



FY2008 RECOMMENDATION/FY08-BP56 FUNDING FOR THE PAROLE BOARD

Status: Implementation Complete

Actions/Updates

2023 UPDATE (JUNE)

During the FY 2023 Legislative Session, Senate Bill 2023-158 to reauthorize the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ) was postponed indefinitely on May 7, 2023. Therefore, with the sunset of the Commission, all activities of the CCJJ ceased on June 30, 2023.

No further monitoring of CCJJ recommendations will occur.

POST-2013 to 2022 UPDATE

Over the years, the Parole Board transitioned primarily to video hearings via laptop for all hearing types.

2013 UPDATE

Implementation Ongoing. The use of laptops and video units to conduct some revocation hearings continues for some revocation hearing locations. A project was initiated during the winter of 2012 to automate the processes involved in revocation hearings. This project is ongoing and further expansion of wireless and video capabilities for revocation hearings will follow the revocation automation project.

2012 UPDATE

Implementation Ongoing. Parole Board members continue use of laptops to conduct parole application hearings and use video units to conduct these hearings in most facilities. The use of laptops and video units to conduct some revocation hearings is in place. Further automation of revocation hearings is in the development stage.

2011 UPDATE

Implementation Ongoing. Parole Board members make use of laptops to conduct parole release application hearings. The installation of video units for use by the parole board to conduct release application hearings is underway. The use of laptops and video to conduct revocation hearings is under study.

2010 UPDATE

Implementation underway. Due to the fact that the Board of Parole has very limited resources, the Department of Corrections has undertaken both the financial and technical support for this project. The Parole Board continued to test the use of the laptops to conduct parole board hearings through 2010. This testing involved two aspects of the system: laptop connectivity and

the hearing portal. This first aspect of testing was to determine whether hearing locations required connectivity equipment and which needed enhancement of the available connectivity equipment. The second testing aspect concerned the performance of the Parole Board Application Hearing Portal. DOC computer programmers introduced the Hearing Portal to allow Parole Board members to prepare and conduct hearings using a paperless offender case file. The Portal also was equipped with the capabilities to log parole decisions and generate parole Action Forms. The Parole Board members continued both aspects of system performance testing through July 13, 2010.

2009 UPDATE - ACTION/IMPLEMENT

The Department of Corrections reports that new laptops for parole board members were obtained in May 2009. The laptops are currently being tested for connectivity and usability by the Parole Board members.

DOC reports that electronic requests for modifications of conditions of parole require costly updates to the parole information system.

2009 UPDATE - IMPACT

Efforts to obtain funding for this recommendation will be documented in future Commission reports. Travel costs for the parole board may decrease with these efficiencies.

2009 UPDATE - BARRIERS

Lack of funding to expand current practices.

Description

Provide funding to enhance the technology available to the parole board members, hearing officers, and administrative law judges so that they may obtain items such as laptop computers, other hardware, software, and video conferencing, to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of parole board hearings and operations. Allow electronic requests for modifications of conditions of parole.

Agencies Responsible

Department of Corrections, Board of Parole

Discussion

Efforts to obtain funding and implement this recommendation are underway. Improving efficiency and data availability for parole board members furthers the Commission's mandates to "...ensure justice..." and enhance "the cost-effective use of public resources" [C.R.S. 16-11.3-103(1)].