

Post-Incarceration Supervision Task Force

Friday, May 16, 2008 3:30pm

Present:

David Kaplan
Christie Donner
Kim English (oversight committee)
Germaine Miera (Staff)
Christine Adams (Staff)
Doug Wilson
Tim Hand
Greg Mauro
Shelby McKinzey (CU)
Sara Steen (CU)
Regi Huerter

Absent:

Jeaneene Miller
Carl Blesch

Data:

Discussion Topics:

Background info for each attendee and the Commission, explained that this is Phase 1 of 3 for TF.

This TF is intended to look at some of the structural issues regarding parole

- Clarity of system
- Simplicity of system
- Eligibility
- Technical violations

Christie → Need to stay focused on priority of the commission:

- Reduce recidivism
- Structure of parole laws
 - Sees problems with release laws
 - Release too soon
 - How much time should be served before one is eligible for release
 - Discretionary and mandatory release dates overlap along with eligibility for comm. Corr.
 - When should someone be referred to comm. Corr.? Should it be prior to their P.E.D.?

Kim → Research shows that if offenders can plan for their release they do better.

- Right now they can go many different directions and different times.
- Therefore, we need to decide what success looks like and how we get there.

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Pete → He's open to the idea of truth in sentencing and parole being within ones sentence, but people are reluctant to give up good/earned time.

Christie → Truth in sentencing doesn't abolish good/earned time.

Doug → victims and clients want to know a ball park figure of when someone will be released.

Regi → The commission may tell task forces to keep looking at some issues [even if not within original plan]

Kim → this [the task force] is where the legislative barriers may be.

Technical violations

- Need to clarify the definitions
 - New crime vs. technical
 - When does something become a new crime?
 - Bring 8 step grid of what it takes to go back to DOC.
- What is the mission of the parole board?

Escape vs. Abscond:

- Escape = new crime, Abscond = technical violation
- Pete – there is more room for parole walk-aways than for comcor absconders.
- Comcor/ISP absconders are the individuals that get filed on.
- There is a disparity between judicial districts on the sentences for both.

Legislation:

Decisions:

Areas of Focus will Be:

1. Parole Board (what is their mission)
2. Technical violations – need to define
3. Length of stay (how to determine)/Calculating parole eligibility date
4. Terms/Conditions of parole and incentives
5. Escape/Absconding

Need to collect information to distribute (before meeting if possible) that is related to these issues:

- Statutes
- Written Policies
- What additional data is needed to make recommendations?
 - Tim Hand will get data on administrative regulations.
 - Decision tree for new crime vs. technical violation
 - Doug will put together info on escape and absconding
 - Decision tree for new crime vs. technical violation
 - Christie will summarize the existing laws for P.E.D. and L.O.S.