

Division of Developmental Disabilities Services Task Force

Substantiated Incidents Subcommittee Minutes

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Senate Meeting Room, Legislative Hall

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Discussion

The meeting was brought to order at 10:00 a.m. For the first order of business subcommittee chair Laura Strmel made introductions. She then led the committee in discussions about the reportable incident investigations data and to identify the subcommittee's scope. During the conversation an overarching concern and recommendations were identified.

Overarching Concern

After data is collected by DDDS what is the follow-up process, if any?

Subcommittee's Scope

The subcommittee deferred to Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 62 to identify its purpose. Reviewing and making recommendations on topics outlined in lines 24 through 36 of the legislation were identified as being the committee's purpose.

Lines 24 through 35 of SCR 62 read as follows:

24 (5) The design of performance measures for services to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

25 (6) The number of substantiated incidents of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of adults with intellectual

26 developmental disabilities, detailing the types of substantiated incidents by service setting.

27 (7) Other trends, analyses, and recommendations as determined by the Task Force.

28 (8) A synopsis from the Division of the occurrence of each of the following from 2015 through 2019:

29 a. The total number of provider violations.

30 b. The number of provider violations by the type of violation.

31 c. The number of providers placed on probation.

32 d. The number of appeals.

33 e. The ultimate disposition of provider violations.

34 (9) Any other information as requested by the Task Force that relates to the Division's functions and

35 operations, including its home and community-based services for adults with intellectual and developmental

36 disabilities.

Recommendations

1. It is recommended that the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDDS) Task Force should review the current DDDS data collection methodology.
 - Specifically, the subcommittee recommends reviewing data that was recategorized from substantiated to unsubstantiated.
 - The committee discussed bringing this recommendation up for vote during the October 23 DDDS Task Force meeting.
2. It was recommended to address confidentiality issues regarding the release of information surrounding an investigation to immediate family members and guardians.
 - The committee decided to postpone bringing this recommendation forward due to Attorney General Jennings' interest in reviewing a similar concern surrounding confidentiality issues.

Conclusions

1. The committee will bring its first recommendation to review the current DDDS data collection methodology forward to the DDDS Task Force on October 23.
2. A list of priority questions regarding DDDS serious incidents should be compiled prior to the next subcommittee meeting.
3. The committee decided to meet each month on the same day the DDDS Task Force meets. November 6 and November 20 were tentatively selected for the next subcommittee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:53 p.m.