

Sex Offender Civil Commitment Advisory Task Force
Wednesday, October 23, 2013
6:00 – 9:00 PM
Room 200 State Office Building

Agenda:

1. Welcome/housekeeping items/updates from Task Force Chair and Vice Chair
2. Consider draft recommendations for sentencing, screening, and reduction in custody
3. Public Comments

Task Force Attendance:

Hon. Eric J. Magnuson (Chair)
Hon. James M. Rosenbaum (Vice Chair)
Rep. Tina Liebling
Dean Eric Janus
Donna Dunn
Dr. Michael Thompson (ex officio)
Roberta Opheim

Hon. Kathleen Gearin
Ryan Magnus
Hon. Paul A. Nelson
County Atty. Mark Ostrem
Hon. Joanne Smith (ex officio)
Kelly Mitchell (ex officio)

Meeting Minutes:

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

Meeting Began: 6:08 PM

Welcome/Housekeeping Items/Updates from Task Force Chair

Chair Eric Magnuson welcomed the members and discussed housekeeping items such as how the discussion draft is formatted in contrast to earlier versions, and how the upcoming report could be formatted. The Task Force recommendations must be at a very high level. The idea is to propose solutions; the details would not be for the Task Force to work out – that was something learned from legislators.

Consider draft recommendations for sentencing, screening, and reduction in custody

Chair Magnuson framed the discussion regarding reduction in custody. This discussion included Roberta Opheim, Judge Rosenbaum, Dean Janus, County Atty. Ostrem, Chair Magnuson, Ryan Magnus, Judge Smith, Dr. Thompson, Judge Nelson, Judge Gearin, Rep. Liebling, and Donna Dunn.

After a mid-meeting break, the discussion resumed regarding the proposed screening panel. Task Force members participating in the discussion included Chair Magnuson, County Atty. Ostrem, Judge Nelson, Rep. Liebling, Dean Janus, Judge Gearin, Judge Rosenbaum, Ryan Magnus, Judge Smith, Donna Dunn, and Dr. Thompson.

Public Comment:

- Dennis Pearson discussed the issue of screening and raised the US Supreme Court decision in the *Blakely* case.
- Russ Lovaasen thanked the Task Force for its hard work. He called for recommendations to look at less punitive ways to deal with mental health issues.
- Tom Evenstad discussed the Supreme Court Appeal Panel (SCAP) and proposed moving those who are civilly committed to Lino Lakes.
- Thomas Koepke discussed the prison system and subsequent civil commitment.
- Carole de Otis discussed the proposed pre-screening panel and asked how it would be determined who would come up for review.

The next meeting is scheduled for:

November 7

Meeting Concluded: 9:00 PM