

Advocates For Change

THE ADVOCATE

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AFC MISSION STATEMENT

AFC supports those with a sex offense and their families by:

Advocating for change in sex offense laws and policies, and for the adherence to constitutional rights;

Educating the public, lawmakers, and the judiciary;

Promoting the successful treatment and reintegration of those with an offense into the community, thus reducing victimization and enhancing the safety of all.

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Happy New Year Friends! I hope each and every one of you had a joyous and peaceful Christmas and the very best wishes for 2014.

Wow! Have the last two years plus gone so fast. In July 2011, I was elected chair of AFC and have enjoyed the challenges and the hope it brings to so many. We have accomplished many good things since AFC was formed and our aim is to keep our focus on the future and the change we hope (and expect) to bring.

The organization has been working its way through changes and now it is time for another change. We're electing a new executive board so the work can go on with a fresh new outlook. So I am saying farewell from the chair position but I won't be far – I'm taking the position of secretary. Changing positions gives AFC a refreshing restart and another new beginning. Everyone on the new board has been with us for several years so the mission and goals will be the same with a new and improved perspective.

It's been my sincere pleasure filling the position of chair and I know it can only get better in the years to come. And now may I introduce your new AFC Chairs – Carolyn Turner and Glenice Martinez....

*Ann Harris, Chair
Advocates for Change*

I am happy to be sharing the Chair of AFC and see it as an opportunity to keep working hard to accomplish more of the needed changes for those with a sex offense.

When my son first went to prison someone suggested I go to the CURE Sex Offense Issues Group. I did go and every month Buffy and Diane (Chairs of CURE) would say 'talk to your legislators' so I found my Senator and met with him. It was easy to talk to him but I found how little he knew about the laws and facts regarding those with sex offense and what he did know was all wrong. When the Sunset Bill for the SOMB came up it gave us a chance to see almost every legislator and give them correct information and let them know about the poor treatment both inside and out. With the help of some legislators and public defenders 'no cure' was removed from Statute and also removed from the SOMB Standards & Guidelines. Then, the legislature funded outside evaluations for SOTMP and SOMB! After a long time and a lot of work we have made some great strides.

I have met with Executive Director, Rick Raemisch and Director of Parole, Steve Hager a few times and am very impressed with their desire to change the culture of DOC. They want to start preparing inmates for release from the day they go in and to help them succeed when released. They know very well that the demeaning methods being used now have to go and be replaced with a helping hand. With Governor Hickenlooper's desire to see successful reentry, a progressive and helpful attitude by DOC officials, and revamping SOTMP, I look at this time as an opportunity to look at our successes and keep pushing for more just laws and policies.

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Happy New Year Everyone!! I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our members a wonderful New Year. I hope your Christmas was filled with happiness and good health for you and your entire family. Thanks to all who have given their support and encouragement throughout the year. As co-chair of our group I look forward to serving our population to the best of my ability and hope for many changes in this area over the next 2 years.

The obstacles we face as individuals and as a group are many. I believe that by working together we can make a huge difference in the lives of all. It takes an army to accomplish our goals and we must all work toward those goals. With little more than courage and determination, we have accomplished wonderful things in the past. We have educated legislators, media and the public on our issues. We have been working diligently on re-filing the DOCCA lawsuit, we have been successful in getting the “no known cure” language removed from legislation as well as from the SOMB Standards and Guidelines. AFC played a big part in getting the outside evaluators to review the SOTMP practices for treatment on the inside of prison and now the same team is evaluating the SOMB Standards and Guidelines. We are proud of our affiliation with Reforming Sex Offender Laws (RSOL) and of our newsletter.

If we stand strong and believe in each other, as a group we can accomplish great things. No one can accomplish these lofty goals alone. Please encourage your families to join us in our efforts so that we may look forward to a brighter future for all.

With our union as co-chairs I expect that we will be able to work together to create an atmosphere of cooperation and respect for all AFC members as well as accomplish whatever goals we set out to achieve.

