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**RESTRICTIVE HOUSING OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Date:** March 18th, 2024

**Meeting Time:** 11:00AM-1:00PM

**Meeting Place:** Microsoft Teams (virtual)

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 11:05AM once a quorum of members had been established. A roll call was taken.

*Present:*

Chair Andrew Peck

Hollie Matthews

Kyle Pelletier

Bonnie Tenneriello, Esq.

Kevin Flanagan

Brandy Henry, PhD, LICSW

Bob Fleischner, Esq.

Joanne Barros, PhD, LMHC, CCHP

Hon. Geraldine Hines (Ret.)

Tatum Pritchard, Esq.

*Absent*:

Sheriff Tom Bowler

**Review Updated Version of Report**

The Committee began reviewing proposed edits to the Prison Order and Control section of the report beginning on pg. 52. Additional language proposed by Kevin Flanagan was incorporated since the last meeting.

Atty. Tatum Pritchard stated that she felt the new paragraphs could be condensed to focus on the mental and physical impacts of officer mental health and proposed removing some of the additional language that does not focus on that point. She agreed with Dr. Brandy Henry’s written comments captured in this section of the document and stated that they are still applicable to the current draft. Chairman Peck asked the Committee if they would like to include an additional recommendation on staff training and support since that is mentioned in this section. Atty. Bonnie Tenneriello stated that correctional officer mental health must be included however she proposed removing the bulleted list. Atty. Pritchard stated that this section focused too heavily on why restrictive housing should exist and less on the impact to officer mental health. Atty. Pritchard agreed that the bulleted list in the third paragraph should be removed. Kevin maintained that the language should be kept in as this section is called prison order and control and everything he included speaks to that. Committee members concluded they would edit the section. John made live edits based on Committee comment and discussion. Dr. Henry sent links to research relevant to this section in the chat that she had shared in an earlier version of this document.

**Discuss Recommendations**

Atty. Tenneriello raised the cost piece being included. Atty. Bob Fleischner suggested everyone look at their individual areas of the report and see if there are outstanding elements to be included or amended before the March 21st meeting.

Atty. Tenneriello stated that the new recommendations document that was circulated on Sunday afternoon (Version 2) contained substantive changes made to some of the recommendations and introductory language was added that is not consensus. She noted that this Committee spent a great deal of time trying to reach agreement and were very close and now there is a whole new document to review. She noted that there were a lot of wording changes and that none of it was tracked. John Melander (EOPSS) noted that he was clear in his communication on Sunday that this is another version being proposed with the intention of streamlining the process.

Atty. Fleischner stated that the new document is a lot to digest in one night and the Committee will need more time to review. Chairman Peck agreed and asked members to suggest any additional recommendations before the March 21st meeting and gave of deadline of EOD Wednesday, March 20th to submit any recommendations.

**Member Comment**

There was no additional comment.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 1:03PM.