

TASK FORCE ON SPECIALTY COURTS

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RECOMMENDATION PROPOSAL

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Proposal number and draft number (as applicable):
What problem are you trying to solve?
Too many assessments, Too little time
Title of proposal (25 words or less):
Create a statewide assessment database
Task Force Study Topic (eligibility, accountability, administration, funding):
Administration
<u>Detailed</u> description of proposal (50 words or more):



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Our participants go through a LOT of assessments: ASAMs, Psych Evals, LS/CMIs. They go through them before they enter the program, and then throughout their participation in the program. Sometimes they have these assessments in jurisdiction A and then commit new offenses in jurisdiction B and they're doing all the things all over again.

A statewide assessment database would ensure that the most recent assessments can be quickly accessed. If we have someone in custody awaiting an ASAM, for example, it can take weeks—if there was a recent assessment, perhaps the updating of that assessment cuts that wait time by a significant margin.

I would also note that while part of what we are likely doing in our courts is helping people address some of the traumas that may contribute to their involvement in the criminal justice system, there is something in the re-telling of those traumas during assessment after assessment that feels, to me, not very trauma-informed. I wonder sometimes if we're doing more harm than good.

Enforcement:

How will the legislature make sure the policy is followed, if applicable?

Reporting mechanisms:

What information will be collected so the legislature knows if the policy is working as intended?

Agency responsible for implementation:

OJD/OHA(?)/DAS-IT(?)

