

# Public Safety and Involuntary Treatment Act Workgroup

Adult Behavioral Health System Task Force

September 19, 2014

# Membership

- ▶ Providers
  - ▶ Advocates
  - ▶ Regional Support Networks
  - ▶ Public Defenders
  - ▶ Senate Committee Staff
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# Values

- ▶ **We support a treatment philosophy that values the belief that people can and do recover.**
  - ▶ **We support a continuum of care that emphasizes prevention and provides intensive services when appropriate.**
  - ▶ **We support integration, adequate staffing, peer support, safe facilities and training without reducing capacity.**
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# Summary of Recommendations at last meeting

- ▶ Involuntary treatment is an important part of the continuum of care and is sometimes the only viable option to keep a person safe.
- ▶ Adequately fund semi-secure residential and secure detox facilities.
- ▶ Create an exemption for Chemical Dependency ITA court filing fees.

## Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Standardizations:

- ▶ Examine if the Chemical Dependency ITA language can be changed from “may” to “shall” for prosecutors investigation of cases to be consistent with the Mental Health statute 71.05.
- ▶ Integrate 24/7 Crisis Response for Mental Health an Chemical Dependency.
- ▶ Streamline Mental Health and Chemical Dependency commitment timelines. It is currently 12 hours for Chemical Dependency and 10 hours for Mental Health.

# Additional Recommendations

- ▶ **Support persons convicted of non-violent felonies to become certified peer counselors.**
  - ▶ **Increase the Chemical Dependency ITA rate and/or number of beds to sustain the program and increase access.**
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