

Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice

**Drug Offense Task Force
Minutes**

February 13, 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
Chris Andrist, Colorado Bureau of Investigation
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
Joe Thome, Division of Criminal Justice (*Diversions Working Group Co-leader*)
Audrey Weiss, District Attorney's Office, 1st Judicial District (*Sealing Working Group Leader*)
Adam Zarrin, Governor's Office (*Diversions Working Group Co-leader*)

STAFF

Richard Stroker, CCJJ Consultant
Kim English, Division of Criminal Justice
Kevin Ford, Division of Criminal Justice
Stephané Waisanen, Division of Criminal Justice
Damien Angel, Division of Criminal Justice

ABSENT

Maureen Cain, Office of the State Public Defender
Terri Hurst, Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition
Tom Raynes, TF Co-Chair, Colorado District Attorneys' Council
Glenn Tapia, Division of Probation Services
Abigail Tucker, Community Reach Mental Health Center

Issue/Topic	Discussion
<p>Welcome, Introductions, & Approval of Minutes Megan Ring, Task Force Co-chair</p>	<p>Megan Ring, Co-chair, called the meeting to order and explained that Tom Raynes, Co-Chair, was unable to attend due to other obligations. Megan asked if there were any corrections to the previous minutes, and with none, members approved the previous minutes.</p>

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<p>Working Group Updates</p> <p>Sealing Working Group Audrey Weiss, WG Leader</p> <p>ACTION Audrey will draft the preliminary sealing recommendation for the March Working Group meeting</p>	<p>Audrey Weiss mentioned that the Sealing Working Group has continued to gather information and research on automatic sealing and has compiled the elements of the sealing recommendation. She provided a brief overview of the WG meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Andrist presented information on Computer Projects of Illinois, Inc. (CPI) who provides software programming for the Colorado Bureau of Investigation. Chris learned from CPI that they do not have experience with automatic record sealing. • Chris described the Clean Slate sealing process in use by the PA State Police, which is the first in the nation to seal certain criminal records via an automated process. • David Quirova explored the elements of a unified system that would include municipalities and home rule jurisdictions. Implementing a universal system would be a long, expensive process. More research will be done to explore home rule issues. • The group discussed process concepts regarding access to Denver and Broomfield cases. The recommendation might suggest a two-prong approach focusing first on the Judicial court system and later on the “external” court systems. The latter, would require these jurisdictions to participate manually or provide “in-reach” into their systems. • The group discussed the associated costs and implementation timeframe required for a new unified system or alternative system approaches. <p>The group decided to develop one recommendation comprising several elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Define a process for courts to automatically seal records, - Ways to notify defendants that their cases have been sealed, - List of eligible offenses, - Ability to seal cases for courts on different systems or to direct these courts on different systems to seal records, - Timeframe of implementation, and - Implementation costs, including a breakdown of implementation expectations and costs associated with each year of implementation. <p>Audrey will draft a preliminary recommendation for the March Working Group meeting for subsequent presentation to the Task Force in April. Audrey mentioned that the Working Group will meet Friday, April 3, rather than Thursday, April 10 due to a scheduling conflict.</p>

<p>Issue/Topic Working Group Updates</p> <p>Diversion Working Group Joe Thome, WG Co-leader Megan Ring, WG Member</p> <p>ACTION Joe and Adam will present the draft recommendation to the Task Force in March</p>	<p>Joe Thome provided an update on the Diversion Working Group: recommendation to establish four diversion pilot programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversion will focus on those with drug addiction issues who have committed a drug offense. • Pilot sites will be funded by a four-year grant to include two urban and two rural jurisdictions. • The recommendation will include required and preferred aspects of the pilot programs. Data collection will be an important component of the pilot programs. • Cost projections will be compiled for inclusion in the recommendation. <p>The Working Group timeline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The recommendation will be provided to the Diversion Working Group via email no later than Monday, March 9th, for final review. • The Diversion Working Group will conduct an email approval vote on the final draft recommendation. • If approved, the recommendation will be forwarded to Drug Offense Task Force members prior to the next meeting for review and, potentially, a vote at the Thursday, March 12 meeting. • Subsequently, the preliminary recommendation presentation at CCJJ could occur in April with a final vote in May.
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<p>Issue/Topic Adjourn Megan Ring, Task Force Co-chair</p>	<p>Discussion Megan Ring thanked the group for their contributions and adjourned the meeting.</p>
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Next Meeting

March 12, 2020 / 3:00PM – 4:00PM
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