



Task Force Updates

Presentation to the Colorado Commission on
Criminal and Juvenile Justice

November 9, 2017



Mental Health/Jails Task Force

Identified Areas of Focus

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



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Study Area #2 - Diverting Individuals in the Criminal Justice System with mental and behavioral health needs

Area of focus is post-arrest and pre-charge. The Task Force agreed on a variety of key principles and elements that would allow for the diversion of appropriate cases pre-charge or plea. The Task Force formed a work group that is in the final stages of developing a specific recommendation regarding this population.



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Elements of the proposed recommendation include:

- Early identification of qualifying individuals
- Assessments done by appropriate behavioral health professionals
- Effective use of appropriate assessment tools
- Looking at lower-level crimes
- Promoting system collaboration
- Transfer management of the case from the CJ system to the BH system



Pretrial Release Task Force

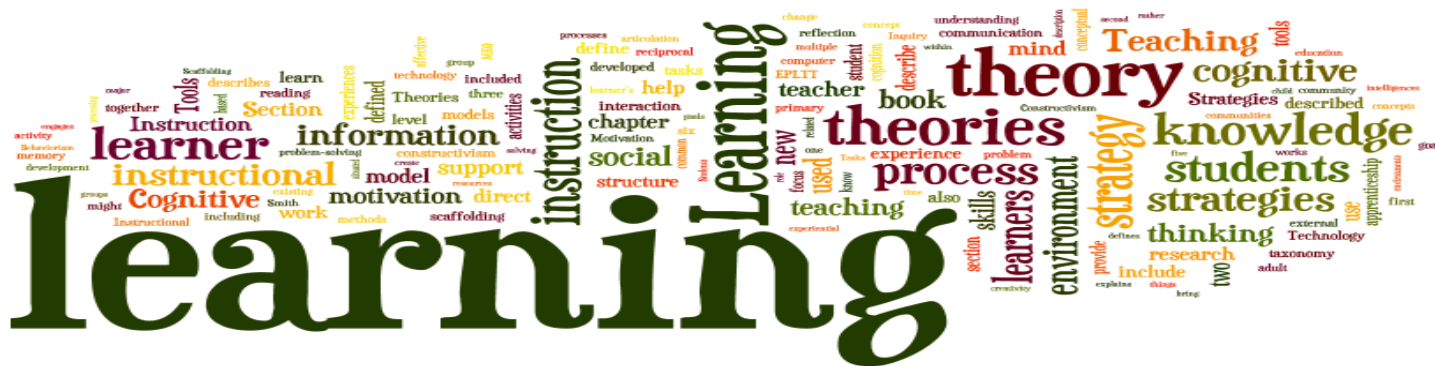
Information gathering underway

- Understanding the impact of 2013 legislation which modified pretrial release statutes
- Personal recognizance releases have increased but vary considerably by judicial district
- Assessing data regarding outcomes in cases where PR bonds are used
- Availability of pretrial services and use of CPAT tool varies widely by judicial district



Pretrial Release Task Force

As a result of our initial review four working groups have been formed to study particular areas identified by the Task Force and to make recommendations.





Pretrial Release Task Force

Four working groups created

- Implementation of 2013 statute
- Assessment tools/CPAT/Decision making/Bond schedules/Conditions/Behavioral health
- Pretrial Release Detention
- Pretrial services/Supervision/Violations/Resources /Behavioral Health



Collateral Consequences Subcommittee

Derived from the Collateral Consequences Working Group of the Re-entry Task Force

- Subcommittee charge based on a preliminary recommendation, FY18 RE #06: Limit the Distribution of Records concerning Arrests that Did Not Result in Charges.
- CHARGE: Complete the study of the accessibility and timing of the availability of arrest records, especially in circumstances where a subsequent charge is not filed.
- Work to begin January 2018.