



Task Force Updates

Age of Delinquency TF Mental/Health Jails TF
Pretrial Release TF

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May 11, 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 critical mental health services to individuals who cannot be diverted



Mental Health/Jails Task Force

Study Area #3 – Providing significant mental health services to individuals detained in a jail

Area of focus

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

The Task Force is examining opportunities to manage these jail inmates at other locations such as local hospitals that would be secure, and that would be able to provide critical services in a more therapeutic environment.



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Specific issues being examined:

- The extent of needed beds or services (number of individuals who may require this move)
- Having options that are available without significant delays
- Considering the process that might be involved with this movement to another facility
- Identifying possible locations or willing facilities
- Considering various funding and payment 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

Gathering information and exploring areas of focus

- The Task Force was formed in February and has met four times
- The group has received several presentations and has been presented pertinent data and information about juveniles and developmental considerations





Age of Delinquency Task Force

Areas of focus:

1. Examining intervention options, treatment services, and alternatives for 10-12 year olds, which currently includes placement in the juvenile justice system
2. Exploring options and approaches regarding the management of “transitional” populations (18 – 21 year olds)
3. Reviewing repercussions associated with “mingling” younger (10-12 year olds) and older juveniles.

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



Age of Delinquency Task Force

The Task Force is first examining data, issues and options associated with 10-12 year olds that commit offenses and can currently be placed in the juvenile justice system.





Pretrial Release Task Force

Task Force work-to-date:

- The Task Force has been meeting for a year 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 four months for consideration.

