

MINUTES
Task Force Concerning the Treatment of Persons with
Mental Illness in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems

Thursday, June 18, 2015
10:00 a.m. to 12:30 pm
House Committee Room 0109

I. Call to Order

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

II. Introductions and Welcome

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

III. Approval of Minutes

- **May 21, 2015**

The May 21 minutes were approved with amendments requested by Peggy Heil regarding the details of the IJIS Institute presentation.

IV. Housing Update

- *Gina Shimeall and Susie Walton*

Ms. Shimeall talked about the collaboration she is developing for the Housing Subcommittee with Bill Winsor from Colorado Coalition for the Homeless; who she met for the first time yesterday. She has also spoken with Britany Rogers from Colorado Access. Ms. Rogers is involved in collaboration with Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, the Crime Commission and Mental Health Center for Denver.

Ms. Shimeall hopes to have a Subcommittee meeting by the end of summer.

V. Data and Information Sharing Update

- *Camille Harding, Health Care Policy and Financing*
- *Peggy Heil, Colorado Division of Criminal Justice*

Camille Harding provided a brief overview of the goals for the Data and Information Sharing Subcommittee. The committee will be focused on data sharing between the criminal justice systems and health settings.

Ms. Harding said the SIM Grant Steering Committee met for the first time this past Tuesday. The goal of the SIM grant is to integrate 400 primary care practices with behavioral health services. This will help provide 80% of the population with integrated care.

Stevie Lynne Koehler, MD/MPH intern is working on the survey process and focus groups on data sharing. Ms. Koehler will start in a few weeks to conduct key informant interviews with people in various communities. Ms. Harding asked to be contacted with any key informants that should be included in the process.

Ms. Heil said the Director of Operations from the Integrated Justice Information Systems (IJIS) Institute presented on June 16, 2015 from 1 to 3 pm. The presentation was about their work on a BJA grant to develop means to communicate between the criminal justice and health systems. After the presentation, the attendees had a discussion about what other projects are underway in Colorado. IJIS has offered to assist the Subcommittee until we hear about the outcome of the BJA grant application in late September/early October.

Ms. Harding said the first priority of this subcommittee is to determine how “mental illness” is defined in various agencies during screening, and how “recidivism” also is defined. Those two concrete answers could help with the proposed project for the grant. It is hoped that the grant funding will help to determine how to close the gaps in medication continuity, as well.

VI. Health Care Policy and Financing/Medicaid Update

•Camille Harding, Health Care Policy and Financing

Ms. Harding and Melinda Cox along with Public Consulting Group (PCG) had focus groups with four counties about the child welfare system and access to behavioral health services last week. They met with Directors of County Department of Human Services, frontline case workers and other stakeholders. PCG will have a report identifying the gaps in access completed and submitted to the HCPF by June 30, 2015. The report will guide future projects to address the gaps identified.

VII. Behavioral Health Transformation Council Update

•Dr. Richard Martinez

The last meeting was cancelled since the formulary project was completed. The group will now be looking at the implementation phase. This will include looking at how to purchase medications on a broad scale to be available to jails and prisons. The group had a call with the Washington State to learn about a similar project there.

Gina Shimeall discussed the need for offering involuntary medications in jails and the complications clients face with not getting the needed treatment until their hearing due to medications potentially impacting the outcome of the hearing.

Next Steps: Ms. Walton will ask Dr. Patrick Fox to discuss the outcomes of the M1 Statute changes at the August meeting. Dr. Fox will be presenting on the Behavioral Health Needs Analysis Study at the August meeting.

VIII. Other Updates

•JBC Approved Additional Funds for Competency and Sanity Assessments- Dr. Richard Martinez

Dr. Martinez talked about the JBC approving a rate increase for these assessments from \$100/hr to \$150/hr after 20 years of no increases. They also have added some flexibility to the amount of time it takes for an assessment. Previously, assessments were limited to 10 hours. This effort has also addressed the differences in competency and sanity assessments.

•Field Trip to Ft. Lyons

A Doodle poll will be sent out with additional date options for the field trip. Two different dates may be offered as an option since everyone may not be able to make one date. The Taskforce requested the program to talk about how to create a milieu that is safe for staff since the program

has been successful thus far in terms of safety of staff.

•Task Force Staffing

The Task Force is in need of staff support effective immediately as Kate Ferebee has reassigned from her position at the Division of Criminal Justice. DCJ is unable to offer a support staff at this time, therefore Ms. Walton reviewed the Task Force funding- staff support section of the legislation to confirm that another department can offer assistance. There are no funds available to pay for staff support for the task force. The task force primarily needs assistance with someone to take meeting minutes. Ms. Walton requested several agencies represented on the task force to get back to her on the possibility of offering support staff for the purposes of this meeting.

•Upcoming Selection of Task Force Chair and Vice-Chair

The task force needs to select a Chair and Vice-Chair by August. The group consensus was to have Ms. Walton and Ms. Harding to continue in their positions for another term. No new nominations were made. Ms. Walton stated that she will have the vote at the July meeting in case any new nominations come in and to have a larger group present.

•Safety of Staff

No discussion on this item.

•Juvenile Competency Legislation—Next Steps

This has been tabled until the Legislative Oversight Committee is seated.

Amanda King provided an update on the Legislative Oversight Committee member appointments. The Senate President still needs to make one additional appointment and designate the chair of the Legislative Oversight Committee.

Representative Jonathan Singer (vice-chair)
Representative Pete Lee
Representative Stephen Humphrey
Senator Lucia Guzman
Senator Laura Woods

Ms. King reviewed the deadlines for the upcoming legislative session. The following are the dates related to bill drafts:

The MICJS Task Force should have all bill requests to Jane Ritter, Office of Legislative Legal Services, by the end of August so she can prepare the drafts for discussion at the September meeting or any additionally scheduled meetings.

The deadline to finalize bill drafts for distribution to the legislative oversight committee and release for fiscal analysis is October 22nd, or 11 days before the final meeting of the legislative oversight committee.

The last date for the legislative oversight committee to meet to approve final bill drafts is November 2nd.

IX. What's Happening at Your Agency?

-Melinda Cox from CDHS- Child Welfare shared the Medical Director for DYC and Child Welfare has been appointed.

- Jagruti Shah from OBH stated she is working on a Jail Based Behavioral Health Services program

expansion to Pitkin County jail in the next fiscal year. MindSprings Health will with the treatment provider.

-Dr. Richard Martinez announced that forensic psychiatry fellows will be starting at Colorado Mental Health Institute Pueblo soon.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:50am.

