

TASK FORCE STATUTORY REVIEW/PREPARATION OF PRELIMINARY REPORT

Adult Behavioral Health System Task Force
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Task Force Review

- The ABHS Task Force was convened to examine reform of the adult behavioral health system.
- Enabling legislation provides 13 mandates, describing areas in which the Task Force must provide recommendations for reform.
- These mandates have been consolidated into 7 charges, identified in the Task Force's work plan.
- Four deliverables set out for the Task Force are associated with specific due dates.
- The Task Force formed three stakeholder work groups to assist in these tasks.

Seven Charges

Charge	Description	Status
1.	Provide guidance for creation of common regional service areas for medical and behavioral health purchasing	Completed
2.	Oversee integration of chemical dependency purchasing with managed care contracts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Established Chemical Dependency Integration Work Group• Conducted work sessions on state, county, and tribal CD purchasing and evidence-based practice
3.	Provide recommendations for full integration of behavioral health and medical services by 2020, or by 2016 in "early adopter" regions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Established Early Adopter/Full Integration Work Group• Work session on early adoption progress

Seven charges, continued

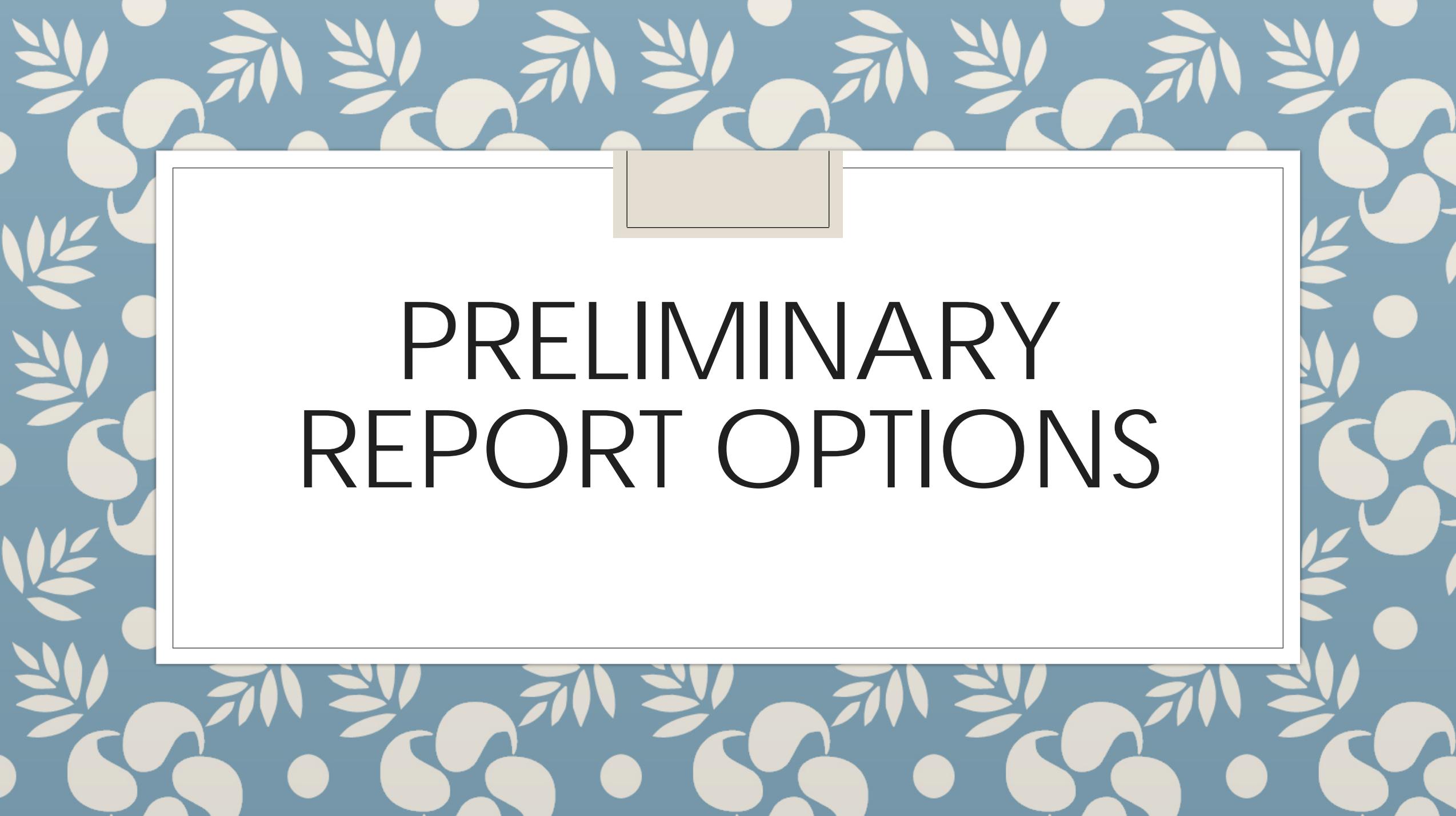
Charge	Description	Status
4.	Review performance measure and outcome recommendations developed pursuant to 2SSB 5732 and ESHB 1519 (2013).	Completed
5.	Review public safety practices relating to persons with behavioral health disorders and forensic involvement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Established Public Safety/Involuntary Treatment Act Work Group• Recommended area of focus in 2015
6.	Recommend whether a Statewide Behavioral Health Ombuds should be created.	Recommended area of focus in 2015
7.	Review crisis mental health system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Established Public Safety/ITA Work Group• Work session on psychiatric boarding decision• Recommended area of focus in 2015

