



Task Force

Introduction and Background

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Overview

- Commission Background
 - Mission
 - Guiding Principles
- What is a Task Force?
 - Membership
 - Roles, responsibilities
- Process
- Staff

CCJJ

The Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice is a multidisciplinary 30-member entity that was established in 2007 by C.R.S. 16-11.3-101 to improve “the effective administration of justice” by undertaking a comprehensive examination of the criminal and juvenile justice systems and making recommendations for reform.





Guiding Principles

1. Public safety and recidivism reduction
2. Diversity of nonpartisan perspectives
3. Question assumptions, respect differences and work toward common goals
4. Seek external guidance
5. Clear, sound and timely decisions guided by data
6. Treatment need is not an adequate reason for incarceration



Current Commission Committees





Membership

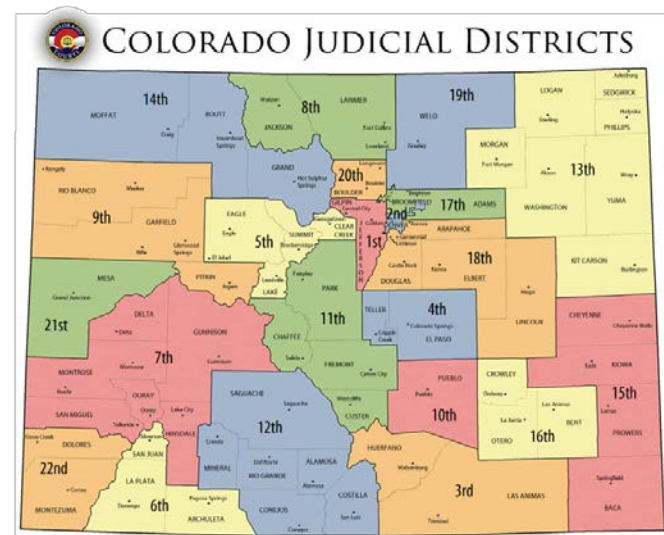
Membership considerations

- Subject matter experts/stakeholders
- Criminal justice system stakeholders
- Geographic representation
- Connection to other relevant boards / initiatives

Colorado Counties, 2018: Urban, Rural, & Frontier



Source: Colorado Rural Health Center





Member Roles and Responsibilities

Regarding CCJJ recommendations

- CCJJ Approved recommendations
 - Members actively support or remain silent and agree not to actively oppose.
- CCJJ Rejected recommendations
 - Members are not constrained regarding recommendations that are rejected or for which there is no Commission vote.



Member Roles and Responsibilities

- If expressing an opposing view on a CCJJ recommendation is necessary, do not identify as speaking for the Commission
- If expressing views on “non-CCJJ bills,” do not speak on behalf of the Commission
- Non-compliance may result in consideration for removal



Member Roles and Responsibilities

The Task Force shall conduct a thorough analysis of the issue(s) sent from the Commission.

- **Spend time defining the problem**
 - **Do not assume we know the problem**
 - **Do not assume we know the solution**
- **Use data and evidence when available**



Process

- Look at the **Big Picture** from multiple lenses
 - From a system's perspective
 - From a stakeholder perspective
 - Incorporating data/evidence
- Identify gaps/issues/problems
- Clarify gaps/issues/problems
- Prioritize issues and, if necessary, seat Working Groups to study issues





Working Group

- Receives direction from the Task Force
- Has Leader/Co-leaders that are Task Force members
- Staffed by DCJ
- May include non-task force members
- Undertakes careful study of an issue
- Drafts materials (recommendations) for Task Force review and consideration
- Reports monthly to the Task Force





