

House C.A.R.E.S. Task Force
September 7, 2017

Location: House Appropriations Room, 352 Capitol Building, Lansing, Michigan

The Task Force held its fourth meeting on September 7 in Lansing in the House Appropriations Room of the State Capitol Building.

A number of people provided testimony to the Task Force, including a local chief of police, a private children's psychiatric hospital, a statewide organization promoting employment and growth opportunities for people with developmental disabilities, an organization advocating for both crime victims and incarcerated persons, mental health and substance abuse service providers, and members of the public.

Information shared with the Task Force covered topics about the impact of the opioid crisis on communities and the benefits of crisis intervention training for law enforcement. There was also a focus on supporting services for those suffering from substance use disorders as well as mental illness, and the importance of properly treating prisoners with mental health illness. The Task Force also heard about the benefits of integrated employment outcomes for the developmentally disabled. Finally, a number of people from the public stressed the benefits they received from their local community club houses.

Presenters for the Lansing meeting included all of the following:

- Michael Patton, Chief of Police West Bloomfield Township
- Dr. Laura Hirshbein, University of Michigan Medicine
- Dennis Bott, Executive Director of Macomb Oakland Regional Center (MORC)
- Robert Lathers, CEO, Right Door for Hope, Recovery and Wellness
- Peter Baroni, Alliance for Safety & Justice
- Todd Culver, CEO, MARO
- A number of comments from the public attending the meeting

Written comments were collected from those in attendance.

The next scheduled meeting will be 1 p.m., Monday, September 11 at the Team Wellness Center, 6309 Mack Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.