
Committee Meeting Minutes
Criminal Justice System's Awareness of Disabilities and Needs for Accommodations

Protection of Individuals with Disabilities in the Criminal Justice System Task Force

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Minutes for April 16, 2021

Task Force Member Attendees: Mary Dixon, Kimberly Johnson-Evans, Penny Gates, Linda Kelly, Carol Nesteikis,

Not present: Representative Will Davis, Amy Newell, Allison Stark

1. Call to order
 - Meeting was called to Order at 3:05 pm – Mary Dixon, Member and Committee Chair
 - Roll Call completed with certification of number of members to constitute a quorum
2. Introductory remarks
 - Chair Dixon provided introductory remarks about both speakers and the programs they were presenting
 - Tonya Milling from the ARC of Virginia presented a slideshow presentation that was provided to families of LRIDD (Legal Reforms for the Intellectually and Developmentally Disabled). The power point is included as a supplement to the minutes.
 - Committee comments/questions:
 - How many individuals with ID/DD are in the prison system?
 - That will be a new set of data collected
 - Data collection expectations
 - Further explanation of diversion
 - Judges take a plea prior to diversion
 - Request to send links to the three bills referenced in the presentation
 - Judy Rosenthal, District Attorney, Rockland County New York presented a slideshow on the IDDATI (Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Alternative to Incarceration) Program. The power point is included as a supplement to the minutes.
 - Committee comments/questions:
 - Does the program take felonies and misdemeanors?
 - Explanation given plus no one taken off sex offender registry and no extreme violent offenders
 - Do cases proceed before a judge in the original jurisdiction?

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- Yes
- How did the program go from concept to implementation?
 - Fuller explanation given
- Are all judges trained in IDDATI?
 - No, the program is in one of the smaller counties of New York
- How many participants are there with ASD?
 - There are recommended programs for persons with ASD
- Is Medicaid/Medicare accepted?
- Is there an opportunity for the program to report to probation?
 - Post-plea- you never get entered

3. Old business

- Vote to adopt March 26, 2021 meeting minutes
 - Kimberly Johnson-Evans Moved for the minutes to be adopted
 - Carol Nesteikis Seconded the motion
 - The Ayes carried the vote

4. Updates on outreach efforts

- Chair Dixon referred to a previous email that task force administrator, Gia Orr sent related to an of Jim Kaitchuck, Executive Director of the Police Chief's Association that was conducted on the committee's behalf.
- Chair Dixon asked if further information could be secured related to written policies
- Chair Dixon referenced an email sent to the group thread related to the Director of Office of State Appellate Defenders and asked for all to review

5. Next steps/assignments

- Chair Dixon reviewed next steps from the conversation
 - Administrator Orr to ask Executive Director Kaitchuck for written policies
 - Kimberly Johnson-Evans to do outreach
 - Linda Kelly to check for any stories from the juvenile perspective
 - Rep. Davis to be asked if he knows of any constituent stories

6. Public comment

- None

7. Adjournment

- Carol Nesteikis moves to adjourn the meeting
- Penny Gates Seconded the Motion
- Ayes have it and the meeting adjourns at 4:15 pm

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