

Minutes

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

Thursday, March 21, 2013

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

Hearing Room B

Legislative Services Building

Call to Order (Kathleen McGuire) 10:05 am

Introductions and Welcomes

January 17, 2013 minutes were approved.

Status of Study Group - Response to Survey (*Michele Manchester*)

- The results of the survey were presented. Nine task force members took the survey, representing their respective interest groups.
- A model used to study the issues of NGRI was proposed to be used by this study group, developing a group of stakeholders and working groups.
- Medication consistency and housing issues stand out.
- Underlining survey might be helpful.
- Asking for input from Legislative Oversight Committee was proposed.
- Looking at administrative segregation of people with mental illness was suggested.
- Healthcare reform as an opportunity to address some medication issues as well as through community mental health centers, their policies.
- Thank you Michele Manchester for putting this together and to those who responded.

ACTION: The study group will convene to review the results and priorities mapped out for feedback from the Task Force.

Presentation on Jail-Based Restoration Project (*Kenneth Cole, OBH*)

- Kenneth Cole described the concept of the project, its vision and what it entails. It is a program for inmates who may be stable on medication while they are restored to competency.
- The requirements of the San Bernardino County ROC program were discussed. The Colorado program may be housed in the Arapahoe County jail. Referrals will come from nine metro area counties. The unit is expected to have a maximum of 20 beds, female and male.
- The program in Colorado will start September 1, 2013.
- Jail based restoration to competency program and evaluation to stand trial in California was taken as a model for Colorado. Private provider, Liberty Healthcare providing 8-5, Mon-Friday services, is used. Restoration rate is 60% within 60 days. 40 % are then transferred to the state hospital.
- Kathy McGuire added that this project will free up civil beds; Arapahoe County offered to use its jail; and the counties chosen were chosen based on the number of admissions.
- Eligibility, population statistics and medication issue of population was discussed.
- Jail formulary versus state hospital was discussed.
- Did CA make any profiling of the 60 % this program was successful for? We asked for this info from Liberty Healthcare for this info. Is there an increase in 18-21 old population?
- Standards for jails working with mentally ill were discussed.
- Michelle Manchester commended Ken Cole for his dedication to the project.

ACTION: Report only.

Data research requested: 18-21 old population information

Status of Bills Affecting MICJS (*Terri Hurst-Greene, Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council*)

Terry Hurst – Green provided an overview of the bills affecting MICJS. She thanked Hillary Smith for assistance in getting the information. Handout distributed.

ACTION: Report only

Legislative Oversight Committee (*Kathleen McGuire*)

1. An Advisory Committee/Executive Committee of the Task Force was established. Members included Harriett Hall, Jeanne Smith, Bruce Langer and Michelle Manchester.
2. An update on Legislative Luncheon February 4, 2013 was provided. Thank you Harriett Hall's and Fernando Martinez's organizations for contributing to the luncheon.
3. Legislative oversight committee is meeting tomorrow, 1:00 -2:30 pm. Composition of the Legislative Oversight Committee was provided. The agenda for the meeting was discussed.

Marc Condojani gave a summary of the new initiatives and projects coming out of Division of Behavioral Health: jail based mental health services; crisis intervention response project and improved community capacity

ACTION: A need to look at the components and deciding what flexibility the localities will have re: improved community capacity.

What's going on at your agency?

Task force members shared the updates from their agencies

April meeting agenda items were announced.

Adjourned at 12.25 pm