

**Sex Offender Civil Commitment Advisory Task Force
20th Meeting
Thursday, November 21, 2013
6:00 PM
Room 5 State Office Building**

Agenda:

1. Welcome/housekeeping items/updates from Task Force Chair and Vice Chair
2. Continued discussion of draft recommendations
3. Wrap up remaining issues for upcoming Report
4. Public Comments

Task Force Attendance:

Hon. Eric J. Magnuson (Chair)	James Franklin (ex officio)
Hon. James M. Rosenbaum (Vice Chair)	Hon. Paul A. Nelson
Hon. Joanne M. Smith (ex officio)	Gerald Kaplan
Kelly Mitchell (ex officio)	Roberta Opheim
Fred Friedman (ex officio)	Comm. Tom Roy (ex officio)
Rep. Tina Liebling	Hon. Kathleen Gearin
Sen. Tony Lourey	Ryan Magnus
Donna Dunn	County Atty. Mark Ostrem
Dean Eric Janus	Comm. Nancy Schouweiler
Chief John Harrington (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: 6:15PM

Welcome/Housekeeping Items/Updates from Task Force Chair and Vice Chair

Chair Eric Magnuson welcomed the members and addressed housekeeping items.

Continued discussion of draft recommendations

Chair Magnuson explained the situation – this meeting is the last scheduled meeting at this time, the Task Force Report will be coming out soon, so language decisions have to be wrapped up.

The Task Force moved into a discussion of draft recommendations, including language on violence prevention. Members joining in this discussion included Donna Dunn, Comm. Roy, Gerald Kaplan, Judge Smith, and Chair Magnuson.

The Task Force next discussed issues involving juveniles. This discussion included Chair Magnuson, Vice Chair Rosenbaum, Fred Friedman, Ryan Magnus, Judge Gearin, County Atty Ostrem, Judge Smith, Rep. Liebling, Gerald Kaplan, Sen. Lourey, Judge Nelson, James Franklin, and Comm. Roy. Robin Benson answered question from the Task Force.

Wrap up remaining issues for upcoming Report

The Task Force then discussed several remaining issues for the upcoming Task Force Report. This included discussions of language regarding people with developmental disabilities, petitioning, stays of commitment, standards of commitment, risk assessment, actuarial measures, and the difference between SPP and SDP.

Members joining in this discussion included Roberta Opheim, Comm. Schouweiler, Dean Janus, County Atty. Ostrem, Judge Smith, Vice Chair Rosenbaum, Judge Gearin, Ryan Magnus, Kelly Mitchell, Judge Nelson, Comm. Roy, Rep. Liebling, and Gerald Kaplan. Robin Benson answered questions from the Task Force.

Public Comment:

- Dennis Pearson said there was a thoughtful discussion tonight, and he doesn't want the issue to be a political football
- Tom Evenstad said that allegations are very easily made and very difficult to disprove; he would require a jury trial and a conviction before committing juveniles
- Russ Lovaasen questioned the difference between SDP and SPP
- Thomas Koepke said this was the first time he was ever involved with the legislative process and that state employees do a marvelous job

Meeting Concluded: 9:32 PM