TASK FORCE GOALS:

• To improve public safety and the treatment of people with mental illness in contact with the criminal justice system through appropriate evaluation, intervention, diversion, and supervision.

• To more effectively identify mental illness in people coming into contact with the criminal justice system, through improved training in local criminal justice systems, better use of screening tools and skills, and expanded response and diversion options in communities for law enforcement and the courts, all while holding offenders and government more accountable.

• To better allocate limited local resources in order to improve early intervention services and preserve limited jail and prison resources for violent, chronic, and career criminals.
TASK FORCE MEMBERS (LOCAL)

- Chief Justice David Gilbertson (chairman), South Dakota Supreme Court
- Jim Seward (vice chairman), general counsel, Office of the Governor
- Secretary Denny Kaemink, Department of Corrections
- Secretary Lynne Valenti, Department of Social Services
- Dr. Clay Pavlis, psychiatrist and medical director, Midwest Wellness Institute
- Judge Craig Pfeifle, Seventh Judicial Circuit
- Sheriff Kevin Thom, Pennington County
- Sheriff Mike Milstead, Minnehaha County
- Minnehaha County Commissioner Cindy Heiberger
- Judge Larry Long, Second Judicial Circuit
- Minnehaha County State’s Attorney Aaron McGowan
- Michael Gibbs, CEO, Rapid City Regional Hospital
- Mike Miller, attorney, Minnehaha Public Defender’s Office
- Secretary Steve Emery, Department of Tribal Relations
- Wendy Giebink, executive director, NAMI South Dakota
- State Sen. Alan Solano, CEO, Behavior Management Systems
- Greg Sattizahn, state court administrator, Unified Judicial System
- Scott Peters, attorney and chairman of Minnehaha-Lincoln County Board of Mental Illness
- Tim Neyhart, executive director, South Dakota Advocacy Services
- Sarah Petersen, welfare director, Codington County
- Belinda Nelson, director, Community Counseling Services