

Sex Offender Civil Commitment Advisory Task Force
Wednesday, October 9, 2013
6:00 PM
Room 5 State Office Building

Agenda:

- 1. Welcome/housekeeping items/updates from Task Force Chair and Vice Chair**
- 2. Task Force discussion of possible changes in current commitment and reduction in custody standards and procedures (starting with reduction in custody)**
- 3. Public Comments**

Task Force Attendance:

Hon. Eric J. Magnuson (Chair)
Hon. James M. Rosenbaum (Vice Chair)
Hon. Joanne M. Smith (ex officio)
Kelly Mitchell (ex officio)
Fred Friedman (ex officio)
Rep. Tina Liebling
Sen. Tony Lourey
Donna Dunn
Dean Eric Janus
Chief John Harrington (ex officio)

Sen. Warren Limmer
Hon. Paul A. Nelson
Gerald Kaplan
Roberta Opheim
Comm. Tom Roy (ex officio)
Hon. Kathleen Gearin
Rep. Jim Abeler
County Atty. Mark Ostrem
Comm. Nancy Schouweiler
Dr. Michael 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: 6:05PM

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

Chair Eric Magnuson welcomed the members and addressed housekeeping items, including the upcoming schedule of Task Force meetings, the question of Task Force agenda items, and how to deal with ongoing revised drafts of potential recommendations.

Task Force discussion of possible changes in current commitment and reduction in custody standards and procedures (starting with reduction in custody)

The Task Force discussed possible changes in current commitment and reduction in custody standards and procedures, starting with reduction in custody.

Members participating in this discussion included Rep. Abeler, Roberta Opheim, Judge Gearin, Judge Smith, Chair Magnuson, Dean Janus, Vice Chair Rosenbaum, Gerald Kaplan, Sen. Lourey, County Atty. Ostrem, Rep. Liebling, Fred Friedman, Comm. Roy, Dr. Thompson, Judge Nelson, and Kelly Mitchell. Robin Benson answered questions from the Task Force.

Public Comment:

- Russ Lovaasen thanked the Task Force, saying he was extremely impressed, and said he was concerned about the impact of politics on the system.
- Thomas Koepke said he was concerned about the situation in Cambridge, and that the Department of Corrections' (DOC) system works well
- John Johnson said his stepson is at Moose Lake, and that he doesn't need to be there any more
- Tom Evenstad discussed the proposed bifurcated system, the DOC treatment program, risk criteria, and standards of proof
- Alice Richter said her brother was in Moose Lake, and that problems resulted from a change of therapist
- Pearl Nelson said her son was in MSOP; she urged regular independent reviews

Meeting Concluded: 8:58 PM