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Task Force for the continuing Study of the Treatment of Persons with Mental Illness Who are Involved in the Criminal Justice System

October 18, 2012

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Legislative Services Building

Call to Order – 10:01a.m.

The Task Force for the Continuing Study of the Treatment of Persons with Mental Illness who are Involved in the Criminal Justice System meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Kathleen McGuire, Chair of the Task Force.

Introductions and Welcomes

Introductions were made around the room. Task Force members and guests introduced themselves.

Minutes Approval

Marleen Fish requested page two of the September 20th minutes to be corrected. Minutes as corrected moved to approve by Melinda Cox, seconded by Marc Condojani. Motion passed.

Summary of the Reviewed NGRI curriculum

Michele Manchester summarized NGRI presented curriculum and thanked all members of the Task Force for inviting the presenters, thanked the presenters and patients.

- Implications of NGRI in Colorado - Tamara Brady and Andrew Heher, Office of the Public Defender
- Insanity and Criminal Justice in Colorado- Richard Martinez, MD,
- What Happens Once a Plea of NGRI is Entered- Hal S. Wortzel, MD.
- Legal and Procedural Issues after CMHIP Finds Person Insane- Michelle Weaver, Deputy District Attorney, 1st Judicial District Dan May, District Attorney, 4th Judicial District
- Treatment of the NGRI at Colorado Mental Health Institute, Pueblo- Ken Locke, MD and Jon Eggert, Ed.D, Colorado Mental Health Institute, Pueblo
- Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity (NGRI) Education Curriculum- Patients' Perspective
- Conditional Release and Oversight by the Mental Health Centers- Bambi Creek, Forensic Community Based Services, CMHIP, Susan Drown, CMHIP, Jay Flynn, The Mental Health Center of Denver
- Treatment Issues Related to Persons with Mental Illness Who Are Incarcerated in DOC-Peggy Heil, LCSW and Jill Lampela, Psy.D., Colorado Department of Corrections

Michele Manchester asked if members think any additional presentations are needed. Kathy McGuire and Jeanne Smith commended everyone who helped to put this together for an outstanding job done. Melinda Cox thanked for meaningful presentations and commented that juveniles were a grey area in the presented curriculum.

MICJS Strategic Planning

Kathy McGuire reminded all that the next MICJS meeting is the planning meeting and is scheduled for November 29, 9 am-4 pm, USDOT, 12300 W. Dakota Ave, Lakewood. November 15, 2012 meeting is cancelled

Kathy McGuire is working on getting the new Task Force members appointed by November 29th meeting. Pat Coil, Division of Housing for the state filled the person with knowledge of benefits and housing vacancy. She thanked Louise Boris for the referral.

There are four positions through the judicial department. Kathy McGuire submitted Judge KJ Moore, 1st Judicial District and Brenidy Rice, Division of Planning and Analysis as her recommendations to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and is pending the formal appointments. Ms. Susan Colling who has been on the Task Force will be able to participate regularly starting January 2013. Kathy McGuire is seeking to fill a vacancy from a Probation Department and would like to receive recommendation from the Task Force.

Michele Manchester recommended appointing someone from a rural area. Fernando Martinez concurred. Kathy McGuire would like to appoint someone outside Metropolitan area and who is willing to travel and participate. Fernando Martinez will follow up. Bruce Langer added that there might be a scheduling conflict with chief probation officers meeting. Melinda Cox suggested a probation officer from Jeffco who has juvenile mental health and adult courts experience. Fernando Martinez added that they all probation officers specialize in high risk offenders now. Kathy McGuire would like to fill these vacancies by the end of next week.

Kathy McGuire is working on filling two law enforcement vacancies. She is reaching out to Undersheriff Spiess of Mesa County. Hoping she will be willing and able to participate. Jeanne Smith is helping to fill out the other vacancy.

The last vacancy that needs to be filled out is in the area of Department of Health Care Policy and Financing as Marceil Case has resigned. Kathy McGuire is working on it.

Kathy McGuire found a planning meeting facilitator. She is wondering if any of the state agencies would be able to help cover the cost. Jeanne Smith responded that the state agencies are assigned to several committees and are being asked for money. DCJ has been asked from several committees for support. It becomes difficult and there is no budget line for these committees support. Marc Condojani and Melinda Cox supported Jeanne Smith's comments. Marc Condojani asked if any foundation resources are available. There is a grant but we are behind to apply for it and the grant will not be allocated four days before our meeting. Representative Acre offered to facilitate the meeting. Kathy McGuire would like her to participate in the meeting.

