



Task Force Updates

Mental Health/Jails TF

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Presentation to the Colorado Commission on
Criminal and Juvenile Justice

March 9, 2018



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



Mental Health/Jails Task Force

Study Area #3 – Providing necessary services in the jail to people presenting mental health issues

Area of focus

Examining options to move detainees to other locations which may include regional facilities

The Task Force is looking at opportunities to manage these jail inmates in other physical facilities to address their issues.



Mental Health/Jails Task Force

The Task Force anticipates completing its work and producing recommendations on these issues by mid-summer 2018.





Age of Delinquency Task Force

Information gathering underway

- The Task Force was formed in February and has met twice
- The group has received several presentations and has been presented pertinent data and information about juveniles and developmental considerations
- The group developed a statement of its values.





Age of Delinquency Task Force

Initial areas of focus:

1. Placement of 10 and 11 year olds in the juvenile justice system
2. Examining early intervention options for 10 and 11 year olds
3. Exploring options and approaches regarding the management of “transitional” populations (18 – 21 year olds)

The Task Force is reviewing information from Colorado and other states and considering information about adolescent brain development and effective responses to behaviors



Pretrial Release Task Force

Task Force work-to-date:

- The Task Force has been meeting for ten months and has reviewed a significant amount of statewide data concerning pretrial releases.
- The group has been reviewing legislative and case outcomes from other jurisdictions that have been focused on the development of alternatives to the use of money bond for pretrial release.
- The Task Force is currently reviewing preliminary recommendations from its Working Groups



Pretrial Release Task Force

The Task Force has identified three areas of focus:

- Examining opportunities to improve implementation of 2013 statutory changes
- Developing recommendations regarding the use of pretrial services and risk assessment tools on a statewide basis
- Exploring the possible development of a pretrial detention approach



Pretrial Release Task Force

The Task Force anticipates producing at least four recommendations within the next six months for consideration.

