. Martinez will be meeting tomorrow and Friday in Pueblo for NGRI progression from commitment to release and violence risk scale. They will also cover Introductory to competency and competency progression. The audience is district attorney’s in hopes to provide information and training for those in the criminal justice system.

Next Meeting: June 15, 2017