Janet Drake added that Attorney General's Office doesn't have any funds for this, however she is a member of the Colorado Criminal Law Executive Council. This group was recently discussing doing CLEs on mental health issues. Janet Drake is willing to reach out to this group and see if the funding could be issued. Kathy McGuire asked if DCJ could provide Mental Health First Aid training in exchange of Criminal Law Executive Council's funding. Jeanne Smith will check. She asked if the group is interested in several hours seminars. Janet Drake responded that the group would prefer shorter lunch programming.

Michele Manchester asked what the structure of the planning meeting would be. Melinda Cox asked if there is any preparation needs to be done by the Task Force members. Kathy McGuire doesn't know yet as she will work with the meeting facilitator on that.

Updates from the Subcommittees:

Juvenile Justice

Kathy McGuire provided an update from Michael Ramirez that the subcommittee continues to discuss competency issue. Peggy Hicks made a presentation on juvenile competency. Next month they are continuing the same focus and meeting a community evaluator. Their next meeting is November 9th, 9-11 am, DCJ.

Medication, Health Care, and Public Benefits

Susie Walton stated the subcommittee hasn't met, however Mike Luis and Gina Shimeall are on the agenda of Mental Health Advisory Committee at of the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing. We hope to get those issues resolved. We will not meet until after the planning meeting.

Behavioral Health Transformation Council Update

The BHTC retreat revamped the organization of the working groups of the Council. Three working groups were formed: Health Care Reform & Integration; Continuity of Care and Service Gaps Strategic Workgroups. A BHTC Steering Committee has been formed. It consists of the BHTC Co-Chairs, the Co-Chairs of each Sub-Committee and the State Liaison's for each Sub-Committee. BHTC will be meeting every other month or quarterly. Jeanne Smith will send the retreat report to the Task Force members.

What is Happening in Your Agency?

Fernando Martinez gave an update on mental health to the group. The mental health is starting to shift its focus with primary health care. We are looking to combining mental health and substance abuse under comprehensive behavioral health package. Regional mental health collaboratives have evolved. Mr. Martinez is a part of a region four, that regionalizes the coordination of benefits for individuals under Medicaid. He is a part of a pilot project working on finding ways to reduce primary care costs that drive local costs; developing a system that will focus on primary care and behavioral health to ultimately drive the costs down. Colorado is a part of a national event. By 2016 the system as we know it will be changing, focusing on collaboration of whole care. Payment reform needs to occur in some fashion. It is a big challenge. Fernando Martinez commended Michele Manchester and Kathy McGuire for putting together the NGRI presentations. Deidre Parker commented she is happy about systemic change Mr. Martinez was discussing.

Melinda Cox reported that the Division of Child Welfare has recently published annual Core Services on the Preventative Services report, and she will provide the report at the strategic meeting.

Ashley Turnstad will inquire about the funding availability and will contact Kathy McGuire directly to discuss the logistics.

Dr. Kelemeyer gave an update on involuntary medications in the jails settings. There has been a progress in this direction. The meeting with several jails in the state took place and several jails are interested in putting together a process. Dr. Kelemeyer will be presenting this issue to Colorado Jails Association.

Marc Condojani gave an update on the DBH monthly activities. He highlighted screening brief intervention for older treatment program among the efforts on integrating primary health and behavioral health. There have been a number of studies on the cost benefits as well as our own experience. The PATH Grant DBH manages that provides funding for homeless to provide behavioral health services. The oversight body for the correctional treatment funds met this week and made a decision to put \$1.2 m for expanding behavioral health services in jails. More counties will have access to it. We will be working with Sheriff's Association and other stakeholders on determining the ways how to best distribute the funds. Marc Condojani will distribute the report submitted to CDPHE on SB-97 programs that show cost savings to the state.

Jeanne Smith added that the additional funds Marc Condojani was referring to will be going to community corrections for additional treatment vouchers for offenders in community corrections who are getting community treatment. Also, Ms. Smith gave an update on one of the state's lean project, collaboration between DOC and Community Corrections on risk assessments. Jeanne Smith also gave

update on the CCJJ recommendation on creating an opportunity in bail bonding system that will make it easier for communities who want to do pretrial bond system based on the risk assessment not just money bonds to be able to do that. We are looking for savings from other bills to fund this effort. In conclusion, she added that DCJ has finalized an evaluation of the youth offender system that was last done in 2004 and came up with very positive results. YOS made some tremendous advancement in the last years. Among the gaps noticed were female offenders. Michele Manchester asked what kind of standardized tools will be used for risk assessments. Jeanne Smith confirmed there were multiple tools.

11:00 p.m. – Adjourn

The Task Force for the Continuing Study of the Treatment of Persons with Mental Illness who are Involved in the Criminal Justice System was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.