Four Due Dates

August 1, 2014	Review performance measures and outcomes developed pursuant to 2SSB 5732 and ESHB 1519 (2013)	
September 1, 2014	Provide guidance for creation of common regional service areas	
December 1, 2014	Preliminary report	
December 1, 2015	Final report	

Initial Proposed Agenda for 2015

- Continue/begin discussion of issues related to full integration of behavioral health and physical health services by 2020.
- Continue/begin discussion of public safety practices concerning persons with behavioral health disorders and involvement in criminal justice system.
- Continue/begin reviewing whether a Statewide Behavioral Health Ombuds should be created.
- Begin review of crisis mental health system.



PRELIMINARY REPORT OPTIONS

Preliminary Report Content

- The base of the report will consist of a procedural description of Task Force mandates, work plan, and activities to date.
- The Task Force recommendation concerning regional services areas adopted on July 18 will be reported.
- Task Force members may consider and discuss what other content, if any, to provide in the preliminary report.

Items to consider for inclusion in preliminary report

- Substantive findings/recommendations related to matters within the Task Force's mandate.
- Contributions or recommendations provided by stakeholder-led work groups.
- Directions to stakeholder-led workgroups, agencies, counties, or other entities for consideration while session is underway and the Task Force is not meeting.
- Discussion/adoption of a work plan for the 2015 interim.
- Other items.

Presentations from work groups/counties

- Stakeholder-led work groups have been invited to submit narratives describing their progress and accomplishments in advance of the November 14th task force meeting.
- Stakeholder work groups have been invited to present any “early action items” they would like the Task Force to consider for special recognition in the preliminary report during today’s meeting.
- “Early action items” were defined as matters that are time sensitive and would need to be addressed prior to the Task Force’s final report in December 2015.
- The Association of Counties is also invited to present regarding any requests or concerns.

What's next?

- Time is reserved on today's agenda for discussion of matters relating to the preliminary report and future Task Force work plan among Task Force members.
- Drafts of the preliminary report will be prepared and distributed prior to the November 14th Task Force meeting. Any votes needed relating to the content of the preliminary report may be taken on November 14th.
- The preliminary report must be distributed to the Governor and appropriate committees of the Legislature by December 1.