

Chief Justice Charge Creating the HB 21-1228 Task Force

TO:

Judge Arp, Chair of Standing Committee on Family Issues

FROM:

Chief Justice Brian D. Boatright

DATE:

July 7, 2021

RE:

Creation of House Bill 21 – 1228 Task Force

- I. Purpose: The legislature passed House Bill 12-1228 on June 7, 2021. This bill requires that the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court develop a Chief Justice Directive regulating Parental Responsibility Evaluators (PRE) pursuant to §14-10-127, C.R.S. This statute is effective as of January 1, 2022.
- II. Authority and Charges or Tasks: Pursuant to this statute, I hereby create the HB 21-1228 Task Force, in association with the Standing Committee on Family Issues, and charge the Task Force with making recommendations regarding a proposed Chief Justice Directive and the scope of PRE regulation in Colorado in order to benefit the families who come before the Colorado courts. The Committee shall meet monthly until the PRE regulatory program is established.
 - A. Draft Practice Standards, Timeline for Public Comments, Application Period and Adoption of Final CJD
 - a. July 1 August 30, 2021: The Task Force shall:
 - 1) Devise draft practice standards based on CJD 04-08;
 - 2) Set forth a name-based background check standard;

- 3) Define "licensed mental health professional" per statute §14-10-127 (1)(a)(I);
- 4) Explore recommendations regarding a structure whereby an ongoing multi-disciplinary oversight structure committee shall be developed, and determining the composition of that committee, in order to advise the SCAO and Supreme Court.
- b. September 1, 2021 September 30, 2021: The Task Force shall collect public feedback on practice standards, background check standard and definition per 14-10-127 (1)(a)(I).
- c. October 1, 2021 October 30, 2021: The Task force review public comment and provide final report and recommendation to Chief Justice regarding promulgation of a new Chief Justice Directive providing the framework for regulation of PREs.
- B. Membership appointments or statement explaining how membership will be selected: The Office of the State Court Administrator shall make recommendations to the Chief Justice regarding modifications to Task Force membership, with a focus on geographic diversity and diversity of roles served within the family court system. All membership modifications are subject to review and approval of the Chief Justice. At its founding, the Task Force shall include:
 - a. Judge Randy Arp, 1st Judicial District (Chair)
 - b. Judge Julie Field, 8th Judicial District
 - c. Magistrate Beth Dumler, 18th Judicial Dstrict
 - d. Chief Judge Steven Patrick, 7th Judicial District
 - e. Traci Worthan, Deputy Court Executive, 1st Judicial District
 - f. Jenni Turnidge, Deputy Court Executive, 18th Judicial District
 - g. Peggy Gentles, Court Executive, 14th Judicial District
 - h. Joel Borgman, Child Support Services Coordinator, Court Services, SCAO
 - i. Bill DeLisio Family Law Program Manager, Court Services, SCAO
 - j. Michelle Haynes, Domestic Relations Program Coordinator, Court Services, SCAO
 - k. Kara Martin, Diversion Coordinator, Court Services, SCAO
 - 1. Judge Jill Brady, 4th Judicial District
 - m. Erin Clark, Family Court Facilitator, 19th Judicial District
 - n. Jeff Quirova, Human Resources, SCAO
 - o. Beth Robinson, Senior Assistant Legal Counsel, SCAO

I. Signature of the establishing authority:

Signed this 6th day of July, 2021

Brian D. Boatright

Chief Justice

Colorado Supreme Court