Glenice Martinez

PEOPLE FIRST LANGUAGE

AFC promotes and encourages the use of what has been referred to as “people-first” language in which a person being referred to is acknowledged by their personhood first, and any issue or other aspect of that person second. For example, instead of referring to someone as a “sex offender,” AFC encourages the use of “a person with a sex offense.” Similarly, AFC encourages the use of “sex offense laws” instead of “sex offender” laws.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT
As of January, 2014
by Rose Graf, Membership Chair

Family Members.....	220
Affected Members	408
Out of State	<u>20</u>
Total Membership	648

We're Growing!!!

An Eye Opener

I am very grateful for what Advocates for Change is doing for me and other persons convicted of a sex offense. Because of your efforts, we and our loved ones are able to have hope and, yes, we all can see that there is light at the end of the tunnel. You have taken upon yourselves a task that requires time, money, travel, research, etc., etc.

The “No Known Cure” took months and years of constant work and not long ago the words were removed from statute. This gave the opportunity to change the view of how the treatment providers look at us. This is just one issue. There are other issues that you are still working on our behalf and for that we all thank you.

Now the question is...what can I personally do for AFC in order to show my gratitude for your efforts and sponsorship? I think that my association with AFC will not be complete until I do my part with “My Change”. The person that one day will come out is not going to be the same person that came in.

I, as well as others, should use the time spent in prison to keep on working with our own change. I was terminated from treatment twice but I will not allow myself to use this as an excuse for not continuing to work on my change. The Bible, self-help books, and the SA 12 step program are some of the tools I use so I can reach my goal of “no more victims” and be a productive member of society.

This in my way of thinking... the proper way of thanking you (AFC) for all your efforts and dedication to our cause. At the end, we will all be proud of meeting our goals.

EDITORIAL POLICY

The Advocate newsletter is published by Advocates for Change, providing information on efforts of this group to affect change in legislation, treatment, and re-integration into the community, primarily for those who have been convicted of a sex offense.

Submissions from inmates/offenders and parolees are encouraged. Articles should be no longer than 300 words. Content should be about a single issue, be original, and accurate, citing sources if appropriate. Contributors will be identified by first name only if requested.

Readers should know that AFC makes no representation as to the accuracy of any submission and does not necessarily endorse the opinions of any author. Nothing offered by AFC is intended to be legal advice, and any information provided should never be a substitute for obtaining counsel and/or conducting your own research.

The editor reserves the right to publish all, part or none of the contributions submitted. Send contributions for publication and/or comments on the newsletter to: Advocates for Change, Newsletter Editor, PO Box 351032, Westminster, CO 80035-1032.

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INSIDERS/OUTSIDERS OPINIONS

Opinions from those who have been convicted of an offense and their families

The Advocate is interested in inmates' anecdotes of the adverse impact of those in the system on their loved ones/family members beyond the fact of incarceration, treatment, parole, or probation. Short anecdotes are preferred due to space limitations.

An example of an anecdote we're looking for: *“I was in county jail for eight months awaiting trial. My mother was 67 and blind. The jail administrators would not deviate from its video visitation policy to allow my mother to have a contact visit with me, her only child. Imagine a video visit for one who is blind. She died while I was in jail. Punish me, not my mother.”*

If enough anecdotes are received this will be an ongoing column in the newsletter or be published in a pamphlet. In order to maintain credibility, please refrain from embellishment. Truth is compelling enough. You may choose to use your name or a partial name or an alias. **Please send your stories to AFC, Attn: Editor**

Today I close the door to the past, open the door to the future,
take a deep breath, step on through and start a new chapter of my life.

HOW DO YOU EAT AN ELEPHANT?

By Glenice Martinez

In our first two articles we dealt with the types of things you need to start working on prior to release and the loneliness that you will likely face once you are released. In this edition we will concentrate on the events of your first two days out of prison. Other articles will feature the first week and the first month.

