

Working Group on Youth Interventions

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PRESENTATION TO THE WORKING GROUP ON YOUTH INTERVENTIONS

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General Duty

To develop recommendations on the design of a regional system of care for youth interventions, sustainable financing models, and alternatives to criminal penalties. The working group must evaluate coordinated approaches to youth with high behavioral health needs with the goal of reducing and eliminating touchpoints with the justice system as well as identifying community-based services to address youth needs and identifying gaps in services.

Specific Duties

- Assess the current approach to addressing the therapeutic and rehabilitative needs of youth adjudicated to be either children in need of protection services or delinquent. The working group shall evaluate racial disparities as part of the working group duties under this subdivision.
- Provide the number of youth currently in these systems;
- Provide the demographics of all youth including age, gender, sexual orientation, and race or ethnicity;
- Provide the number of youth currently in out-of-home placement due to their behavioral health needs broken down by:
 - Therapeutic and rehabilitative needs of youth; and
 - Proximity of a facility to their home or community;

Specific Duties

- Provide the number of youth currently in an out-of-state residential facility broken down by:
 - Therapeutic and rehabilitative needs;
 - Type of facility or setting;
 - Location of facility; and
 - County of residence;
- Provide the number of youth awaiting or in need of placement due to no available resource broken down by:
 - Therapeutic and rehabilitative needs;
 - Type of facility or setting needed; and
 - Wait time and wait setting;

Specific Duties

- Provide the total bed capacity by treatment facility broken down by:
 - Residential treatment centers;
 - Which facilities are state operated;
 - Which facilities are county operated; and
 - Which facilities are owned or operated by a community provider;
- For children who can access residential treatment, provide the:
 - Average length of stay;
 - Average daily cost per type of placement, and delineate by payor source;
 - Return or recidivism rate;
 - Therapeutic and rehabilitative needs;
 - Discharge setting, including whether that is a home, step down program, or runaway; and
 - Barriers, if any, to discharge;

Specific Duties

- Describe community-based programming, various treatment models, how programs operate, and the types of these services currently being provided in the state, including licensure model, and provide data specific to current total capacity and availability, level of care, outcomes, and costs;
- Provide research models and best practices across North America, including continuum of care, program specific, best metrics, continuous improvement, entities involved in funding and oversight, outcomes, and costs; and
- Describe the role the state of Minnesota should play in ensuring best practice resources are available to all children across the state.

Key Research Questions

1. Describe community-based programming, various treatment models, how programs operate, and the types of these services currently being provided in the state, including licensure model, and provide data specific to current total capacity and availability, level of care, outcomes, and costs;
2. What are the licensing requirements from the State of MN to function as a residential treatment provider for youth with behavioral health needs?
 - a. How are the licensing requirements different from DOCCR vs DHS?
 - b. What barriers do our licensing requirements present for potential community providers?
3. What can we learn about juvenile justice models across the nation that also have residential treatment centers?
 - a. How have juvenile justice systems partnered with community?
 - b. What can we learn about these efforts that can inform this task force?
 - c. Special Focus on Governance Models

Administration of the Task Force

- Co-Chaired by Allen Godfrey, Minnesota Department of Corrections Field Services Director & Jeffrey Lunde, Hennepin County Commissioner
 - Amy Lauricella to represent Allen Godfrey when absent
- Public members may be eligible for compensation
- Subject to the Minnesota Open Meeting Law under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13D

Timeline

Meetings will take place 10am-12pm:

- September 13, 2023
- October 4, 2023
- October 25, 2023
- November 15, 2023
- December 13, 2023
- January 3, 2024
- January 31, 2024
- February 14, 2024

Final Report and Expiration

- No later than February 15, 2024, the working group must submit a written report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over human services, public safety, and judiciary on the working group's activities and recommendations based on the evaluation and information collected under subdivision 5.
- The working group shall expire upon submission of the report required under subdivision 6, or February 29, 2024, whichever is later.

Questions?

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