

Drug Policy Task Force

Date: January 11, 2012 Time: 1:30 – 5:00

Attendees:

Members

Grayson Robinson/Arapahoe County Sheriff, CCJJ Member / Chair
Don Quick / District Attorney, 17th Judicial District / CCJJ Member
Regina Huerter / Denver Crime Prevention and Control Commission/ CCJJ Member (by phone)
Maureen Cain / Colorado Criminal Defense Bar
Carmelita Muniz / Colorado Association of Alcohol and Drug Service Providers
Evie Hudak / Colorado State Senator, Senate District 19
Brian Connors / State Public Defender's Office
Terri Hurst / Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council
Christie Donner / Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition
Tom Raynes / Colorado District Attorney's Council
Chris Brousseau / District Attorney's Office, 1st Judicial District
John O'Dell / Parole Board
Dan Rubinstein / District Attorney's Office, 21st Judicial District

Absent:

Bill Kilpatrick / Golden Police Chief / CCJJ Member
Reo Leslie / Colorado School for Family Therapy / CCJJ Member
Eric Philp / Probation Services / Judicial Department / CCJJ Member
Greg Long / District Attorney's Office, 2nd Judicial District
Kathleen McGuire / Douglas County Office of the Public Defender
Pat Steadman / Colorado State Senator, Senate District 31
Mark Hurlbert / District Attorney, 5th Judicial District
Tim Hand / DOC – Division of Parole
Mark Waller / State Representative, House District 15
Dolores Poeppel / Victims Assistance Unit, Colorado State Patrol
Rod Walker / Colorado Springs Police Department
Christine Flavia / Division of Behavioral Health
Katherine Spicer / Private Defense Counsel

<p>Issue/Topic:</p> <p>Call to Order and Review of Agenda</p>	<p>Discussion:</p> <p>Grayson Robinson called the meeting to order at 1:46 p.m. and reviewed the day's agenda.</p>
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<p>Issue/Topic:</p> <p>Public Comments</p>	<p>Discussion:</p> <p>None.</p>
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<p>Issue/Topic:</p> <p>Structure Working Group</p> <p>Action</p>	<p>Discussion:</p> <p>Tom Raynes presented an update from the Structure Working Group. The Drug Sentencing Grid is not ready to be voted on. The working group met three times to see if there were smaller areas within the grid where consensus could be found and moved forward. No such areas were found.</p> <p>Ms. Donner stated she will continue to do research on offenders who plead to a Class 6 felony and were sentenced to prison. Do some of these areas not have Community Corrections facilities? Do the judges not know there are beds open in Community Corrections facilities?</p>
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<p>Issue/Topic:</p> <p>Prevention Working Group</p> <p>Action</p> <p>Present Recommendation to Drug Task Force in February for vote.</p>	<p>Discussion:</p> <p>Carmelita Muniz gave an update from the Prevention Working Group. They were asked to rework some of their recommendations. The recommendations proposed last month by the Prevention Working Group involved data collection at the state and local level; community prevention through community collaborative 1451 programs; and standards to the Juvenile Assessment Centers. The Prevention Working Group felt its priority should be the issue of data collection.</p> <p>Recommendation: Invest in both state and local level data collection, analysis and reporting using the Healthy Kids Colorado Survey to support trend and gap analysis, resource allocation and community level planning and programming efforts.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Healthy Kids survey is the result of over 14 years of work to coordinate and integrate school survey efforts in the state. 2. Contains the Center for Disease Control's Youth Risk Behavior Survey 3. Includes substance use/abuse, access to drug/alcohol, mental health, nutrition and physical activity, sexual behavior and scales predictive of risky behaviors. 4. Survey is administered to schools throughout the state in two ways: State and local levels. 5. State estimates are used to monitor trends over time and to detect newly emerging patterns in health and risk behavior, including substance use. Using the trends helps providers know what programs are important and where they would be useful. 6. The survey is conducted every two years. It was done in 2011 and will be done 2013. 7. Cost of the survey is \$392,747. \$142,000 has been raised through block grants and through local communities and schools. 8. There is no dedicated funding source for these funds. Can the Task Force
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forward a recommendation on to the CCJJ without the funding piece?
9. This recommendation will be voted on in February.

<p>Issue/Topic: Preview February CCJJ Meeting</p> <p>Action</p>	<p>Discussion:</p> <p>February meeting.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Do a strategic plan for the rest of the year.2. Talk about Prevention: Can we identify a funding source to support the recommendation for data collection?3. Presentation on Adolescence and Medical Marijuana Use.4. Presentation on referral treatment and Linking Care.org.5. Discussion on funding consolidation bill and the distribution plan that would be put into effect if the consolidation bill goes through. Can we get some language in the bill that would direct where the funds would be spent?6. Can we get an early meeting on consolidation of resources that already collect data?7. Overview from Structure Group – where they have been, where the sticking points are, where the group is going.<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. This should be more toward the end of the session or early spring.8. Prevention Group is looking into developing best practices around substance abuse and behavioral health issues. What is taking place in these areas? What is available? What is the capacity within the system? DBH has a guidebook on evidence-based programs on adolescence. There is not a lot of funding designated for adolescence drug and mental health care.
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Meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.