

Sex Offender Civil Commitment Advisory Task Force
10th meeting – Monday, March 11, 2013
6:00 – 9:00 PM
Room 118 State Capitol

Agenda:

1. Welcome/housekeeping items
2. Legislative Updates
3. Presentation from Assistant Hennepin County Attorneys John Kirwin and Theresa Couri on the New York approach to SDP/SPP periodic review panels
4. Continuation from last meeting - Review/Discuss Task Force Comments on Procedural and Substantive Issues
5. Public Comments

Task Force Attendance:

Hon. Eric J. Magnuson (Chair)
Hon. James M. Rosenbaum (Vice Chair)
Kelly Mitchell (ex officio)
Comm. Tom Roy (ex officio)
Dean Eric Janus
Hon. Paul Nelson
Dr. Michael Thompson (ex officio)

Rep. Jim Abeler
Donna Dunn
Chief John Harrington (ex officio)
Fred Friedman (ex officio)
Hon. Kathleen Gearin
Hon. Joanne Smith (ex officio)
Rep. Tina Liebling
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: 6:09 PM

Welcome/Housekeeping Items

Task Force Vice Chair James Rosenbaum chaired the meeting. He made introductory remarks and addressed housekeeping items – announcements, schedule, agenda, etc.

Information from the Department of Corrections

The memo entitled “SPP/SDP Civil Commitment Screening and Associated Sexual Reoffense Rates,” from the Department of Corrections, was passed out by staff. Tom Roy, Task Force member and Commissioner of Corrections, explained the information and answered questions from the Task Force.

Presentation from Assistant Hennepin County Attorneys John Kirwin and Theresa Couri

Task Force member Dean Eric Janus spoke and introduced John Kirwin. Kirwin explained materials and answered questions from the Task Force. Theresa Couri also spoke and answered questions. (Kirwin and Couri both handle civil commitments.) Other Task Force members asked questions, including Dr. Michael Thompson, Judge Rosenbaum, and Dean Eric Janus.

Legislative update

Task Force Chair Eric Magnuson returned from a meeting and gave a legislative update; he described the latest amendments to bills pending at the Legislature. Both the Chair and the Vice Chair pointed out that the Task Force is not a lobbying organization; Judge Gearing noted her agreement with that view. Chair Magnuson said we should express our appreciation to the Legislature and offer to continue to assist their thinking in any way we can. Judge Rosenbaum said that the Legislature is in a better position to fine-tune things than the court.

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

Task Force members continued to discuss substantive issues from the previous meeting; members speaking included Judge Rosenbaum, Kelly Mitchell, Comm. Tom Roy, Fred Friedman, Judge Nelson, Judge Gearin, Judge Smith, Chair Magnuson, and Dean Janus.

Public Comment:

- Thomas Koepke – spoke and provided the Task Force with an update on the progress made by an MSOP client he has been mentoring.

The next meeting is scheduled for:

Wednesday, April 3, 2013 @ 6:00 PM, Room 5 State Office Building¹

Meeting Concluded: 9:11 PM

¹ Please note that this was later postponed