

Sex Offender Civil Commitment Advisory Task Force
Thursday, January 3, 2013
9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
Room 5 State Office Building

Agenda:

- 1. Welcome (overview, housekeeping items, review of Task Force charge)**
- 2. Review response to First Task Force Report (Less Restrictive Alternatives)**
- 3. Treatment while in MSOP**
 - Review Court Order on Program Evaluation – effect on Task Force charge
- 4. Review/Discuss Task Force input and output issues for coming year**
 - Procedural issues (petition, referral, commitment, courts, panels, reviews)
 - Substantive issues (burden of proof, standards of proof, etc.)
 - Reintegration issues (procedures, sanctions, etc.)
- 5. Review/Discuss Task Force process for coming year**
 - Add to List of Topics after review of Prior Studies
 - Maintain focus on Task Force charge
 - Coordinate efforts with Legislature
 - Review status at end of Legislative Session
 - Proceed to December 1, 2013 deadline for additional concrete suggestions
- 6. Public Comments**

Task Force Attendance:

Hon. Eric J. Magnuson (Chair)	Dr. Michael D. Thompson (ex officio)
Hon. James M. Rosenbaum (Vice Chair)	Fred Friedman (ex officio)
James D. Franklin (ex officio)	Dean Eric Janus
Hon. Kathleen R. Gearin	Hon. Joanne Smith (ex officio)
Gerald T. Kaplan	Hon. Paul Nelson
Ryan B. Magnuson	Chief John Harrington (ex officio)
Kelly Mitchell (ex officio)	Sen. Tony Lourey
Co. Atty. Mark A. Ostrem	Roberta Opheim
Comm. Tom Roy (ex officio)	Rep. Jim Abeler
Comm. Nancy Schouweiler	Rep. Tina Liebling

Meeting Minutes: *(This document is a general summary of the Task Force meeting and is not intended to be a detailed transcription.)*

Meeting Began: 9:05 AM

Introduction (Overview and Housekeeping Items) - Chair Magnuson made introductory remarks and addressed a number of housekeeping items; Task Force Liaison Don Jorovsky commented regarding audio recordings of the meetings.

Review of Task Force Charge - Chair Magnuson reminded the members of the charge of the Task Force. This will help the group to stay focused and produce substantive recommendations to the Commissioner and the courts.

Review response to First Task Force Report (Less Restrictive Alternatives)

Chair Magnuson opened the floor for Task Force members to comment on the response. Members speaking included Rep. Liebling, Dean Janus, Chair Magnuson, Sen. Lourey, Rep. Abeler, and Roberta Opheim, and Task Force Liaison Don Jorovsky answered questions.

Treatment while in MSOP – Chair Magnuson reviewed a recent court order on program evaluation and its effect on the charge of the Task Force.

Review/Discuss Task Force input and output issues for coming year – Members speaking on this included Roberta Opheim, Judge Gearin, Vice Chair Rosenbaum, Chair Magnuson, Dr. Thompson, and Fred Friedman.

Review/Discuss Task Force process for coming year - Chair Magnuson opened the floor for Task Force members to propose topics/ideas for discussion. Members speaking on this included Rep. Abeler, Ryan Magnus, Dean Janus, Rep. Liebling, Roberta Opheim, Sen. Lourey, Vice Chair Rosenbaum, Dr. Thompson, Fred Friedman, Judge Smith, Gerald Kaplan, Commissioner Roy, and Chair Magnuson. Don Jorovsky answered questions.

Break: 10:22 – 10:35

Further Discussion - Chair Magnuson asked Task Force member to state their goals. The Chair stated his and other members commenting included Roberta Opheim, Gerald Kaplan, Rep. Liebling, Rep. Abeler, Dr. Thompson, Judge Gearin, Fred Friedman, Judge Smith, Commissioner Roy, Dean Janus, Ryan Magnus, Kelly Mitchell, Commissioner Schouweiler, County Attorney Ostrem, Judge Nelson, and Vice Chair Rosenbaum.

Next Steps - Chair Magnuson indicated his plan for moving forward. Don Jorovsky will send out Chair Magnuson's initial list and Task Force members should provide additions to this list by January 8th. Members are also encouraged to provide a goal statement.

Public Comments:

Phil Bauck – Said that the Task Force is lacking the first-hand experience from the clients. He stated that there is no clear standard for risk during the commitment process. He said that he has issues with sex offender sentencing guidelines. He stated that many clients don't participate in treatment, because the system doesn't work. He stated his concern about members getting input from clients and their families.

Thomas Koepke – Said that he has mentored a man who is at MSOP. Said that he has worked the program, and it is a good program. He stated that the Task Force should have faith that the MSOP treatment program is a really good and intense program. He would like this client he knows be able to go to an outpatient treatment program as soon as possible.

Tammy Annen – Said that the system has to satisfy the federal court. She said that the constitutionality of the program is a question of hers. She said that the legislative channels have been blocked at MSOP.

Thomas Evenstad – Said that he lived in MSOP for a full year, and offered himself as a resource to the Task Force members. He said that MSOP can't be a punishment or it makes it unconstitutional. He said that it is preventive detention. Said he has sued MSOP and that he wants an injunction so no more people are committed until this problem is fixed.

Russell Lovaasen – stated that MSOP clients feel like they are inmates rather than patients. Said that DHS could do make changes and that public education is very important to changing the process.

Al Kretsinger – Said that he has been a mentor to a prisoner at Stillwater who is now at MSOP Moose Lake. This client was recently baptized and has embraced Christianity. He believes that MSOP is abducting the clients who reside there.

Meeting Concluded: 11:30 AM