Sex Offender Civil Commitment Advisory Task Force
Thursday, November 15, 2012
9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
State Office Building, Room 5

Agenda:
1. Welcome (overview and housekeeping items)
2. Review of recommendations submitted by task force members
3. Review of chairs’ draft (chair and vice chair recommendations)
4. Discussion of next steps
5. Public comments

Task Force Attendance:
Hon. Eric J. Magnuson (Chair)                               Mark A. Ostrem
Hon. James M. Rosenbaum (Vice Chair)                       Comm. Tom Roy (ex officio)
James D. Franklin (ex officio)                             Dr. Michael D. Thompson (ex officio)
Hon. Kathleen R. Gearin                                     Hon. Paul A. Nelson
Gerald T. Kaplan                                            Roberta Opheim
Sen. Tony Lourey                                            Sen. Warren Limmer
Ryan B. Magnus                                              Donna Dunn
Kelly Mitchell (ex officio)

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.

Discussion of Recommendations Submitted by Task Force Members:
Chair Magnuson commented on the submissions of proposed language from Task Force members and discussed future timelines.

Chair Magnuson indicated the Task Force is operating under two premises: there are no less restrictive alternatives available at this time, but the law allows for alternative placements. Task Force members discussing this included Roberta Opheim, Sen. Limmer, Vice Chair Rosenbaum, Judge Gearin, Comm. Roy, Ryan Magnus, Sen. Lourey, Comm. Schouweiler, Gerald Kaplan, Judge Nelson, Mark Ostrem, Rep. Abeler, James Franklin, Dr. Thompson, Kelly Mitchell, and Donna Dunn.

Break (10:40 – 10:50 AM)
Discussion of the Chair’s Proposal:
Chair Magnuson discussed the layout for the proposal; task force members discussing this included Sen. Lourey, Gerald Kaplan, Rep. Abeler, Roberta Opheim, Comm. Roy, Vice Chair Rosenbaum and Kelly Mitchell.

Chair Magnuson & Task Force members discussed several issues:

**DHS and Legislature must develop LRAs for those civilly committed**

**Zoning of Less Restrictive Alternative Facilities**
Vice Chair Rosenbaum, Sen. Lourey, Roberta Opheim, Commissioner Schouweiler and Mark Ostrem discussed this.

**State supervision and running of the programs**

**Financial Responsibilities**

Chair Magnuson said that Task Force Members should submit all comments and language ideas to Don Jorovksy (Task Force Liaison) by end of the day next Monday. The revised draft will be discussed at the next meeting.

Public Comment
Carol DeOtis – Submitted a letter to the Task Force. She believes that the public needs to be more educated about how big the program is and the cost of it.
Tom Evenstad – There is a German Model that should be reviewed. Communal Custody is a good model.
Thomas Koepke – Talked about the need to reevaluate phase two clients for outpatient treatment options.
Philip Bauck – His step-son is at MSOP; there wasn’t a LRA available at the time of his commitment.
Dane Jorento – Runs ABC (a day treatment program for sex offenders). Treatment plans need to be related specifically to the offender and their needs.
Alice Richter – Lack of LRAs is because of current law. Alpha House was considered as a LRA for her brother, but the judge either disregarded the law or the law does not accomplish what you think it does.
Russ Lovaasen – He was a patient advocate before the regional treatment centers were broken up. Spoke to challenges surrounding institutionalization.
Mike Brown – His son has been at Moose Lake since he was 17, and he is now 37.

Meeting Concluded: 12:15 PM