I must however, preface this by letting you know that we have had several meetings with Mr. Raemisch, Executive Director of the Department of Corrections and there are some changes - good changes - in the works. So, by the time you do get released some of these items may no longer be a challenge for you. We will keep you informed of any changes that go into effect. However, as it now stands, this is what you will likely face. This all comes from the experiences of members of AFC and what we experienced by picking up people at DRDC and taking them where they need to go.

First, if you are paroling to Denver or places north of Denver, you will likely be dropped off at DRDC. This is the same place you were processed when you first went to prison. If you have family members or friends that can pick you up and spend the day with you, that would be ideal. However, many do not have this luxury. If you have no one to assist you, you will just be dropped off outside (doesn't matter what the weather), you will need to find your own way around. So, if you are unfamiliar with the metro area you could be in a major jam. However, one of the things that DOC is currently working on and may change – hopefully soon – is to have a small bus to meet everyone at DRDC and take them directly to their parole officer. They are also working on the idea of having a parole officer meet with you at the facility prior to your release to give you all the information you will need on your first day out. However, at the time of this writing, those things are not in place.

That having been said, here you are!! You have just been dropped off at DRDC with 1 bus pass and orders to report to your parole officer IMMEDIATELY. You need to get there as quickly as you can because everything else you do that day will take a lot of time. DOC should have given you a prepaid debit card for \$100 however, how do you activate it? You cannot go inside DRDC to use the phone, however since you have a bus pass you can make it to your parole office and either they or re-entry will let you activate the card from there. You will need to take all of your belongings (hopefully, it is not so much that you cannot carry them) and try to find a pay phone or a store that will allow you to use their phone. So, you say; "Well, I can do that!" I don't know how long you have been in but the pay phones are now few and far between. There are several stores within about 6 blocks of the facility but will they allow you to use the phone? Guess it depends on who is working that day. There, at this time, is also a lot of construction going on around DRDC so it can be pretty confusing.

Let's say that you now have your card activated. Now you go to the ATM and get some money. The suggestion would be to take the bus into downtown. Taking a cab will eat a lot of that money and you will need every penny and then some to survive the first day or two. Take the bus down to 7th and Sherman to the parole office. Finally, you made it with all your stuff in tact. Your parole officer will meet with you. They will send you to the re-entry office at 940 Broadway, which is a few blocks away. Again, you are carrying all your belongings. It will likely take you several hours at re-entry unless they need to schedule you on another day.

They will likely also assign you to your motel or other place to live at this time and then they will send you to BI to get your ankle monitor on and possibly have a Urinalysis (UA). It has been my experience that this can take up to 3 hours in some cases. There have been people that have reported only about 30 minutes but that has never been my experience.

Finally you have all the first day stuff done. Now your curfew is likely 6pm or earlier. It is now at least 5pm. Now you need to find your way to your motel. You need to beat a mad path to the bus stop to get to the motel on time. Remember, you have no cell phone and you cannot call CWISE until you get to your motel. Some of the motels do not have phones in the room so you will need to find a pay phone outside the hotel to call. So, you made it, you did all that was required your first day out. Congratulations! That was no small feat. You are now on your way. Hopefully you have read the two previous articles and were able to take care of some of this prior to release. You should also consult with the Getting On After Getting Out Book (GO Book) for other resources. Good luck to all of you and we hope for your release goes well. (Continued on Page 5)

Eating an Elephant (Continued from Page 4)

During your second day out you should start gathering resources. Be sure you keep a notebook and diary of events. You will need food and clothes. There are a number of resources around the metro area where you can go for these items. Start talking to people where ever you go and find out who they are. Use the GO Book as a resource and keep notes in the book. Talk to some of the people waiting with you at parole and re-entry. They will probably have already done what you are about to and will have some great resources. Some of the information you may be given may not be fruitful but many will be very helpful. Collect as many bus coupons as you can everywhere you go – **YOU WILL NEED THEM!** You will likely get some from your parole officer and re-entry. You will need money. Parole will probably voucher a hotel for you for 2-4 weeks but no longer. You need to go out to Labor Ready, Readyman, Manpower and anywhere else that hires and pays by the day. They can usually keep you working for a time. You are going to need to get out there and hustle. The more your parole officer believes you are trying, the smoother things will go for you.

