

Sex Offender Civil Commitment Advisory Task Force
Thursday, November 15, 2012
9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
State Office Building, Room 5

Agenda:

1. Welcome (overview and housekeeping items)
2. Review of recommendations submitted by task force members
3. Review of chairs' draft (chair and vice chair recommendations)
4. Discussion of next steps
5. Public comments

Task Force Attendance:

Hon. Eric J. Magnuson (Chair)

Hon. James M. Rosenbaum (Vice Chair)

Rep. Jim Abeler

James D. Franklin (ex officio)

Hon. Kathleen R. Gearin

Gerald T. Kaplan

Sen. Tony Lourey

Ryan B. Magnus

Kelly Mitchell (ex officio)

Mark A. Ostrem

Comm. Tom Roy (ex officio)

Comm. Nancy Schouweiler

Dr. Michael D. Thompson (ex officio)

Hon. Paul A. Nelson

Roberta Opheim

Sen. Warren Limmer

Donna Dunn

Meeting Minutes: *(This document is a general summary of the Task Force meeting and is not intended to be a detailed transcription.)*

Meeting Began: 9:05 AM

Introduction (Overview and Housekeeping Items):

Chair Magnuson made introductory remarks and addressed a number of housekeeping items.

Discussion of Recommendations Submitted by Task Force Members:

Chair Magnuson commented on the submissions of proposed language from Task Force members and discussed future timelines.

Chair Magnuson indicated the Task Force is operating under two premises: there are no less restrictive alternatives available at this time, but the law allows for alternative placements. Task Force members discussing this included Roberta Opheim, Sen. Limmer, Vice Chair Rosenbaum, Judge Gearin, Comm. Roy, Ryan Magnus, Sen. Lourey, Comm. Schouweiler, Gerald Kaplan, Judge Nelson, Mark Ostrem, Rep. Abeler, James Franklin, Dr. Thompson, Kelly Mitchell, and Donna Dunn.

Break (10:40 – 10:50 AM)

Discussion of the Chair's Proposal:

Chair Magnuson discussed the layout for the proposal; task force members discussing this included Sen. Lourey, Gerald Kaplan, Rep. Abeler, Roberta Opheim, Comm. Roy, Vice Chair Rosenbaum and Kelly Mitchell.

Chair Magnuson & Task Force members discussed several issues:

DHS and Legislature must develop LRAs for those civilly committed

Judge Gearin, Sen. Lourey, Rep. Abeler, Kelly Mitchell, Mark Ostrem, Roberta Opheim, Ryan Magnus, Gerald Kaplan discussed this.

Zoning of Less Restrictive Alternative Facilities

Vice Chair Rosenbaum, Sen. Lourey, Roberta Opheim, Commissioner Schouweiler and Mark Ostrem discussed this.

State supervision and running of the programs

Financial Responsibilities

Comm. Schouweiler, Mark Ostrem, Roberta Opheim, Gerald Kaplan, Comm. Roy, Rep. Abeler, Ryan Magnus, Judge Gearin, and Sen. Lourey discussed this. Robin Vue-Benson of DHS answered questions.

Chair Magnuson said that Task Force Members should submit all comments and language ideas to Don Jorovsky (Task Force Liaison) by end of the day next Monday. The revised draft will be discussed at the next meeting.

Public Comment

Carol DeOtis – Submitted a letter to the Task Force. She believes that the public needs to be more educated about how big the program is and the cost of it.

Tom Evenstad – There is a German Model that should be reviewed. Communal Custody is a good model.

Thomas Koepke – Talked about the need to reevaluate phase two clients for outpatient treatment options.

Philip Bauck – His step-son is at MSOP; there wasn't a LRA available at the time of his commitment.

Dane Jorento – Runs ABC (a day treatment program for sex offenders). Treatment plans need to be related specifically to the offender and their needs.

Alice Richter – Lack of LRAs is because of current law. Alpha House was considered as a LRA for her brother, but the judge either disregarded the law or the law does not accomplish what you think it does.

Russ Lovaasen – He was a patient advocate before the regional treatment centers were broken up. Spoke to challenges surrounding institutionalization.

Mike Brown – His son has been at Moose Lake since he was 17, and he is now 37.

Meeting Concluded: 12:15 PM