

**Task Force Concerning the Treatment of Individuals with Mental Health Disorders in the CJ System
Internal Review Working Group Recommendation Direction**

Recommendation Regarding Renewal of MHDCJS Committee and Taskforce Authorizing Statutes:

Pursuant to C.R.S. 18-19-107, the entirety of the MHDCJS statutes are set to repeal effective July 1, 2020. The MHDCJS taskforce has commissioned a working group to examine the statutes and make a recommendation to the legislative oversight committee (LOC) regarding a renewal of our statutes.

The recommendation will aim to address issues including:

- The **charge and responsibilities** of both task force and LOC members.
- The **scope of issues** for which the MHDCJS structure is designed to study and address.
- The **processes in which MHDCJS taskforce and LOC members engage** with the work and each other and other entities.
- **Staffing support** that may be necessary to enhance the work of the MHDCJS task force.

Process Thus Far:

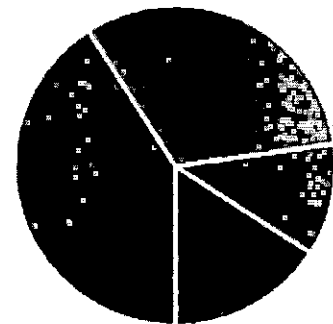
In anticipation of the 2020 repeal date, the MHDCJS Taskforce Internal Review Working Group began engaging in a study and discussion of the MHDCJS authorizing statutes, history, and current processes. Through this work, it became apparent that the charge and scope of the MHDCJS taskforce is not well-enough defined in statutes, and as such the structure's purpose, charge, and processes has ebbed and flowed depending on the various leadership and entities involved as well as the resources that may or may not have been available.

During the 2019 Task Force retreat, the work group recommended to the task force that study should continue to develop a recommendation that modernizes our statutes, better defines our roles and expectations, and adequately resources us to meet them. Currently, the key discussion the taskforce is having regards what the *primary role and charge* of our task force should be, in preparation for making a recommendation to the LOC.

A survey was sent to taskforce members regarding the primary role of the task force; 19 members responded:

"From the following options, please select which role or roles you believe should be specified in the MHDCJS Task Force's charge"

<i>Option provided:</i>	<i>Votes:</i>
Studying issues and making proactive recommendations	18
Reviewing legislative and policy initiatives as they develop and proceed, and providing unbiased expert input	14
Taking formal positions on legislative and policy initiatives as they develop and proceed	5
Conducting advocacy and support on issues related to our charge	7
Other	0



Ask for Legislative Oversight Committee:

The Internal Review Working Group of the taskforce is asking for direction from the MHDCJS LOC regarding our potential recommendation to re-authorize the committee and task force. Further, we are seeking guidance to help us narrow down and better define the role, charge, and scope of the MHDCJS Task Force. Broadly, we are seeking support on how to craft and shape re-authorization language and what elements are needed to include.