Develop a good relationship with your parole officer. They may be tough in the beginning when you are trying to get to know each other but they are there to help you. Don't be confrontational with them – it will get you no where and likely lead to trouble. Keep them informed of **EVERYTHING** you are doing, **prior to doing it**, and why. They will be more flexible with curfews and other things if they feel you are truly trying to comply and better yourself.

ALPHABET SOUP

AFC – Advocates for Change, action group addressing issues related to those who have been charged with or convicted of a sex offense

BAG – Breakfast Action Group

CCJJ – Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice

CCJRC – Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition

DOCCA - Department of Corrections Class Action Lawsuit

CURE – Citizens United for the Rehabilitation of Errants

LSA – Lifetime Supervision Act

MRD – Mandatory Release Date

PED – Parole Eligibility Date

PHD – Parole Hearing Date

SLA – Shared Living Arrangements

SMART – Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registration & Tracking

SOMB – Sex Offender Management Board

SORFC – SO Ready For Change

SOTF – Sex Offender Task Force

SOTMP – Sex Offender Treatment and Monitoring Program

AFC Calendar Information

Because this is a quarterly newsletter only the AFC meeting dates that occur on a regular basis will be posted. Other dates will be available by email (make sure AFC has your current email address) and on the AFC website.

Calendar for AFC Meetings:

Denver area general meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 16th and Grant St., Denver, CO.

Colorado Springs General Meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. This meeting is held at 3615 Roberts Road (ComCor Building-next to the power plant). This meetings are a cooperative effort between the Southern Chapter of CURE and AFC

Fort Collins meetings are also in conjunction with the Northern Colorado CURE meetings and are held on a quarterly basis. This is a much smaller venue and you will be required to contact us ahead of time if you would like to attend this meeting.

AFC also holds its BAG (Breakfast Action Group) meetings every Monday morning at 7:00 am – 9:00 am at the Perkins on I-25 and Colorado Blvd.

AFC Meets with Executive Director Raemisch and Director of Parole, Hager

By: Chris Renda

While many of us are impatient to see the situation improve for our loved ones, we understand that culture change in a large institution is a slow process. We remain committed to working with CDOC to remove unnecessary re-entry barriers, while maintaining a framework of accountability.

During our meeting we were pleased to hear of many of the positive steps that CDOC is undertaking toward::

- Developing a unified case management approach
- Eliminating the extreme backlog in the SOTMP for those in prison
- Establishing a “boot camp” for case managers, corrections officers and parole officers to promote culture change
- Reducing the use of administrative segregation
- Facilitating medical care enrollment for newly released offenders under the Affordable Care Act
- Providing individualized sex-offense based treatment which promotes behavior change while preserving human dignity
- Smoothing the transition from incarceration to parole specifically by
 - helping inmates obtain State of Colorado ID’s before they leave prison
 - having a parole officer meet with inmates before they leave prison
- Reducing the number of technical parole violations

As we know, when dealing with sweeping changes, the devil can often be in the details. We appreciate your attention to our detailed concerns, many of which occur during hand-off and transition points. Specifically, we look forward to continued improvement in the areas of:

- Replacing the Smith Road Drop-off with coordinated transport to the parole office and re-entry services
- Recognition of treatment progress as those with a sex offense transition from SOTMP to treatment while on parole, so that individuals do not have to start the process again from “square 1”
- Promoting culture change in SOTMP treatment providers (e.g. treating everyone with basic human dignity; implementing individualized treatment)
- Acknowledgment by parole officers of parole plans that were submitted and approved by the Parole Board
- Providing support for those who are being “paroled homeless”
- Improvement in communication between parole officers and CWISE, particularly ensuring that CWISE is aware of changes authorized by a parole officer
- Improvement in communication of progress made by a parolee when there is a change in parole officers (e.g., having both of the parole officers and the parolee sit down at the same time to discuss progress and issues)

We look forward to working with CDOC in creating an environment of success.

