

# Washington State Mental Health Reform Taskforce Meeting

- ✓ Have you received mental health services in jails, hospitals, or the community?
- ✓ Have you or a loved one experienced barriers to accessing mental health services in the community?
- ✓ Do you provide services for individuals who have experienced mental health services in jails, hospitals, or the community?
- ✓ Are you interested in diverting people with mental illness away from the criminal justice system?

If so, then make your voice heard about what changes you want in the mental health system in Washington State by joining Disability Rights Washington (DRW) and the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) for a Mental Health Reform Taskforce meeting:

**Date: Friday, March 16, 2018**

**Times: Professional Advocates Meeting - 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM**

**Mental Health Consumers, Family & Friends Meeting - 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

**Location: This meeting will take place in two DRW offices and will be combined via webcast**

**DRW's Seattle Office: 315 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue S, Suite 850, Seattle, WA 98104**

**DRW's Spokane Office: 10 N Post Street, Suite 315, Spokane, WA 99201**

Or access via webcast: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/851311133>

You can also dial in using your phone: (872) 240-3311 Access Code: 851-311-133

*Some transportation assistance is available for this meeting. Please email [info@dr-wa.org](mailto:info@dr-wa.org) with any questions or requests for accommodations by **Thursday, March 8, 2018**.*

## Background

The demand for mental health services far outweighs what is currently available. DRW and DSHS are currently negotiating comprehensive changes to the forensic mental health system in order to bring the State into compliance under *A.B. by and through Trueblood et. al. v. Washington State DSHS* (often referred to simply as *Trueblood*), a class action lawsuit that enforces a person's constitutional right to timely competency evaluation and restoration services. We intend to explore opportunities to provide access to appropriate behavioral health services designed to dramatically reduce the number of individuals entering the criminal justice system.

For more information about this, please visit: <http://bit.ly/2FEPlp1>

**This taskforce is seeking input from individuals who have experienced various mental health services, their friends and family, as well as advocates in the community.**