

Meeting Minutes: MI&D Task Force Meeting

Date: 1/21/2025
Minutes prepared by: Kari Gallagher
Location: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Attendance

- Marshall Smith
- Dr. Hirachan
- Robin Bode
- Dr. Joshua Griffiths
- Sue Abderholden
- Jinny Palen
- Dr. Ian Heath
- Dr. Kristen Otte
- Dr. Amber Lindeman
- Mike Biglow
- Barb Weckman Brekke
- Anne Zimmerman
- Cassie Sassenberg
- Dalaine Remes
- Lisa Harrison-Hadler

Guests

- Matt Freeman
- Judge Tim Carey
- Laura McNamara
- Becky Robinson
- Dr. Angela Dugan
- Dr. Joshua Griffiths
- Michael Thompson

Next Meeting

Date: February 25, 2025

Time: 12:00pm-3:00pm

Location: Scott County Government Center, Room 170, 200 4th Ave W Shakopee, MN 55379

Agenda

1. Workgroup Breakout Sessions, 10:00am-11:30am

2. Workgroups Report Back, 11:30am-12:00pm

3. Next Steps, 12:00pm-12:25pm

Meeting Notes

Workgroup Breakout Sessions

- I. Members were in breakout sessions
 - a. Workgroup 1 (Objectives 1 and 2)
 - b. Workgroup 2 (Objectives 5 and 6)

Workgroup Report Back

- I. Workgroup 1 (Objectives 1 and 2)
 - a. Currently gathering national standards related to Mentally Ill and Dangerous (MI&D) commitment procedures
- II. Workgroup 2 (Objectives 5 and 6)
 - a. Surveys have been sent to individuals and their families regarding their experiences at the Forensic Mental Health Program (FMHP), as well as to county agencies and county attorneys
 - b. Discussion highlighted the lack of information available to judges and examiners regarding risk assessment and alternative options aside from forensic commitment
 - c. The workgroup is seeking a measurable way to assess what additional information is needed

- III. Agenda for February
 - a. A doodle poll will be sent out to members to determine the best date and time for the meeting
- IV. Discussion on Public Input Session
 - a. Sue Abderholden
 - i. Proposed allowing one hour for individuals and families to share their experiences
 - ii. Guidelines for Participation:
 - 1. Attendance is open; no restrictions on who can speak
 - 2. Five minute limit per person
 - 3. Discussions should remain focused on:
 - a. Factors that might have prevented commitment
 - b. Services or supports that could have helped keep individuals in the community
 - 4. Encouraging participants to write down their stories in advance to help maintain focus
 - b. Judge Carey (Guest)
 - i. Emphasized the importance of recognizing that some individuals are appropriately placed at Forensic Mental Health Program (FMHP),, as it is necessary consequence of their actions
 - c. Sue Abderholden
 - i. Clarified that the purpose of the “open mic” session is not to contest current placements but to identify resources that could have prevented commitment

Next Steps

- I. Doodle poll will be sent out to members for February, March, and April meeting date and time selections
- II. Workgroup to continue exploring data-driven approaches for improving MI&D Commitment processes
- III. Public input session structure to be finalized based on today’s meeting