

Thursday, February 20, 2014
10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Hearing Room B
Legislative Services Building

I. Call to Order

• *Susan Walton, Jefferson County Department of Human Services*

II. Introductions and Welcomes

• *Susan Walton, Jefferson County Department of Human Services*

III. Approval of Minutes

• *January 16, 2014*

Minutes approved as written

IV. Review of Proposed Legislation

• *Senate Bill 14-021 - Persons With Mental Illness Criminal Justice*

SB 14-021 will be heard February 27 at 1:30 in Health Insurance and Environment House committee. A major change to bill is that it no longer includes allocation for the task force, but it does include money for the Oversight Committee. Committee members are encouraged to attend the meeting or testify in support of the bill if their respective agencies allow.

V. Legislative Update - Terri Hurst, MSW, Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council

Ms. Hurst provided an update on bills that may be relevant to the charge of the committee and its members. Namely, those were HB 14-1023 (social workers for juveniles), HB 14-1032 (defense counsel for juvenile defenders), HB 14-1253 (civil commitment task force bill), and SB 14-064 (regarding solitary confinement).

In addition, Ms. Hurst notified the committee that the Governor's Office released information about the marijuana tax revenue and is estimating \$99 million for next fiscal year in revenue. While this still needs to be approved by the Joint Budget Committee, as well as the General Assembly, Ms. Hurst expressed her optimism that money will go toward drug use prevention programs and have a positive impact on juveniles.

VI. Affordable Care Act Update - Terri Hurst, MSW, Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council

Ms. Hurst updated the group on the increasing numbers enrolled to date in the Colorado Health Exchange.

Ms. Hurst noted that the group tasked with addressing issues at the intersection of the healthcare and criminal justice systems is meeting and continues to work on the gaps that exist. Issues pertaining to those gaps – specifically dealing with the language and the complexities of each system – were discussed.

Ms. Hurst said that there are many counties in Colorado that have robust numbers signed up for the healthcare exchange, but there are some less populated counties that have not reported data.

VII. Process for Prioritizing Topics of Study - Michele Manchester, MA, Colorado Mental Health Institute – Pueblo

Ms. Manchester updated the group with a summary of materials from the MICJS committee retreat in 2013. The committee agreed that three topics decided at the retreat (medication, housing, and staff safety) are topics that should be addressed by the task force this year. In addition, the task force may be charged with other topics of study, pending the outcome of SB 91. Data, suicide prevention, detailed staff safety, and administrative segregation are topics of interest to the Oversight Committee. Ms. Walton also said that the Oversight Committee did express an expectation that the MICJS task force look at critical issues as they arise. It was decided that critical/topical issues will be a standing agenda item for task force meetings.

Rebecca Spiess expressed a desire to organize law enforcement colleagues on the Western Slope to help find funding for CIT training. She will take this project on and will report out at a future meeting in the event that the MICJS task force can help with drafting legislation.

VIII. Follow-up Discussion - Information Sharing Presentation

The MICJS task force may be able to help with dissemination of the consent form presented by Meg Williams from the Division of Criminal Justice at the last meeting.

Next steps:

Ms. Smith will speak with Ms. Williams about how MICJS task force can help promote the use of the consent form.

Brenidy Rice will bring up the subject of Ms. Williams presenting the consent form to the planning committee for the April Best Court Practices Meeting.

IX. Discussion of Task Force Vacancies

Walt Pesterfield, Kerry Pruitt, and Dave Young should be able to attend the next MICJS meeting. Ms. Walton has asked Pat Broadhead and Susan Colling to help with the Probation vacancy. Harriet Hall was going to speak with David Mosher and Ms. Walton has put in a call to Pat Coyle.

X. What's Happening at Your Agency?

Task force members updated the group about their respective agencies.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:30 p.m.