

Meeting Minutes: MI&D Task Force Meeting

Date: 08/30/2024
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Location: Forensic Services 100 Freeman Drive St. Peter, MN 56082

Attendance

- Marshall Smith
- Dale Klitzke
- Dr. Soniya Hirachan
- Robin Bode
- Sue Abderholden
- Jinny Palen
- Dr. Ian Heath
- Dr. Kristen Otte
- Sheila Novak
- Barb Weckman Brekke
- Anne Zimmerman
- Cassie Sassenberg
- Dalaine Remes
- Lisa Antony-Thomas

Agenda

- 1. Meet and Greet, 8:45am-9:00am**
- 2. Tour of Forensic Mental Health Program, 9:00am- 11:00am**
- 3. Welcome and Overview of Forensic Services, 11:00am-11:45am**
 - Marshall Smith, Direct Care and Treatment Health Systems CEO
 - Dr. Soniya Hirachan, Executive and Medical Director of Forensic Services
- 4. Lunch and Break, 11:45am-12:15pm**
- 5. Review of Task Force Objectives and Ideas to Consider, 12:15pm-1:30pm**

6. Next Steps and Adjourn, 1:30pm-2:00pm

Next Meeting

Date: October 7, 2024

Time: 1:00pm-4:00pm

Location: Scott County Government Center, Room 170, 200 4th Ave W Shakopee, MN 55379

Meeting Notes

Welcome and Overview of Forensic Services

- The meetings will be recorded and posted on the: [Mentally Ill and Dangerous Civil Commitment Reform Task Force / Minnesota Department of Human Services \(mn.gov\)](#)
- The task force elected Dr. Hirachan and Sue Abderholden as co-chairs and Jinny Palen as a vice chair
- The task force approved designees, that can attend in the task force members absence
 - Allow designees approved by the chair to vote in meetings
- Overview of Forensic Services
 - Includes three main programs: Forensic Mental Health Program, Forensic Nursing Home, and Community Integrated Services (CIS)
 - The Forensic Mental Health Program, primarily serves individuals committed as mentally ill and dangerous
 - Serving approximately 330 patients
 - A continuum of care approach has been implemented merging previous separate programs to streamline treatment from secure to non-secure settings

Review of Task Force Objectives and Ideas to Consider

- Issues highlighted by members
 - Fill and maximize capacity
 - Medicaid to pay for locked facilities
 - Workforce and money
 - Education
- The following task force members volunteered to work on the following objectives:
 - Objective 1: Dr. Hirachan
 - Objective 2: Dalaine, Jinny, and Sue
 - Objective 3: Dr. Hirachan
 - Objective 4: Dr. Hirachan
 - Objective 5: Cassie, Sue, Jinny, Sheila, and Lisa
 - Objective 6: Cassie, Sue, Jinny, Sheila, and Lisa

- Objective 7: Dr. Otte, Dr. Heath, Anne, Mike Biglow, Robin, and Dr. Hirachan
 - Objective 8: Dr. Otte, Dr. Heath, Anne, Mike Biglow, Robin, and Dr. Hirachan
 - Objective 9: Cassie, Barb, Sheila, and Robin
- The plan is to bring findings back to the larger group in subsequent meetings

Next Steps and Adjourn

- Task force will have two more meetings during 2024 (October, and November)
- Next meeting will be on Monday, October 7 from 1:00pm-4:00pm
 - Location for next meeting will be at the Scott County Government Center
- Will invite Dr. KyleeAnn Stevens to give a review of the Priority Admissions Task Force with Sue Abderholden at the next meeting, both were on the task force
- Bring expert individuals to task force meetings as needed on an ad-hoc basis