

Minutes
**Task Force for the Continuing Study of the Treatment of Persons with
Mental Illness who are Involved in the Criminal Justice System**

Thursday, January 17, 2013

10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Hearing Room B

Legislative Services Building

Call to Order (Kathleen McGuire) 10:00 am

Introductions and Welcomes

October 18, 2012 minutes were approved.

Summary of Strategic Planning Session (Kathleen McGuire)

The task force met on November 29th and there are some changes which will occur as a result of our strategic planning.

The task force identified four fundamental purposes which drive the efforts of the task force:

1. To identify, prioritize and study specific issues related to persons with mental illness involved in the criminal justice system
2. To advise the legislature on a regular and as-needed basis;
3. To collaborate and communicate with other similar groups and stakeholders;
4. To develop a system of determining whether we are meeting our legislative charge.

As a result of our strategic planning, it is apparent that the subcommittees previously in place are no longer useful to pursuing our goals. The juvenile subcommittee will continue to address the issue of competency among juveniles as this is a work in progress; the medication and benefits subcommittee will no longer exist to identify and study issues but will be available to monitor the implementation of policies came through this subcommittee.

Rather than subcommittees, it is anticipated that work groups will be established to develop the training curricula for specific areas of study for the entire task force. Ultimately, this means that our monthly agenda will vary from month to month.

Finally, the members of the task force were divided into four smaller groups to develop specific objectives to meet the goals identified above. Those work groups will likely have continued involvement in order to assure the implementation of those objectives.

ACTION: No Action Needed, report only

1. Status of "Study" Work Group (Michele Manchester)

Five core areas of study: diagnosis, treatment, medication, housing, safety of staff.

The work group will study issues the following way:

- input and notify
- prioritize and select
- study
- present to the task force

2. Status of "Advising Legislature" Work Group (Kathleen McGuire)

Work group broke up into 3 major categories:

- Educate task force members on legislative process (training for the task force members)
- Networking with the legislature (educating legislature on who we are, etc.)
- Working with legislative council

3. Status of "Collaboration" Work Group (Jeanne Smith)

- Survey to determine what other efforts/groups the task force members are involved with
- Elevator talk development
- Need to join forces and not duplicate efforts

ACTION: Need to have a meeting to share what each work group is doing

4. Status of “Data Collection/Evaluation” Work Group (Camille Harding)

- Developed a template to measure outputs
 - o Tracking issues to inform the task force
 - o Evaluate our work
- Need input from all work groups (survey data will be used, members of the work group might attend the meetings of other work groups to gather data, etc.)
- Collecting data on a quarterly basis

Legislative Luncheon Preparation (Kathleen McGuire)

Will be held February 4th at the Capitol in the Old Supreme Court chambers. Members encouraged to attend. Kathy McGuire and Michele Manchester will make short presentation

ACTION: Complete your bios if you haven’t already
Complete Significant Accomplishments handout
Attend Luncheon if available.

Dissemination of Study Survey (Michele Manchester)

Thank you Gina Schimeall for putting it together. The survey will be emailed to MICJS members and regular attendees for them to respond on behalf of their constituents and responding on their behalf. Responses need to be received by March 1, 2013.

Training: Legislative Process, Composition of Legislature (Hillary Smith, Legislative Liaison to the Task Force)

“How a bill becomes Colorado law” training was presented to the task force members.

Status Legislative Bills Effecting MI/CJS (Terri Hurst-Greene)

There is a very busy session ahead of us. A number of bills:

1. HB13-1082 Concerning Juvenile Delinquency Records
1. HB13-1038 Concerning the Voting Rights of Individuals in the Custody of the Division of Youth Corrections with the Department of Human Services
2. HB13-1065 Federal Professionals Mental Health Authority
3. HB 13-1015 Disclose Mental Health Claims All-payer Database.
4. SB 13-014: Immunity For Admin Emergency Drugs To Overdose Victims.

ACTION: Terri Hurst – Green will send some information on JBC

What’s going on at your agency?

Task force members shared the updates from their agencies

Adjourned at 12.29 pm