

**Update from the Advisory Task Force
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Task Force for the Continuing Study of the Treatment of Persons with Mental
Illness Who Are Involved in the Criminal Justice System**

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Current Vacancies on the Task Force:

Person with knowledge of public benefits and housing in the state

Representative from the Judicial Department (currently have two of four appointments from this department)

Representative from local law enforcement

Representative from Department of Health Care Policy and Financing

Subcommittees:

Medication, Health Care and Public Benefits Subcommittee:

This subcommittee meets monthly with members of the Task Force as well as other interested stake holders to study various issues surrounding these topics and how individuals with mental illness in the criminal justice system are effected.

Juvenile Subcommittee

This subcommittee meets approximately monthly to study issues related to juveniles with mental illness involved in the criminal justice system.

Housing Subcommittee

Currently, the Task Force is seeking a Chair for the subcommittee.

2012 Goals

The Task Force will complete its NGRI education in September and will be meeting to determine how best to use the information obtained during this 8 month training. The Task Force may benefit from some strategic planning concerning its goals and the goals of the Legislative Oversight Committee and would welcome input from the Legislative Oversight Committee on this issue.