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MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

May 6, 2015

12:15 p.m.

Teleconference

Advisory Body Members Present: Hon. Richard J. Loftus, Jr., Hon. Hilary A. Chittick, Hon. Clifford L. Klein, Hon. Stephen V. Manley, Hon. Heather D. Morse, Mr. Michael D. Planet, Mr. Michael M. Roddy, Hon. Jaime R. Román, Hon. Maria E. Stratton, Hon. Garrett L. Wong

Advisory Body Members Absent: Hon. Rogelio R. Flores, Hon. Susan M. Gill, Hon. Suzanne N. Kingsbury, Hon. Michael Anthony Tynan

Others Present: Hon. James Bianco (Los Angeles Superior Court); Mr. Dan Pone (Office of Governmental Affairs), Ms. Sharon Reilly (Office of Governmental Affairs); Ms. Karen Moen, Ms. Angelica Souza, Ms. Nancy Taylor, Ms. Carrie Zoller

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:15 and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body reviewed and approved the minutes of the April 1, 2015, Mental Health Issues Implementation Task Force meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-3)

Item 1

Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) Misdemeanants

Action: No action taken; members discussed competency restoration issues related to misdemeanants and the limited number of options for restoration services at the local level. Task force members indicated that the number of IST misdemeanants seems to be increasing as a result of Proposition 47 and restoration to competency alternatives should be identified and promising practice information disseminated statewide.

Item 2

Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) Issues for Felony IST defendants

Action: No action taken; members discussed competency restoration issues related to felons and continuing issues related to the timely availability of restoration to competency services through the state

mental hospitals . Members discussed the need to develop local options for competency restoration in cases involving defendants who would typically receive services through the state mental hospitals. Promising models with local competency restoration services for felons were identified in San Joaquin and San Bernardino and Riverside counties. Additional discussions concerning promising practices and models will follow at subsequent meetings.

Item 3

Judicial Participation in Local Community Corrections Partnerships

Action: No action taken; task force members discussed the limitations surrounding court/judicial participation in local Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) meetings. It was reported that because of potential conflicts of interest and judicial ethics consideration, it has been difficult for courts and judicial leaders to participate in these meetings in a meaningful fashion. Issues related to discharge planning from the jails and from probation (and parole) remain issues of critical concern to the majority of task force members along with issues related to integration of treatment programs and space for inmates with mental illness into court house construction planning.

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on July 9, 2015.