

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Ordinance No. 477

An Ordinance relating to the establishment of a Task Force on Potentially Dangerous and Chronically Mentally Ill Persons.

Multnomah County Ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. TASK FORCE ON POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS AND CHRONICALLY MENTALLY ILL PERSONS

A Task Force is hereby established to improve community safety by studying and making recommendations regarding the services and responses of the legal, criminal justice, mental health systems and other relevant agencies to persons believed potentially dangerous and chronically mentally ill.

SECTION 2. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE TASK FORCE

The Task Force on Potentially Dangerous and Chronically Mentally Ill shall:

Review issues involving chronically mentally ill persons who pose a potential threat to the community for the purpose of:

- A. Assessing the current system's capacity for dealing with the Potentially Dangerous and Chronically Mentally Ill;
- B. Developing criteria and recommendations for system improvement and change including;
 - 1. Improvements in planning and coordination between the City Police, the District Attorney, the Circuit Court and County Mental Health Programs regarding Potentially Dangerous and Chronically Mentally Ill Persons; and
 - 2. Needed State legislation or changes in City and/or County ordinances.
- C. Developing recommendations for handling victims and others affected by incidents of violence.

SECTION 3. MEMBERSHIP AND STRUCTURE

- A. The Task Force shall consist of seventeen (17) members appointed by the County Executive pursuant to the Charter of Multnomah County.
- B. The membership shall be composed of the following representatives:

Multnomah County Department of Human Services

Multnomah County Department of Justice Services

Multnomah County District Attorney's Office

Multnomah County Courts

Multnomah County Sheriff's Department

Portland Police Bureau

State Mental Health Division

Mental Health Service Providers (2)

Public Defender's Office

Community (7)

- C. Members shall serve without compensation.
- D. All meetings shall be held pursuant to the Oregon Public Meetings Law.
- E. The Task Force shall determine its structure and method of operation.
- F. The Task Force shall solicit testimony from experts and citizens.

SECTION 4. STAFFING


Staff to the Task Force, with appropriate programmatic knowledge and responsibility, will be appointed from existing County Departments.

SECTION 5. TASK FORCE REPORTS

- A. The Task Force shall submit a final written report to the Multnomah County Board of County Commissioners no later than December 31, 1985. Interim reports may be submitted as well at the discretion of the Task Force.


Adopted this 29th day of August, 1985.

(SEAL)




Earl Blemenauer, Presiding Officer
Board of County Commissioners
(Nunc pro tunc)

Approved as to Form:



Dennis Buchanan,
County Executive
(Nunc pro tunc)



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