A Quote from Dr. T.C. North, Ph.D:

May 2014 bring you:

A quieter mind
 Profound well-being
 Intense connection with your purpose
 A deeper, stronger connection with those you love
 More time spent in the bliss of the present moment
 The courage and confidence to express your highest self.

In 2014, will you be more of a Fearless Leader™ and:

Act with inspiring courage
 React with resilience
 Think with mindfulness and
 Excel with unrelenting fire?

The world needs more Fearless Leaders leading their families,
 businesses, non-profits – leading themselves.
 ... become more Fearless.

DOCCA FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS V:

Can you help me with my individual case?

As you may be aware, we have received hundreds of letters from inmates and their families and friends. In addition to providing us with your stories, facts, law, and valuable evidence to support the claims against DOC, many of you have described deplorable treatment you have received in your individual cases. These complaints include charges of incompetent and ineffective assistance of counsel, prosecutorial misconduct, mistakes by the court, and a variety of illegal and unjust acts at the hands of DOC. We are very sympathetic to these claims, and, many times, outraged at how you have been treated, but we are NOT able to represent you in your individual cases. At present, we are preparing to represent more than 1,700 inmates in a single federal class action suit. We are doing this without any fees or payment. We are doing it *pro bono*. We are completely dedicated to bringing the class action and defeating DOC in federal court, but we will only be able to do this by putting everything we have into the DOCCA lawsuit. We are simply physically unable to accept your individual cases because we could not accept your individual claims without jeopardizing the success of the larger class action against DOC. If you have individual legal questions or problems, we recommend that you contact outside counsel. A good place to start is the Colorado Criminal Defense Bar located at 955 Bannock Street, Suite 200, Denver Colorado, 80204.

What is the DOCCA class action case?

In 2007, a number of Colorado criminal defense attorneys with experience representing sex offenders in Colorado state courts, began meeting regularly under the auspices of the Colorado Criminal Defense Bar. The group shared their experiences and frustrations regarding the treatment of sex offenders under the Lifetime Supervision Act (the Act). C.R.S. § 18-1.3-1001, *et seq.* In particular, the lawyers noted that they were receiving complaints and evidence that sex offenders, who had been sentenced under the Act, were not being provided treatment or release on parole. This failure was contrary to the statute which was enacted on the express promise that sex offenders sentenced to a life sentence would have the option to (1) enter treatment and be released, or (2) decline treatment and remain in prison for the rest of their natural life. Further investigation revealed that the treatment programs within the Department of Corrections (DOC) were under-funded, under-staffed, and hobbled by dysfunctional policies. In short, DOC was, and is, violating the law by denying inmates the treatment required by the Act, and as a consequence hundreds of inmates are now doomed to die in prison. That number of inmates has grown to nearly 1,800, and continues to increase each month. To correct this injustice, the attorneys filed a federal class-action lawsuit (DOCCA) to be filed in the United States District Court in Denver, Colorado. The first lawsuit discovered a great deal of evidence and forced a number of apparent changes in treatment and parole, but was dismissed on a motion filed by DOC. The DOCCA team of lawyers have used the evidence and ruling to improve the lawsuit and will now file DOCCA II in federal court. The lawsuit seeks injunctive relief and requests that the Court order DOC to comply with the law and provide inmates with the statutorily required treatment and release. The lawsuit proceeds under section 1983 of the United States Code. An inmate support organization, Advocates for Change, is assisting in the lawsuit by organizing family and friends, sharing information, and collecting donations to cover litigation costs. See more about Advocates for Change below.

Who will be covered by the class action lawsuit?

The lawsuit is intended to cover all DOC inmates serving lifetime sentences for sex offense convictions covered by the Act. Generally, this covers inmates who were convicted of class 2, 3, and 4 felonies, for sex offenses committed on or after November 1, 1998. At present, there are approximately 1,800 inmates serving such sentences, but that number is constantly growing. The Court will determine whether the case will be certified as a class action.

