

**Drug Offense Task Force
Minutes**

January 9, 2020 / 3:00PM-4:00PM
2nd floor Meeting Room, 710 Kipling, Lakewood, CO

ATTENDEES:

TASK FORCE MEMBERS

Megan Ring, TF Co-Chair, Office of the State Public Defender
Tom Raynes, TF Co-Chair, Colorado District Attorneys' Council
Chris Andrist, Colorado Bureau of Investigation
Maureen Cain, Office of the State Public Defender
Janet Drake, Attorney General's Office
Andrew Matson, Colorado Cure
David Quirova, Office of the State Court Administrator
Jack Regenbogen, Colorado Center on Law & Policy
Glenn Tapia, Division of Probation Services
Joe Thome, Division of Criminal Justice
Abigail Tucker, Community Reach Mental Health Center
Audrey Weiss, District Attorney's Office, 1st Judicial District

STAFF

Richard Stroker, CCJJ Consultant
Stephané Waisanen, Division of Criminal Justice
Damien Angel, Division of Criminal Justice

ABSENT

Terri Hurst, Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition
Adam Zarrin, Governor's Office

Issue/Topic	Discussion
<p>Welcome, Introductions, & Approval of Minutes Megan Ring & Tom Raynes</p>	<p>Co-chairs, Megan Ring and Tom Raynes welcomed the group and asked Task Force members to introduce themselves.</p> <p>Tom asked if there were any corrections to the previous minutes, and with none, the minutes were approved.</p>

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<p>Working Group Updates</p> <p>Sealing Working Group Audrey Weiss, WG Leader</p>	<p>Audrey offered an overview of the Sealing Working Group meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Andrist presented a data map diagram from CBI representing how criminal cases proceed through the system. • Ean Seeb shared a short video from Ted DeRosa/CBI that demonstrated the CBI record sealing process. • The group discussed the potential for automating the sealing process and how this might be accomplished, including the flow of data and entities involved in the sealing process. • Meilani Santillán, Associate Program Director, Code for America (CFA), met with the group by phone and described their technical assistance work on sealing policy and automation. She broadly discussed CFA goals regarding case “clearance”/sealing and the types of technical assistance they provide. • Janet Drake and Ean Seeb reported their research with attorneys to explore whether there are equal protection concerns if different sealing processes (paper vs. automated) are used for different types of convictions (drug vs. others). Their findings indicated that this would not be an issue. • David Quirova is exploring the use of different court data systems by Denver and municipalities and by state district courts. • The group discussed the recommendation development timeline and that an outline will be drafted and discussed at the next Working Group meeting in February.

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<p>Working Group Updates</p> <p>Diversion Working Group Joe Thome, WG Co-leader Megan Ring, WG Member</p>	<p>Megan Ring provided the update for Joe Thome. The three Study Groups* will create a document that outlines a recommendation that they will share in February with the Working Group. The groups are addressing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the selection of potential screening tools, and • a pilot program that defines diversion eligibility and defines those with referral authority and the associated referral processes.

<p>Issue/Topic Working Group Updates</p> <p>Diversion Working Group Joe Thome, WG Co-leader Megan Ring, WG Member (continued)</p>	<p>There was extensive discussion of the elements of the Diversion Working Group proposal and the group is moving toward consensus on these elements. Abigail Tucker, Bruce Brown, and Matt Karzen are drafting the recommendation for the Working Group.</p> <p>The recommendation meets the legislative mandate, but offers a diversion concept that is different from other diversion programs. The group is cognizant of the previous CCJJ recommendation to create mental health diversion pilot programs (<i>FY18-MH01. Develop Pre-file Mental Health Diversion Pilot Programs</i>) and will incorporate lessons learned from that effort.</p> <p>By March, the Working Group is expected to present the draft recommendation to the Task Force.</p> <p>[* Process & Referral Authority Study Group, Eligibility Criteria SG, and Service Delivery & Screening Tools SG.]</p>
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<p>Issue/Topic Adjourn</p> <p>Megan Ring & Tom Raynes, Co-chairs</p>	<p>Discussion</p> <p>Megan Ring and Tom Raynes thanked the group for their contributions and adjourned the meeting.</p>
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Next Meeting

February 13, 2020 / 3:00PM – 4:00PM
 2nd floor Meeting Room, 710 Kipling, Lakewood, CO