Task Force Updates

Juvenile Continuity of Care TF
Mental Health/Jails TF
Re-entry TF
Pre-Trial Release TF

Presentation to the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice
May 12, 2017
Focus of the Task Force: Cross-over youth

• The Task Force has been working on the development of a model that outlines specific expectations regarding the effective management of cross-over youth.

• Additionally, the Task Force is developing methods that can be employed to help support local jurisdictions in the implementation of this model.
Juvenile Continuity of Care Task Force

The model focuses on local JSPCs and outlines expectations regarding:

- Identification and definition of cross-over youth
- Use of assessments
- Multi-agency collaboration
- Coordinated case management
- Identifying most appropriate interventions for the youth and the community
- Involvement of all appropriate parties
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Focus of the Task Force: Cross-over youth

- Other areas of study include
  - Fostering permanency
  - Offering training and education to local sites regarding effective cross-over youth practices
  - Exploring opportunities to use existing resources to support local jurisdictions in this work
Next steps

• The Task Force has identified specific statutory changes that are needed in order to promote effective cross-system work with this population
• One recommendation has been approved by the Task Force, and two others will receive attention next month
• It is expected all three recommendations will be presented at the July Commission meeting

**Task Force expected to complete its work in the next few months**
Explore opportunities to divert individuals from the criminal justice system

Explore opportunities to divert individuals in the criminal justice system from jail

Provide necessary services to individuals in the jail
Study Area #2 - Diverting Individuals in the Criminal Justice System with mental and behavioral health needs

Initial area of focus is post-arrest and pre-sentencing (arraignment, bond, pre-trial conference):

- Early identification of qualifying individuals
- Effective use of assessment tools
- Looking at lower-level crimes
- Promoting system collaboration
- Transfer management of the case from the CJ system to the BH system
Study Area #2 - Diverting Individuals in the Criminal Justice System with mental and behavioral health needs

Current activities include:

• Reviewing existing efforts in Colorado
• Gathering information from other states
• Reviewing literature and getting expert input
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Two areas of focus:

Collateral Consequences

– Exploring the numerous collateral consequences for individuals arrested for, or convicted of, an offense.

Housing

– Collaborating with appropriate groups that are working to address housing barriers for justice-involved individuals.
Collateral Consequences

Three recommendations to be presented today

Orders of Collateral Relief
Expanding the time during which such orders can be sought

Employment Actions
Prevent adverse employment action on the basis of arrest or records that have been sealed or expunged

State licensure and Employment
Revise statutory guidance
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Collateral Consequences

Additional recommendations in other areas expected in the next few months to include:
• Criminal records information
• Public housing
• Private housing

**Task Force expected to complete its work in the next few months**
Task Force Established

- Membership determined
- Issue areas identified by CCJJ
- Initial launch meeting set for June 21st