Will the lawsuit be won?

There is no guarantee that the lawsuit will be won. In fact, it would be unethical for counsel to promise victory. However, they are able to state that they have agreed to take the case because they believe it has great merit and should be won.

What will happen if the lawsuit is won by the inmates?

The lawsuit is seeking injunctive relief, not money. This means the Plaintiffs will be asking the Court to order DOC to do something. In this case, counsel currently intends to ask the Court to order DOC to provide the treatment required by law. Specifically, the Court will be asked to order DOC to adequately fund and staff the program so as to provide a realistic opportunity to receive treatment and be released. Further, the existing treatment regimen based on unobtainable subjective thresholds of success, must be replaced with objective standards of progress. This is the standard used throughout the judicial system, and given the moderate to low recidivism rates of sex offenders, the same standard should apply.

Can a win or loss be appealed?

Whether the law suit is won or lost, it may be appealed. On appeal, a case may be upheld or reversed. If reversed, it may be remanded for trial. A party may also choose to appeal further to the United States Supreme Court. The Supreme Court only selects a small number of cases to review.

Who are the attorneys?

The attorneys handling the lawsuit are primarily criminal defense attorneys. At present, lead counsel include Alison Ruttenberg, Ingrid DeFranco, and John Pineau. Both the University of Colorado Law School and the University of Denver College of Law have also provided a number of volunteer law students to assist in the litigation. Further, the Colorado Criminal Defense Bar has provided invaluable support to the effort. The team was temporarily delayed by some health concerns, but that obstacle, like others before it, was overcome. The case is going forward.

How are the attorneys being paid?

The attorneys and law students involved are very devoted to this action and are handling the lawsuit without pay.

However, if they win the lawsuit they will seek reimbursement by requesting an award of attorney fees. There is no guarantee attorney fees will be awarded or that such an award will amount to the full measure of the professional time contributed to the lawsuit.

How are the litigation costs being paid?

There are a variety of costs associated with a lawsuit, including filing fees, paper costs, expert witnesses, depositions, transcripts, investigators, etc. None of these costs go to the attorneys. However, these costs are essential to pay to outside providers in order to prosecute and win a lawsuit. A class-action lawsuit in federal court filed on behalf of nearly 1700 plaintiffs will require substantial costs. The costs for the suit have been, and are being, collected through donations and deposited in a trust account set up in compliance with the Colorado Supreme Court's Rules of Professional Conduct. Donations have been brisk and growing. To date, more than \$42,000 has been deposited in the trust account. As the lawsuit progresses, the collection of donations will continue to meet ongoing costs. Advocates for Change and counsel are planning to provide transparency to donors so that they may periodically review the balance and an accounting of expenditures.

What does the inmate have to do to be covered by the lawsuit?

If an inmate was sentenced to a life sentence under the Act, they are targeted to be covered by the lawsuit. If they fall within this class, they do not need to do anything more to be included in the class-action. If they do not fall within this class, there is nothing they can do to be included in the class-action.

May an inmate exclude themselves from the lawsuit?

If the case is certified as a class action, a member of the class (the covered inmates), will receive written notices that will advise them of their right to exclude themselves from the lawsuit.

Can the case be settled?

Yes, it may be settled. There is no way of knowing if settlement is possible. Settlement always depends on whether both sides are willing and able to settle.

What will happen if the lawsuit is lost by the inmates?

Losing is not acceptable, but always a possible outcome. Counsel are willing to go forward on this lawsuit despite the risk of losing because they are not able to sit quietly while hundreds of men, sentenced on the promise that they could be released through treatment, are left to languish and die in DOC. The only time you lose is when you quit. However, following any adverse ruling, counsel will assess how best to respond and proceed accordingly.

How long will the lawsuit take?

