
Introductory Meeting Minutes

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

April 29, 2020

10:00 am – 11:30 am

**Conducted via Teleconference Pursuant to
Executive Orders 2020-07 and 2020-18**

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Minutes

Task Force Attendees: Kathleen Bankhead, Mary Dixon, Amy Newell, Mary Hettel, Akil Smith, Penny Gates, Bianca Carmago, Dr. Lily Gleicher, Linda Kelly, Allen James, Donald Dew, Bryan Echols, Dr. Mary Milano, Leader William Davis, Allison Stark, John Keigher, Dr. Darlene Perry, Carole Nesteikis, Katherine Muse, Leigh Richie, Kimberly Johnson, Jennifer Vollen-Katz, Dr. Antoinette Kavanaugh, Dr. Jennifer Jaworski, Edwin Bowen

1. Roll Call

- Meeting was called to Order at 10:10 am – Co-Chair Leigh Richie, Office of the Governor
- Roll Call completed

2. Welcome and Introductions

- Co-chair, Leigh Richie opened introductions beginning with hers and went down the roll call
- Final introductions completed at 11:07 am

3. History

- History provided by IGAC Human Rights Authority Director and Deputy Director, Teresa Parks.

4. Overview of Legislation (H.B. 2987; Public Act 101-0391)

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=10100HB2987lv&SessionID=108&GA=101&DocTypeID=HB&DocNum=2987&print=true>

a. Key Components

- Teresa Parks, IGAC Deputy and HRA Director and Phil Milsk, Arc of Illinois provided a legislative overview

b. Timelines

- Teresa Parks, Phil Milsk and IGAC Executive Director, Dr. Mary Milano provided a review of previous timelines and hopes moving forward

c. Duties of Task Force Members

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- Teresa Parks provided insight into expected input from task force members

i. Open Meetings Act and Ethics Act Training

- Task Force Administrator, Gia Orr provided information related to sending task force members each of the trainings and methods of completing the trainings.
- A third training is added to the expected completions list: Harassment and Discrimination

d. Guardianship and Advocacy Commission Role

- Teresa Parks and Dr. Mary Milano provided the task force members and public attendees with the role of IGAC in the task force and the role of GAC in the agency arena.

e. Expected Outcomes

- Teresa Parks communicated the expected outcomes as written in the legislation that enacted the task force.

5. Election of Co-chair

- The floor was opened for nominations of an additional co-chair as set forth in the statute.
- Leader William Davis put forth the nomination of Allen James, Attorney, Legal Advocacy Services
- Task Force Member, Donald Dew seconded the Motion
- There were no additional nominations
- Co-chair Leigh Richie indicated that vote should be done by roll call to which all agreed
- After roll call, the Task Force voted unanimously to elect Attorney Allen James as the second Task Force Co-chair

6. Survey of Key Issues and Next Steps

- Task Force Administrator, Gia Orr relayed information regarding a Survey that is being created to be distributed to all Task Force members in addition to the trainings that would be distributed via email.

7. Public Comment

- There were three (3) for public comment; Kristin Gharst, Nora Handler, Susan Kahan
- Each briefly introduced themselves and two are persons who were previously nominated to sit on the task force. They queried about their membership to which further review with the Office of the Governor was warranted.

8. Adjournment

- A Motion was made to adjourn by Task Force Member, Fred Chinn
- Task Force Member, Jennifer Vollen-Katz Seconded the Motion
- Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm

