

Sex Offender Civil Commitment Advisory Task Force
Monday, October 14, 2013
6:00 – 9:00 PM
Room 5 State Office Building

Agenda:

1. Welcome/housekeeping items/updates from Task Force Chair and Vice Chair
2. Discuss submissions of Task Force members
3. Public Comments

Task Force Attendance:

Hon. Eric J. Magnuson (Chair)
Hon. James M. Rosenbaum (Vice Chair)
Sen. Warren Limmer
Gerald T. Kaplan
Donna Dunn
Dr. Michael Thompson (ex officio)
Roberta Opheim

Comm. Tom Roy (ex officio)
Ryan Magnus
Hon. Paul A. Nelson
County Atty. Mark Ostrem
Hon. Joanne Smith (ex officio)
Comm. Nancy Schouweiler

Meeting Minutes:

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

Meeting Began: 6:10 PM

Welcome/Housekeeping Items/Updates from Task Force Chair

Chair Eric Magnuson welcomed the members and addressed housekeeping items such as Task Force scheduling.

Discuss submissions of Task Force members

Chair Magnuson framed the discussion regarding language recently submitted by members of the Task Force. This discussion included Sen. Limmer, Comm. Roy, Roberta Opheim, Judge Smith, Chair Magnuson, Gerald Kaplan, Judge Rosenbaum, Judge Nelson, Dr. Thompson, Ryan Magnus, County Atty Ostrem, and Donna Dunn.

After a mid-meeting break, the Task Force reconvened and continued to discuss possible language for the upcoming report. This discussion included Ryan Magnus, Chair Magnuson, Judge Nelson, Roberta Opheim, Judge Smith, Judge Rosenbaum, Comm. Roy, County Atty. Ostrem, Gerald Kaplan, Dr. Thompson, and Sen. Limmer.

Chair Magnuson wound up the discussion by asking members for further submissions, and outlining the way draft recommendations would be developed for future discussions.

Public Comment:

- Russ Lovaasen discussed the Department of Corrections and parole options. He said he was pleased that some things were addressed in the meeting.
- Tom Evenstad proposed a panel of risk assessors to make discharge decisions and statutory language providing that an individual's mental health status requires discharge.
- Pearl Nelson discussed sex offenders and criminal cases in Freeborn County

The next meeting is scheduled for:

October 23

Meeting Concluded: 9:15 PM