

**Age of Delinquency Task Force
Minutes**

August 7, 2019 / 1:30PM-4:00PM
2nd floor Meeting Room, 710 Kipling, Lakewood, CO

ATTENDEES:

TASK FORCE MEMBERS

Joe Thome, Co-Chair, Division of Criminal Justice
Jessica Jones, Co-Chair, Private Defense Attorney
Molli Barker, Juvenile Assessment Center, 18th Judicial District
David Bergman, Youthful Offender System
Jim Bullock, District Attorney's Office, 16th Judicial District
Maureen Cain, Office of the State Public Defender
Priscilla Gartner, Office of the State Public Defender
Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez, Representative, House District 4
Anders Jacobson, Division of Youth Services
Tariq Sheikh, District Attorney's Office, 17th Judicial District

STAFF

Richard Stroker, CCJJ Consultant
Kim English, Division of Criminal Justice
Stephané Waisanen, Division of Criminal Justice

ABSENT

Audra Bishop, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment
Shawn Cohn, Denver Juvenile Probation
Kelly Friesen, Grand County Juvenile Justice Services
Beverly Funaro, Victim Representative
Melanie Gilbert, At Large
Dan Makelky, Child Welfare, Local Agency Representative
Gretchen Russo, Colorado Department of Human Services

<p>Issue/Topic Welcome & Introductions Joe Thome</p>	<p>Discussion</p> <p>Co-Chair, Joe Thome welcomed the group and asked Task Force members to introduce themselves.</p>
<p>Issue/Topic Recap of July Meeting Richard Stroker</p>	<p>Discussion</p> <p>At the July meeting, there were two presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judy Dettmer, who has been working with Denver University and the Denver County Jail, gave the group a better understanding of the extent of traumatic brain injury in the criminal justice population. The program, MINDSOURCE, strives to enhance the quality of life for individuals who are affected by a brain injury. • Elaine Shively, from the 20th JD’s District Attorney’s Office, presented on the programs she directs at the Center for Preventative & Restorative Justice. CPRJ uses a diversion model with an emphasis on accountability and prevention, applying restorative justice principles and practices, and matches services to an individual’s needs. <p>In summarizing the previous discussions, if the age of delinquency was extended to a specific age within the 18-24-year-old range, Richard asked the group to consider the impact on the Division of Youth Services (DYS), Youthful Offender System (YOS), probation, and other organizations. What services would be provided? How much would it cost to implement a community-based system for this population? Can we produce a positive impact on outcomes for this population without increasing the age of delinquency?</p>
<p>Issue/Topic Continuing Discussion of the Emerging Adult Population Richard Stroker</p> <p>ACTION Maureen and Serena gather info from other states</p>	<p>Discussion</p> <p>The group spent a considerable amount of time discussing and identifying topics that were substantive areas to focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore community based systems for emerging adults. Expand diversion/pretrial options in specialty courts. • Expand eligibility to the Youthful Offender System (YOS). • What would be the impact on DYS/YOS probation if services were available to this population? • Provide better assessment information to decision makers: JACs (Juvenile Assessment Centers), courts and attorneys. • Discuss operational capacity and structure of a new community based system. <p>After reviewing the focus areas, the group decided to discuss a possible dual system for this age group and the implications to YOS, DYS, probation, courts, and community supervision.</p> <p>Maureen and Serena will explore other states’ data points.</p>

<p>Issue/Topic Continuing Discussion of the Emerging Adult Population Richard Stroker (continued)</p> <p>ACTION</p> <p>Tariq and Maureen gather and review info on VT fiscal notes</p> <p>Priscilla to research a two-way transfer system with support from Serena</p> <p>David to obtain YOS cost information</p>	<p>Tariq and Maureen offered to gather information and review fiscal notes on Vermont to see how their system may be different from Colorado's.</p> <p>Priscilla mentioned she would help with the research of a two way transfer system between adult and juvenile systems in other states, and Serena would ask legislative staff to also help in the research.</p> <p>Richard asked David with YOS if he could obtain cost information on expanding YOS. What are the implications of adding more beds or resources to manage this population?</p> <p>Richard suggested that a starting point on gathering data elements would be to update information that is currently provided on how many youths are in community corrections and the Department of Corrections.</p>
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<p>Issue/Topic Next Steps Richard Stroker</p> <p>ACTION</p> <p>DCJ to update data provided to date</p> <p>DCJ to provide snapshot of numbers of individuals in the system</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Discussion</p> <p>At the September meeting, the group intends to discuss the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigation of the actions by other states and the contextual factors of their jurisdictions. What does their system look like; what did they change? Tariq, Maureen, Priscilla, and Serena offered to research this topic. • The Division of Criminal Justice will update information and determine if there is a difference in the data from 2014-2016 to 2017-2018. This should provide a sense for who is in the system and their offenses. • Acquire a current snapshot of criminal justice operations serving juveniles to track how many are in different parts of the system. • Begin implications analysis with costs, costs savings, and benefits associated with this community based system.
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<p>Issue/Topic Adjourn Joe Thome</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Discussion</p> <p>Joe and Jessica thanked the members for their contributions to the Task Force discussions and for the work everyone will do in preparation for the next meeting.</p>
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NEXT MEETING
 Wednesday, September 11, 2019
NEW TIME: 1:30PM – 4:00PM
 710 Kipling, 2nd floor Meeting Room