

**Committee Studying Treatment Options for Offenders with
Mental Illness or Substance Abuse Disorders (SJR 97/HJR 142, 2002)**

2002 Work Plan

Purpose: To continue the study of treatment options for offenders who have mental illness or substance abuse disorders.

Who will conduct the study: A committee of the Joint Commission on Behavioral Health Care and the Virginia Commission on Youth.

Timeframe: Phase I: June 2002 to November 30, 2002.

Phase II: December 1, 2002 to November 30, 2003

Other Participants: Consumer and family representatives; Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services; Department of Corrections; Department of Criminal Justice Services; Department of Juvenile Justice; Department of Social Services; Office of the Comprehensive Services Act; Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court; Virginia Association of Regional Jails; Virginia Council of Juvenile Detention Homes; Virginia Sheriffs' Association; Commonwealth Attorneys' Services Council; Virginia Association of Community Services Boards; Community Criminal Justice Boards; Virginia Municipal League; Virginia Association of Counties; Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program; Chiefs of Police; Department of Planning and Budget.

Study Objectives:

1. Provide leadership and direction for the interagency work group;
2. Oversee implementation of 2001 recommendations (SJR 440);
3. Receive and act on certain information requested of Cabinet Secretaries and agencies in SJR 97/HJR 142 and the 2002-2004 biennium budget; and
4. Conduct research concerning diversion programs for individuals with mental illness or substance abuse disorders.

Immediate Steps:

1. Appoint study committee;
2. Select committee chair and vice-chair;
3. Designate staff from the Division of Legislative Services and the Virginia Commission on Youth;
4. Identify interagency work group members;
5. Establish work plan; and
6. Establish meeting schedule.

PHASE I: 2002

Objectives	Tasks	Lead Staff	When	Comments
1. Provide leadership and direction for the interagency work group.	1. Establish objectives, time table and meeting schedule to accomplish: a) Identification of target population; b) Statutory assignment of responsibility for treatment; c) Regional planning process; d) Screening-assessment-treatment model; e) Defined continuum of care; f) Model memoranda of agreement; g) Framework to pilot the memoranda and evaluate results.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults: Division of Legislative Services Staff • Juveniles: Youth Commission Staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 2002 Meeting; • Updates at October and November 2002 meetings 	
2. Oversee implementation of 2001 recommendations (SJR 440).	1. Develop a matrix. 2. Track implementation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults: Division of Legislative Services Staff • Juveniles: Youth Commission Staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 2002 Meeting 	
3. Receive and act on certain information requested of Cabinet Secretaries and agencies in SJR 97/HJR 142 and the 2002-2004 biennium budget.	1. Clarify information requests with Cabinet Secretaries and agencies as necessary. 2. Staff analysis of information.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults: Division of Legislative Services Staff • Juveniles: Youth Commission Staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October and November 2002 Meetings 	

PHASE I: 2002 (Continued)

Objectives	Task	Lead Staff	When	Comments
4. Conduct research concerning diversion programs for individuals with mental illness or substance abuse disorders.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify target population; 2. Identify essential elements of promising pre-and post- booking diversion programs through literature review, site visits and expert testimony; 3. Determine: (1) how many persons are served; (2) how long the programs have been in effect; (3) costs; and (4) results; 4. Develop preliminary recommendations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults: Division of Legislative Services Staff • Juveniles: Youth Commission Staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June, October and November 2002 Meetings 	

PROPOSED MEETING OUTLINE:PHASE I 2002

Meeting 1 (June 28, 2002)

1. Introductions, Organization and Meeting Schedule
2. Discussion and Approval of Work Plan
3. Status of SJR 440 Recommendations
4. Status of Offender Treatment Programs in 2002-2004 Biennium Budget
5. Diversion Workshop: What types of diversion work? For whom? Under what circumstances?

Meeting 2 (October 18, 2002)

1. Update on Interagency Work Group Activities
2. Cabinet Secretary and Agency Reports Requested in SJR 97/HJR 142
 - Secretaries of Public Safety, Health and Human Resources and Administration: Plan for Determining the Effectiveness of Treatment Services
 - Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services (DMHMRSAS): (1) Cross-Training Curriculum; (2) Innovative Practices
 - DMHMRSAS and Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS): Access to Medications
 - Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court: Model Court Order
 - DMAS: Access to Medicaid
 - Department of Juvenile Justice: Uniform Mental Health Screening for Juveniles
3. Update on Diversion Research
4. Public Comment

Meeting 3 (November 22, 2002)

1. Update on Interagency Work Group Activities
2. Agency Reports Required in 2002-2004 Biennium Budget
 - DMHMRSAS: (1) Access to Psychiatric Care by Jail Inmates; (2) Web-based Data on Available Psychiatric Inpatient Beds for Children and Adolescents; (3) Incentives to Maintain Adequate Supply of Psychiatric Inpatient and Residential Treatment Beds for Children and Adolescents; (4) Evaluation of Intensive Substance Abuse Treatment in Local Jails; (5) Plan to Improve Access to Treatment Services by Children and Adolescents
 - Department of Health and DMHMRSAS: Telepsychiatry in Medical Shortage Areas
3. Preliminary Recommendations
4. Public Comment