



TREATMENT TASK FORCE

In August of 2019, the Treatment Task Force began researching the involuntary commitment of individuals with substance use disorders who are not willing to attend treatment on their own. This research was completed at the request of the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and other Drugs. This document provides a brief overview of the multiple components of the research completed.

- In October 2019, a Literature Review was completed which consisted of a review of several articles, a close review of the 5 other New England states and their Involuntary Civil Commitment (ICC) laws, and a review of Utah and Washington state who have more recently enacted ICC laws.
 - [Literature Review](#)
 - **See document titled *New England State ICC SUD table***
- During the November 2019 Treatment task force session the MA Section 35 Commission Report was reviewed
 - **See document titled *Section 35 Commission Report 2019***
- On October 11, 2019, Washington State Healthcare Authority presented on their ICC law called "Ricky's Law" which was enacted in 2016
 - **See PPT titled *SUD-ITA Presentation Fall 1019 Washington State***
- On Jan 8 2020, Colorado Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) did a presentation followed by a question and answer sessions. The Colorado OBH provided an overview of their laws and processes that have been in place since 1974.
 - [Colorado Presentation](#)
 - **See PPT titled *OBH IC Presentation***
- On June 5 2020, Dr. David Mee-Lee provided a question and answer session from an American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Perspective
 - **Please See Document titled *Involuntary Civil Commitment ASAM Discussion (1)***
- On June 24th 2020, a public listening Session was provided and members of the recovery community and people with lived experience were encouraged to share.
 - [Listening Session](#)
 - **Please see document titled *Listening Session Participant Chat***
 - **Please see document titled *Listening Session Audio Transcript***