

**Transition Task Force**  
**June 11, 2008**

**Attendance:**

Regis Groff  
Germaine Miera (staff)  
Christine Adams (staff)  
Dean Conder  
Greg Mauro  
Tracy Garret (CU)  
Lou Archuleta  
Louise Boris  
Brian Gomez  
Mike Biggio  
Carol Peeples  
Bridget Klauber  
Paul Herman  
Regi Huerter  
Greg Kildow  
Sean McDermott  
Charlie Smith  
Kim English

**Absent:**

Don Quick  
Keith Penry  
Jeanne Smith  
Reo Leslie

**Legislation:**

**Data:**

**Discussion Topics:**

\*\*\*Should have a county court judge on this task force (this was stated by Louise prior to the meeting).

1. (see all of their handouts)

Lou and Brian provided a handout on what they were assigned.

Provided data on where people are going when they leave their facility. No stats run, but data provided.

ID procedure is that they are allowed to keep it – they are taken but left in their file. No official policy is written but this is the practice.

Pre-sentence investigation reports → still not really good.

Regi pointed out that our CJ system does not have a computer system that communicates across the system (in other words, the different parts of the system do not communicate).

State level recommendation should be that this needs to be figured out.  
→ integrated system.

Biggest disconnect in most states is the court system.

Encryption software exists to protect personal information.

CIJIS was created to do this, sort of, but it's only for 5 major agencies. The potential is there it's just not at the needed level.

Provided the process for how IDs are dealt with.

Used to have MOU with DOR CDPH – but this has been expired for about a year. Release money for departure → \$100 for first release, per sentence. Not if returned/released on revocation. If they come back on new crime, will receive money. Not provided if inmate owes money.

Meds → 30 of MH meds, 10 days of physical meds

DOC will provide some clothing.

Social security cards →

Offender personal property

Bridget brought up concern that mitimus' are not being dealt with fast enough to decrease necessary time leading to people serving more time than necessary which could save money if dealt with (told that the time comp. group is back logged 6 months).

If there is an advocate (the defense lawyer) things seem to happen more quickly.

Where they are going and what kind of housing → I will work with numbers from Lou and present ASAP

Could parole officers pull their files and tell us where they are going?

Need to determine what data we have and what we can or can't do with it.

Paul →

ID Issues → Additional steps need to be examined by this group: work forward, work backward

Release money → needs to be addressed in some shape or form, even if that means changing the system (accumulate). Issue of mandatory fees. The goal is to have money when you're released. Issue of how long it takes to access existing funds (now have a debit card). Bank takes a cut of the money sent to offenders through the bank (money orders). Cost of telephone calls.

Clothing → need information on clothing banks.

Social Security Number / Social Security Card → two issues; connected to ID issues (can't get SS without ID)

Easier to get card – Regi will talk to SSA about process.

Costs money, but there is no policy preventing them from getting their card.

Benefits → veterans?

CICP (CO Indigent Care Program) → status while in comcor determines what they are eligible for.

Offender property →

## 2.

Charlie Smith: Housing

HUD regulations

Some federal regulations limit housing felons. However, local regulations can be more strict.

Get stats discussed from Charlie – have him send the output and I will write up the synopsis.

Data is from 2005-2006 – therefore policies may have changed.

There are public housing providers who will make decisions at their discretion to deny housing.

3.

Carol was told that there is no problem placing people if they have the funds, the problem is in where they have to go.

It's the landlords who are screening.

But federal regulations dictate some restrictions.

(Private) Landlord felt that if a coalition was behind them they'd be more open to renting to offenders.

What would it take (incentives) to get landlords to rent to offenders? Coalition? Tax break?

Regi → need to have a campaign to educate the public about offenders and the "real" risks.

People don't get the chance to shine when their application (for housing or a job) is sitting next to someone who doesn't have felony.

Mike → employers are sympathetic, but the info that DVR needs is holding them up. This info is in the DOC system, it's just not released. Systems need to communicate. Also needs employment histories. Need to have a resume when they're released. Right now there is a \$9K tax credit being worked on at the federal level. This would only help the CO economy because it's a federal cut. In CO, with the bonding and tax credit issues, certificates of verification can be handed out to hand a potential employer. Maybe a similar system could be established for housing (tax credit to landlord).

4.

Restitution and fees → See white paper from Carol.

How many children in poverty have incarcerated parents?

Community Corrections 2007 – has a restitution grace period for 2 months as long as they are employed for two months.

DOC has a lot more discretion → might be good if a grace period was written into policy (would help with consistency).

Would be good to see an audit of court costs. How are costs being listed? Probation needs to look at the costs and how people are being charged. Specifically, are some people being overcharged for certain fees? (are they being charged for 12 mo of supervision when they were only on probation for 3 mo?\_

5.

See The Piton Perspective

Summarize the data

## **Decisions:**

Priorities for this group:

Separate data systems

Electronic transmissions of data and info.

Parking lot issues:

Entry of Mitts

- Check back-log (Lou)

- Advocacy

- Process

Contracts

- Money orders (% cut)

- Telephone

- New Technology coming into facilities (email)

- Video visits

Broad Education:

- Felons → productive Participating citizens, as opposed to posing a risk

Part of the employment issue is voc. Rehab. Communication between

MH/DOC/DOR

**Next meeting:**

Matrix for the following:

Criteria

- On these issues we want to move forward:

- Long term

- Short term

- Stop → we don't have data/time to move forward

From here decide what the next meeting will look like.

**Other notes:**

Could we start an hour earlier? We're good for next meeting: June 25<sup>th</sup>.