

Sex Offender Civil Commitment Advisory Task Force
8th meeting – Tuesday, February 12, 2013
6:00 – 9:00 PM
State Office Building, Room 5

Agenda:

1. Welcome/housekeeping items
2. Legislative Updates
3. Continuation from last meeting - Review/Discuss Task Force Comments on Procedural and Substantive Issues
4. Public Comments

Task Force Attendance:

Hon. Eric J. Magnuson (Chair)
Hon. James M. Rosenbaum (Vice Chair)
Ryan B. Magnus
Kelly Mitchell (ex officio)
County Atty. Mark A. Ostrem
Comm. Tom Roy (ex officio)
Dean Eric Janus
Hon. Paul Nelson
Gerald T. Kaplan
Hon. Joanne M. Smith (ex officio)

Roberta Opheim
Rep. Jim Abeler
Donna Dunn
Sen. Warren Limmer
Fred Friedman (ex officio)
Hon. Kathleen Gearin
James D. Franklin (ex officio)
Rep. Tina Liebling
Sen. Tony Lourey
Comm. Nancy Schouweiler
Dr. Michael D. Thompson (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: 6:05 PM

Welcome/Housekeeping Items

Chair Eric Magnuson made introductory remarks and addressed housekeeping items – announcements, schedule, agenda, etc.

Legislative Updates

Chair Magnuson updated the Task Force on a meeting he and Vice Chair Rosenbaum attended in the Governor's office regarding Task Force work; attendees included legislative leaders, the Commissioner of DHS, and high level Governor's staff. While the Task Force is independent of the Legislature, the chair hopes that the two groups can avoid working at cross purposes. The

chair hopes that the Task Force will be able to provide additional concrete recommendations within the time frame for legislative consideration.

Continuation from last meeting - Review/Discuss Task Force Comments on Procedural and Substantive Issues

Chair Magnuson summarized where the group left off at its meeting and opened the floor for discussion among members regarding issues such as what further recommendations in addition to the December 3, 2012 report, if any, could be made by the Task Force soon enough to have an impact on the current legislative session. While the Task Force is independent of the Legislature, one of the charges to the Task Force from the federal court is to propose changes in the MSOP for legislative consideration.

Task Force members speaking on these issues included Sen. Warren Limmer, Sen. Tony Lourey, Judge Kathleen Gearin, County Attorney Mark Ostrem, Commissioner Tom Roy, Ryan Magnus, Gerald Kaplan, Commissioner Nancy Schouweiler, Vice Chair James Rosenbaum, Dean Eric Janus, Dr. Michael Thompson, Roberta Opheim, Judge Joanne Smith, Judge Paul Nelson, Rep. Jim Abeler, Fred Friedman, and Rep. Tina Liebling,

Questions from the Task Force regarding the procedures now in place for placement and movement between treatment levels were answered by Assistant Hennepin County Attorney John Kirwin and Department of Human Services Deputy General Counsel Robin Vue-Benson.

Chair Magnuson noted that this discussion will continue at the next meeting, with a focus on additional recommendations regarding the development of LRAs, or mechanisms for initial placement other than in Moose Lake and movement from one level to another. These recommendations will be directed at ways to make the system more effective, including possible changes to the SRB and SCAP to make the system more uniform and directive. He directed staff to update the House Research summary of the SOCC law for the members.

Public Comment:

- Thomas Koepke – continues to be encouraged by the work of the Task Force; specifically mentioned the recent Request for Information (RFI) put out by the Department of Human Services; he attended a meeting regarding the RFI.
- Tammy Aanen – essentially said “thank you” to the Task Force for the work it is doing, and urged them to think of those currently in MSOP who may be ready to transition to less restrictive alternatives (and not just to think of LRAs in terms of those who may potentially be in MSOP).

The next meeting is scheduled for:

Monday, February 25, 2013 @ 6:00 PM, Room 10, State Office Building

Meeting Concluded: 8:45 PM