

CCJJ Oversight Subcommittee on Re-Entry Charter and Scope of Work

Phase 1

May 8, 2008

MISSION

The mission of the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ) Oversight Committee on Re-Entry is to review, analyze, assess, coordinate, and prioritize recommendations provided by four Re-Entry Task Forces—Probation, Incarceration, Transition and Post-Incarceration Supervision. All four Task Forces will incorporate the role community corrections plays in offender success.

The Task Force recommendations will focus on statutes, policies, regulations, and practices that require attention to ensure that barriers to successful offender reintegration into society are removed so that recidivism rates are significantly reduced. When possible, these recommendations will link to evidence-based correctional practices. The scope of work includes how current legislation, policy, regulation and practice relate to disproportionate minority representation, individuals with behavioral health problems, gender, and other special populations. The Oversight Committee will also take into account cost, victim reparation and public safety.

The Oversight Committee on Re-Entry will propose Phase 1 recommendations to the Colorado CCJJ by October, in time for the Commission's November 2008 report to the General Assembly.

The work of the Oversight Committee on Re-Entry will be conducted in three phases. In each phase, barriers to implementing evidence-based correctional practice will be identified along with strategies to remove the barriers.

- Phase 1: Review and compare best practices with existing legislation, agency policies and regulations, and general practice; make recommendations to maximize offender success.
- Phase 2: Implement recommendations from Phase 1; undertake a systematic and comprehensive review of practices and data that reflects such practices; make recommendations to maximize offender success.

Phase 3: Implement and monitor new policies and practices; development of measures and monitoring practices to continually provide feedback on implementation success.

Re-Entry Task Force Missions

Probation Task Force Charter

Phase 1

MISSION: The Probation Task Force will identify, review, analyze, assess, and compare evidence-based recidivism reduction practices related to:

- Statutes, policies, regulations, and practices that govern probation,
- Probation supervision,
- Programming for offenders,
- Jail programs for those on probation,
- ISP and special programs,
- Community corrections diversion programs, and
- Cost effectiveness.

Incarceration Task Force Charter

Phase 1

MISSION The Incarceration Task Force will identify, review, analyze, assess, and compare evidence-based recidivism reduction practices related to:

- Statutes, policies, regulations, and practices that govern incarceration in jails and prison, and confinement in community corrections facilities,
- Offender access to residential community corrections programs,
- Intake procedures,
- Assessment and reassessment of inmate risk and needs conducted in prison and jails,
- Programming and treatment consistent with inmate needs, provided by incarceration and confinement facilities,
- Efficient use of in-house programming resources (e.g., avoidance of repetitive programming),
- Preparation surrounding post-jail and post-prison placement options (e.g., probation, parole, community corrections), and
- Cost effectiveness.

Transition Task Force Charter

Phase 1

MISSION: The Transition Task Force will identify, review, analyze, assess, and compare evidence-based recidivism reduction practices specifically related to the period **six months prior to and six months following an inmate's release from incarceration in jail or prison**. The Transition Task Force will study the following:

- Statutes, policies, regulations, and practices that govern transition, including access to community corrections,
- Pre-release preparation,
- Parole/release plans,
- Maintaining updated assessment materials (e.g., make sure the parole board or other releasing authority has all the necessary information),
- Parole board and other releasing authority decisions,
- Completion of in-facility programming,
- Ensuring necessary paperwork upon release (e.g., license, social security card),
- Preparation for possible placement in a halfway house,
- Preparation for being with pro-social peers/family,
- Working with family,
- Providing offenders with multiple necessary programs and services immediately upon release,
- Stabilization within the first 6 months of release (prior to ongoing supervision), and
- Payment of restitution and fees.

The Transition Task Force will gather and analyze relevant information pertaining to the above issues and will address, at a minimum, the questions below about evidence-based practice. The Transition Task Force will make specific recommendations to the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ) Oversight Committee on Re-Entry, which will make recommendations to the CCJJ.

Post-Incarceration Supervision Task Force Charter

Phase 1

MISSION: The Post-Incarceration Supervision Task Force will identify, review, analyze, assess, and compare evidence-based recidivism reduction practices related to:

- Statutes, policies, regulations, and practices that govern post-incarceration supervision,
- Parolees and community corrections transition offenders,

- Payment of restitution and other fees,
- Efficient use of programming resources (e.g., avoidance of repetitive programming),
- Ongoing assessments,
- Technical violations,
- Access to residential community corrections to stabilize offenders,
- Cost effectiveness, and
- Reduction of parole sentence when the offender is compliant with supervision conditions.

STRUCTURE

- The Oversight Committee on Re-Entry will make recommendations to the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice.
- The Oversight Committee on Re-Entry shall comprise a representative sampling of the stakeholders and the community.
- The Oversight Committee on Re-Entry chair will be a Commission member.
- The Oversight Committee on Re-Entry shall consist of 13 members: the chairs of each Task Force; the Task Force Leaders; the CCJJ chair, co-chair, and ex officio member; a representative from probation; a representative from the Department of Corrections.
- The task force will implement “ground rules” to facilitate effective interaction.
- Research staff from the DCJ Office of Research and Statistics will
 - Work with the chair to organize meetings and prepare the meeting agenda
 - Facilitate meetings to free the chair to lead the discussions
 - Record minutes

ESTIMATED DATE FOR PHASE 1 COMPLETION

- August 20, 2008 → Task Forces report recommendations to the Oversight Committee.
- September 12, 2008 → Oversight Committee makes formal recommendation to the Commission.
- October 10, 2008 → Commission must approve recommendations at October meeting, providing two weeks for ORS staff to write up the final report for these initial decisions.

MEETING FREQUENCY & DURATION

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TASK FORCE CHAIRPERSON: Regina Huerter

FACILITATOR: Kim English

MEMBERS: Peter Weir, David Kaplan, Jeanne Smith, Gil Martinez, Tom Quinn, Grayson Robinson, Regis Groff (not confirmed), Mike Riede, Michelle Sykes, Louise Boris, Christi Donner, Jeaneene Miller

RECORD KEEPER: Germaine Miera and Christine Adams.

LEGAL COUNSEL: To be determined if and when needed