Working Groups





Recommendations

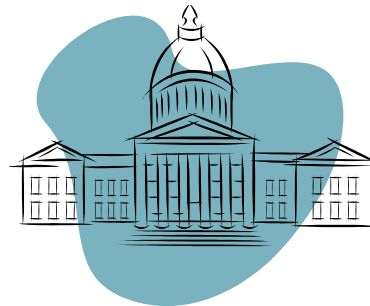


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Policy

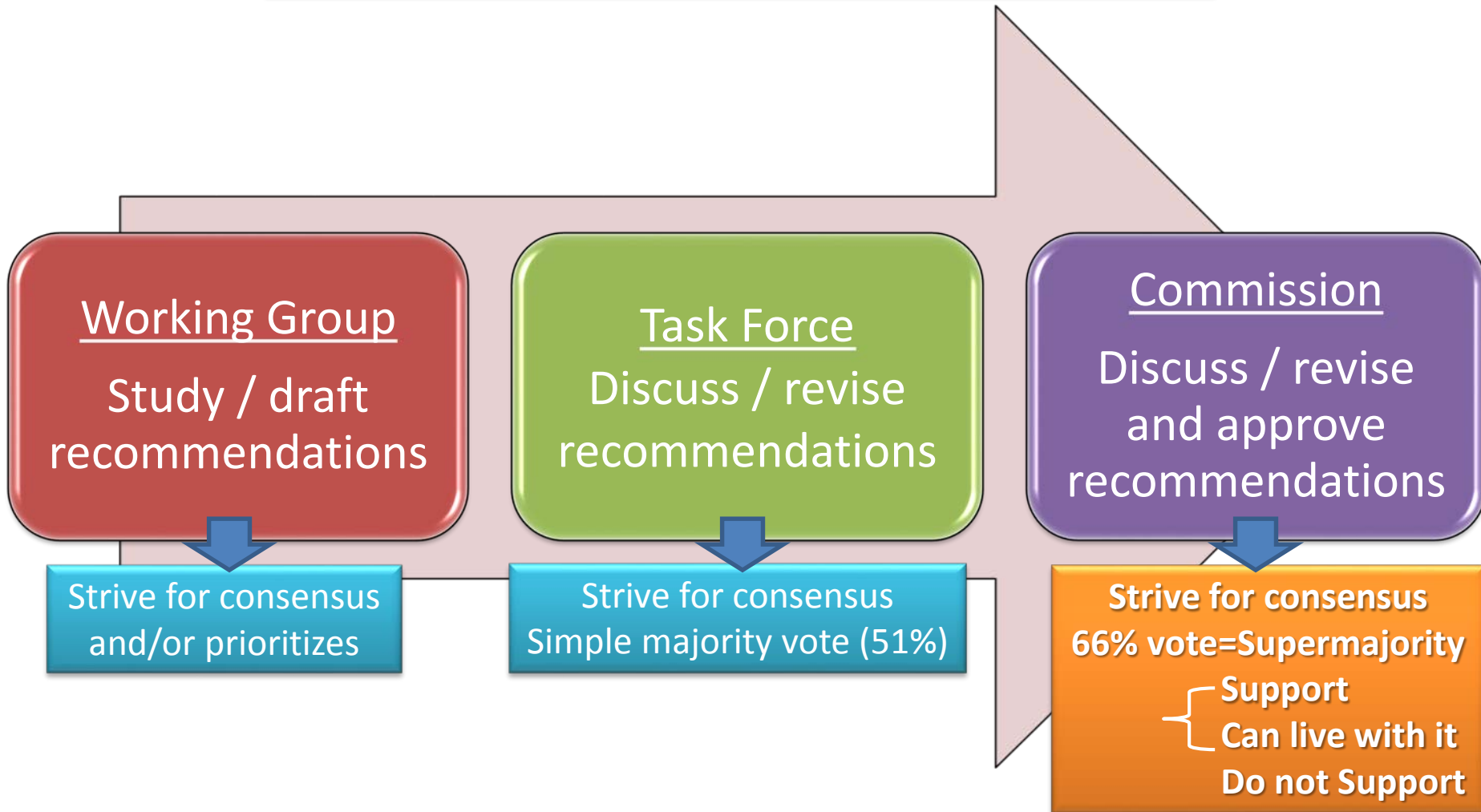


Legislation





Recommendations





Staff

- **Division of Criminal Justice/Office of Research and Statistics**—provides research and staff support to the **Commission and its task forces**
 - Minutes are posted on the Commission web site once approved
- **Task Force Staff**
 - Kim English
 - Laurence Lucero
 - Peg Flick
 - Stephané Waisanen
 - Damien Angel
- **Consultant**
 - Richard Stroker



Staff

Richard Stroker

- Serves as consultant for the Commission
 - Plays an active role in strategic planning; facilitates most task force meetings; ties together the work of the task forces
- 25+ S.C. Department of Corrections
- 10+ years at Center for Effective Public Policy
 - Director of the National Parole Resource Center
 - Worked with dozens of policy groups in 50 states, in Indian Country, and dozens of local jurisdictions
 - Worked with Denver’s Community Corrections Board
 - Worked with DOC’s strategic planning group

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Enhancing public safety and justice through evidence-based
recidivism reduction

Next Meeting

Friday, Sept. 13, 2019
1:00 - 4:00pm

Agenda: (To be posted)

LOCATION CHANGE!