Counsel for the inmates will strive to achieve a victory as soon as possible, but the judicial system is slow, very slow. Civil cases take much longer than criminal cases. Moreover, any outcome at the civil trial level will be subject to appeal, and possibly further appeal or retrial. In short, the process takes a long time and counsel would not be surprised that if it takes between two years to ten years to resolve the case.

What if there is money left over in the costs trust account?

If the case is completely resolved, funds left in the trust account will be donated to Advocates for Change.

Am I a client of the attorneys or firms handling DOCCA?

Receiving this letter, donating funds to DOCCA, communicating with Advocates for Change, or communicating with the attorneys or firms handling the DOCCA does not make you a client. The plaintiffs in the lawsuit are determined by whether they fit the class and by no other factor. See above for a description of those who may be included in the class.

Where may I go to get answers to other questions?

Please contact Advocates for Change by mail, telephone, or internet at www.advocates4change.org; P.O. Box 351032, Westminster, Colorado 80035-1032; (720) 329-9096; and the Colorado Criminal Defense Bar, 955 Bannock Street, Suite 200, Denver, Colorado 80204, (303) 758-2454, (303) 623 0714 (fax).

Has there been a change in the organizations involved?

The individuals involved in CO-Cure, who were assisting the DOCCA lawsuit, have not changed. Those people are still involved, but have picked their own name, Advocates for Change. The funds that have been donated, before and after the name change, have all been deposited the same way, in the same trust fund. The trust fund was administered and supervised by the Colorado Criminal Defense Bar. Just before the filing of the complaint, administration and supervision of the trust fund was transferred to trial counsel to allow the funds to be used for litigation costs. No trust funds have been, or will be, used to reimburse counsel for legal services.

Is there anything I can do to help?

Yes, absolutely! You may work with and/or join Advocates for Change, and you may donate to the litigation trust fund. To volunteer, please contact Advocates for Change (see above contact information). To donate, please donate on-line, or send a check made out to "DOCCA Trust Fund" to DOCCA Trust Fund, 2305 Broadway, Boulder, Colorado, 80304.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has!

Anonymous

BILLS TO WATCH

(The following bills are bills that may concern our population that have been introduced for 2014. We will keep an eye on them for you.)

HOUSE BILL NO.	TITLE	HOUSE SPONSOR	SENATE SPONSOR
14-1025	Juvenile Competency To Proceed Determination	Rosenthal	Newell
04/01/32	Defense Counsel For Juvenile Offenders	Kagan	Guzman
14-1036	Felony For Repeat DUI Offenders	Waller	Saine
14-1037	Enforcing Laws Against Designer Drugs	Landgraf	Baumgardner
14-1040	Drug Testing Criminal Provisions	McNulty	(none)
14-1044	Parolee Tamper With Electronic Monitoring Device	Dore	(none)
14-1047	Remove Booking Photographs From Internet	Becker	(none)
14-1050	Increase In Judges In 18th Judicial District	Kagan	Guzman
14-1061	Eliminate Prison For Inability To Pay Fines	Salazar	Guzman
SENATE BILL NO.	TITLE	HOUSE SPONSOR	SENATE SPONSOR
14-021	Persons with Mental Illness in Criminal Justice System	Tochtrop and King	Wright

SAVE THE DATE

Below are some dates of events that you or your families may want to attend.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
01/28/14	10:00 AM (Approx.)	SOMB appears before the JBC
2/19/14 – 2/21/14	All Day	Prisoner's Family Conference – Overcoming Obstacles, Dallas, Texas for more information go to: www.prisonersfamilyconference.org or call (915) 861-7733
5/13/14 – 5/15/14	All Day	Colorado Collaborative Justice Conference, Westin Hotel in Westminster. See Flier.
7/8/14 – 7/10/14	All Day	SOMB Breckenridge Conference

JOIN US

Membership Fee is \$20 per year for family membership, \$5 per year for returning citizens and 8 stamps for those on the inside. Any additional donations are gratefully accepted.

Today's Date: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

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