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Task Force for the Continuing Examination of the Treatment of Persons with Mental Illness who are Involved in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems

Thursday, May 15, 2014
10:00 a.m. to 12:30 pm
Hearing Room B
Legislative Services Building

I. Call to Order

- *Susan Walton, Park County Department of Human Services*

II. Introductions and Welcome

- *Susan Walton, Park County Department of Human Services*

III. Approval of Minutes

- *April 17, 2014*

The minutes were approved as written.

IV. Update on Senate Bill 14-021

- *Susan Walton, Park County Department of Human Services*

SB 14-021 was approved and sent to the Governor with fiscal note to support legislative oversight members' attendance and another fund of money for reimbursement to members of the public. The new legislation also includes two new members. Ms. Walton requested that existing task force members forward suggestions for these two new positions to her. Administrative segregation was removed from the bill so as not to duplicate efforts of a new task force that has been created. The administrative segregation task force will meet publicly, and there was discussion about the extent to which the MICJS Task Force should be involved. Members of MICJS expressed their desire to support the new task force as much as is deemed necessary by the Department of Corrections.

Next step: Ms. Walton will draft a letter to Mr. Raemisch on behalf of the MICJS Task Force and give to Walt Pesterfield. The letter will affirm our group's support for this new task force and desire to be informed as to its business rather than be directly involved. Mr. Pesterfield will provide an update at the next MICJS meeting.

Ms. Walton will contact the Oversight Committee to encourage Pat Coyle and Patrick Teegarden to determine their interest in attending future meetings or appointing designees. In addition, task force members were asked to consider approaching members of rural communities for public representation. Harriet Hall has been trying to get in touch with David Mosher, but Ms. Walton had no update on the status of his attendance.

In addition, SP 14-021 contains housing as the first topic of interest to study. Ms. Walton feels this is an indication that the Oversight Committee would like to see this topic addressed soon and one way to address handling the topic would be with a subcommittee to make recommendations as to areas of further study or . to study the monies coming into Colorado from new or expanding federal and state initiatives. It was also suggested that DOLA's housing voucher system be a good program for the subcommittee to start with.

Ms. Walton expressed her thanks to Steve Allen, Jane Ritter, and Amanda King for their work on the bill.

Next steps:

- Members will recommend names or volunteer for the housing subcommittee and send to Ms. Walton.

- Nominations for the vacancy for a behavioral health professional are welcomed by Ms. Walton and she will forward them to the Oversight Committee. The Oversight Committee will not act on this until after July. Bios and nomination materials will be sent to the members of the MICJS, and one recommendation will be put forth by the task force.

- Chris Habgood and Ashley Tunstall will reach out to the Behavioral Health Transformation Council and report back about medication consistency.

V. Legislative Session Wrap-up

- *Ashley Tunstall, Department of Human Services – Division of Youth Corrections*

Ms. Tunstall presented the group with the Division of Youth Corrections' legislative tracking worksheet. Ms. Walton feels an additional comprehensive wrap-up from the next few months may be helpful for the MICJS Task Force.

Next step: When the Bill Digest is developed in July, Amanda will send the link to task force members.

VI. Affordable Care Act Update

- *Camille Harding, Department of Health Care Policy and Financing*

Ms. Harding announced that HCPF has just crossed the one million mark of those enrolled in Medicaid. A lot of payment reform models have been developed. She outlined "Regional Care Collaborative Organizations," groups that provide oversight of Medicaid populations in 7 regions, especially those who may need additional assistance or care coordination. HCPF is implementing performance improvement plans for care transitions for populations that are coming out of institutions, including corrections. Ms. Harding also told task force members that there is a project for people who have both Medicare and Medicaid beginning in August. Historically they are siloed systems that would benefit from a coordinated effort. Members are invited to attend the open meetings every fourth Wednesday of the month at CDPHE. They should contact Ms. Harding if interested.

Next step: Ms. Harding will send a meeting announcement to Ms. Walton, who will get it to task force members.

VII. Updating the Task Force Membership Booklet

- *Susan Walton, Park County Department of Human Services*

Task Force Members are to send Kate Ferebee an updated bio. She will compile it and have it printed for members of the task force and the Oversight Committee.

VIII. Behavioral Health Transformation Council – Medication Consistency Group

- *Susan Walton, Park County Department of Human Services*

No update

IX. Update on topic area: Safety of Staff Who Work With Individuals with Mental Illness

- *Rebecca Spiess, Undersheriff, Mesa County Sheriff's Office*

Rebecca Spiess has been working with County Sheriffs of Colorado (CSOC) and has had difficulty in getting numbers from rural sheriffs' departments. She is on the agenda to speak to undersheriffs and sheriffs at their meeting in Aspen next month.

Task force members have received links for OSHA trainings and CPI trainings. CPI training seems to be the most utilized for staff safety. Ms. Spiess will research that as an option. The Division of Behavioral Health received monies from the legislature for community-wide trainings in Mental Health First Aid.

Clif Northam sent an email that a CSOC contact would act as a liaison between MICJS and Colorado jails. Chris Johnson will be contacted. He also sent the chair an article about a project in Canada.

Next step: Mr. Habgood will provide information about the expansion of services that HB 14-1398 and SB 14-215 call for regarding language to expand provisions of jail-based behavioral health services coming from marijuana sales.

X. Topics of Study – Discussion

- *Susan Walton, Park County Department of Human Services*

Task force members discussed the need for some kind of “gap analysis” to determine where topics of study intersect, and where they can be aligned with funding opportunities that arise. Mr. Habgood suggested that the group develop a circular diagram modeled after the program profiles that are used in Behavioral Health.

It seems that co-occurring disorders and data collection are two areas where the topics of study intersect. It was suggested that the task force initially take on those two overarching topics in order to provide the most comprehensive approach.

Ms. Harding updated the group on a statewide project being undertaken for data collection and alignment called Colorado Opportunity. Consultants from the Brookings Institution will be invited to help in this effort that will include various state agencies. Ms. Harding will

provide the Task Force with updates on this effort in the event that this is a project through which the Task Force can address data collection.

The group also expressed their support for a retreat in July so that the Task Force can determine how to address topics in the coming year and can provide recommendations for legislation in August.

XI. What's Happening at your agency

Members updated the group about activities at their agencies. The following are highlights:

- The Department of Education is applying for a grant for school-based positive behavior intervention supports that also will include mental health first aid.
- The Division of Probation Services is wrapping up the collaborative conference. Two of the biggest topics were Trauma Informed Care and Trauma Informed Services. These relate to many topics of study for the task force.
- The Division of Parole is kicking off an Evidence Based Practices initiative in June. They have worked a lot with DCJ EPIC program and will have multiple sessions for DOC staff / wardens /etc.
- Melinda: Division of Child Welfare – Division director is being hired. Has not been named, but coming soon.
- The Division of Youth Corrections director is retiring effective May 30. May have new hire announcement next month. The Division is working with Andrus Sanctuary Institute to implement sanctuary model in the 10 state operated facilities. They will move toward institutions being fully trauma informed over the next few years.
- As part of the Governor's initiative, trauma informed care plans have been put in place for the 2 state hospitals. Quiet and relaxation rooms have been created instead of restraint rooms. Behavioral Health is also looking to help implement trauma-informed care throughout the state.
- The Public Defender's Office in increasing representation to juveniles due to legislation that was just passed. There are 12 new attorney and 8 social work positions for this. The positions will replace the one position that serves the state of Colorado currently (both juveniles and adults).

Meeting adjourned at 12:15