Lookout Mountain Room
Jefferson County Government Center
100 Jefferson County Parkway
Golden, CO 80419
[See Map & Room Directions]

Future meetings (2nd Fridays):
Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8...
See the CCJJ Calendar.

Of Interest

Report: Transforming the U.S.
Justice System (2019) (Factsheet)

Spotlight on CO: Best Practices
and Next Steps in the Opioid
Epidemic (2019)

Are Metal Detectors Effective at
Making Schools Safer? (2019)

21 Principles for the 21st Century
Prosecutor (2018)

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(Evidence Based Practices
in Implementation for Capacity)



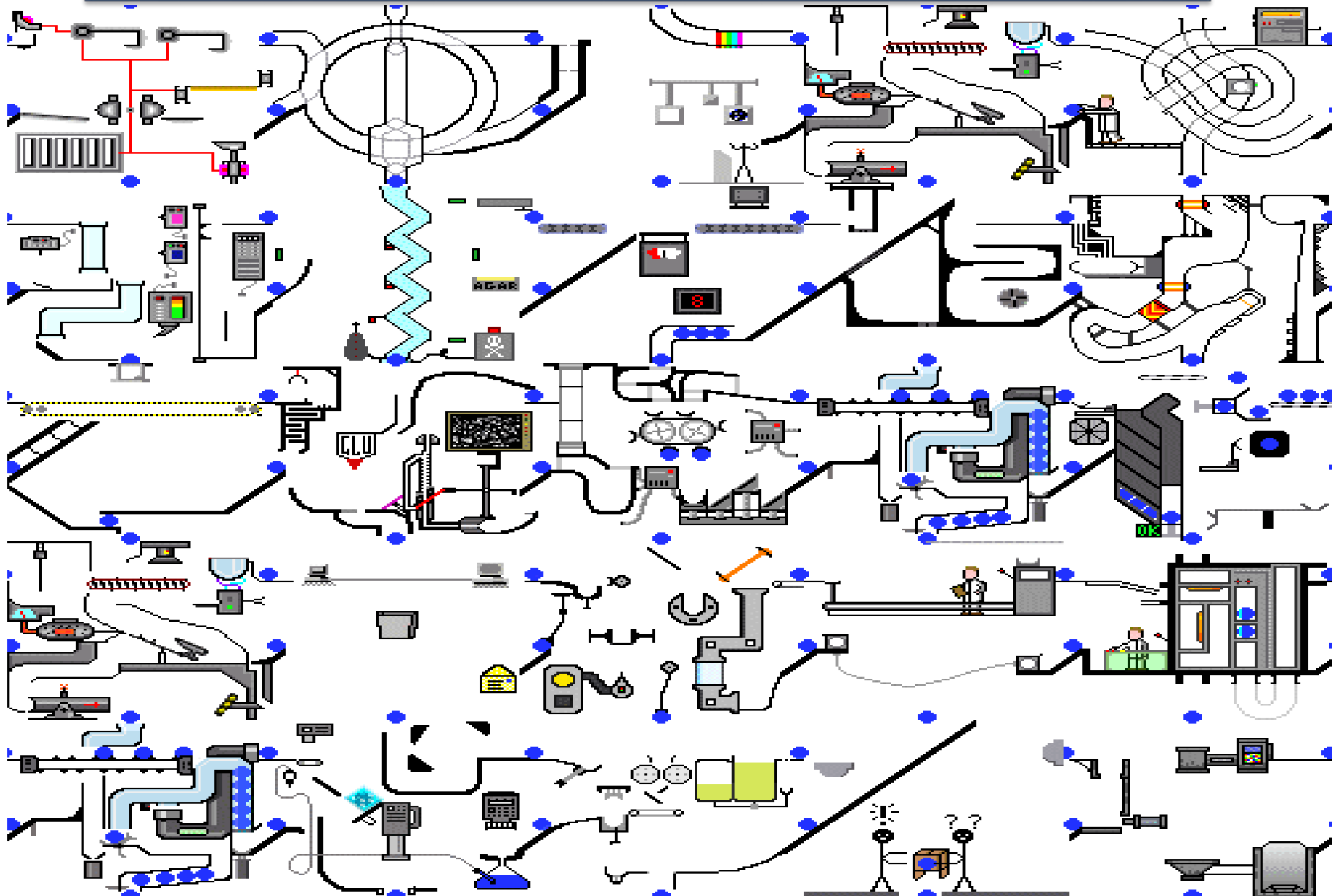
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Questions?