

## MINUTES

### **Juvenile Justice Mental Health Task Force January 22, 2016, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Multnomah County Courthouse, Courtroom 208  
1021 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Portland, OR. 97204**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Hon. Nan Waller, Andrew Grover, Mary Kane, Sandy Bumpus. On the telephone: Hon. Lisa Greif, Hon. Ricardo Menchaca, Dr. Ajit Jetmalani, Brendan Murphy, and Lynn Saxton

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Iris Bell, Dr. Mark Bradshaw, Lois Day, Faye Fagel, Joe Ferguson, Fariborz Pakseresht, Cherryl Ramirez, and Kim Scott

**GUESTS:** Margaret Braun, Dr. Whitney Vale, Anya Sekino (for Iris Bell), Joe O’Leary (for Fariborz Pakseresht), and Emily Green. On the telephone: Maria Paz (for Cherryl Ramirez), Karen Wheeler (for Lynn Saxton), and Paula Bauer

**STAFF:** Megan Hassen and Angela Keffer

#### **DISCUSSION TOPICS:**

**I. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES:** Minutes from November 20, 2015, were approved without corrections.

**II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FINAL VERSION OF TASK FORCE REPORT:** Judge Waller suggested today’s meeting allows time for reflecting on the work that has been done over the course of the task force. Judge Waller also recognized Megan’s work in compiling the efforts, thoughts, and recommendations from the subcommittees and task force members, into a completed report.

Judge Waller asked task force members for any final, suggested revisions or edits to the draft report. Judge Waller noted the intention is to approve the final report at the end of today’s meeting. The task force suggested the following revisions/edits to the report:

- 1) Revising the Children’s Cabinet’s scope to “...centralize and better coordinate the work of governmental agencies, task forces, committees and work groups that address systems reform issues.” and including a statement clarifying the intent to not have multiple steering committees or groups that are based on subject matter when dealing with juveniles, in Recommendation Two.
- 2) Removing the language “...rather than detention or the hospital.” from the first bullet point on page three.

- 3) Revising the number of pilot programs mentioned in footnote three on page six.
- 4) Adding the language "...or differing prescribing practices by new providers..." to the last sentence in Finding Seven.
- 5) Adding the requisite standard of care to the body of Recommendation Eight.

Megan informed task force members that Emily Green, Reporter for Street Roots, will be recording today's meeting. Task force members had no objection to being recorded.

- 6) Adding language to Recommendation Nine, addressing the need for further discussion regarding youth with private insurance or no insurance and coordinated care upon release from detention.
- 7) Revise the language in Finding Four from "deescalate" to "stabilize".
- 8) Revising Recommendation Five to "...an analysis of publicly funded mental health services..."
- 9) Adding "...or change in location or residency." to the second to last sentence in Finding Seven.
- 10) Adding the language "appropriate" and "matched to the individual need" to "evidence-based" in Recommendation One's "least restrictive setting" on page nine and "Evidence-based" on page ten.
- 11) Adding the words "mental health" into the first sentence of Recommendation Six.
- 12) Adding "Youth Development Council" to the third paragraph on page 1 as a participating organization.
- 13) Adding a footnote defining "evidence-based" by using the definition outlined in ORS 182.515.

There were no objections to the above-referenced revisions. The report was approved by a quorum with the foregoing modifications. Judge Waller thanked task force members and participants for their individual and collective efforts in formulating recommendations to address the evolving needs of Oregon's youth, as well as their dedication to the children-serving systems.

**III. NEXT STEPS:** Megan stated there has been some internal discussion on follow-up. The first steps are to finalize the report and meet with the Chief Justice to discuss moving forward.

Megan noted a lot of the recommendations are Executive Branch-based, calling for assistance from the Governor's Office. There is also interest in involving judges who may have legislative representatives in their districts who would be interested in this matter.

Megan asked task force members for suggestions on implementation aside from what actions Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) will take moving forward. Judge Waller stated she would like

task force members to provide the report to the agencies they are representing so it is disseminated through-out all of the child-serving systems, and implemented at each appropriate level. Megan suggested contacting various representatives for their support, who may have an interest in a certain area and promoting implementation of the recommendations.

Joe O'Leary suggested that the finalized report be put forth to various agency chairs that may have interest in bringing it to their committees for discussion during the second-half of the current legislative session. Judge Waller agreed, stating it would be prudent to identify likely champions for the report in preparation for the next legislative session.

Lynne Saxton stated Oregon Health Authority (OHA) within the next month, will submit to the Governor's Office, a process for the coming year on behavioral health integration in Oregon's health system transformation. Lynne noted there are three general areas of focus; the behavioral health resource data compilations, the report from the numerous panel meetings that will be addressed in the upcoming legislative session, and the ongoing negotiations with the US Department of Justice for a settlement agreement that will provide the framework and urgent timeline for Oregon's progress within the behavioral health system. Lynne also mentioned that OHA is currently holding a national recruitment for a Behavioral Health Director, who will lead the proposed changes beginning 2017. Additionally, Lynne stated she is excited about the number of efforts and tools are coming to completion and will assist in making significant progress.

Megan asked for any further suggestions from task force members. Judge Waller suggested a summer follow-up meeting will be helpful in preparation of the next legislative session.

Judge Waller expressed excitement and gratitude for all of the ongoing efforts within child-serving agencies statewide. Judge Greif stated the task force has been eye-opening regarding mental health related issues for youth and noted excitement from others regarding this task force's charge and recommendations.

**IV. MEETING ADJOURNS:** Meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Prepared by: Angela Keffer