

Age of Delinquency Task Force

Minutes

October 9, 2019 / 1:30PM-4:00PM
2nd floor Meeting Room, 710 Kipling, Lakewood, CO

ATTENDEES:

TASK FORCE MEMBERS

Jessica Jones, Task Force Co-chair, Private Defense Attorney
Joe Thome, Task Force Co-chair, Division of Criminal Justice
David Bergman, Youthful Offender System
Maureen Cain, Office of the State Public Defender
Shawn Cohn, Denver Juvenile Probation
Beverly Funaro, Victim Representative
Priscilla Gartner, Office of the State Public Defender
Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez, Representative, House District 4
Arnold Hanuman, Colorado District Attorneys' Council
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
Damien Angel, Division of Criminal Justice

GUEST

Rich Persons, Youthful Offender System

ABSENT

Molli Barker, Juvenile Assessment Center, 18th Judicial District
Jim Bullock, District Attorney's Office, 16th Judicial District
Audra Bishop, Department of Public Health & Environment
Kelly Friesen, Grand County Juvenile Justice Services
Melanie Gilbert, At Large
Anders Jacobson, Division of Youth Services
Dan Makelky, Child Welfare
Dafna Michaelson Jenet, Representative, House District 30
Angie Paccione, Department of Higher Education
Gretchen Russo, Department of Human Services

Issue/Topic	Discussion
<p>Welcome & Introductions Jes Jones & Joe Thome</p>	<p>Co-chairs Jes Jones and Joe Thome welcomed Warden Rich Persons from the Youthful Offender System (YOS) and then asked group members to introduce themselves.</p>
<p>Review of September Meeting, Timeline & Expectations Richard Stroker</p>	<p>At the September meeting, the Division of Criminal Justice distributed binders that contained data and information associated with the study population, 18-25 yr olds.</p> <p>In addition, the Task Force created Working Groups to assist with the April deadline for recommendation development to meet the required CCJJ June completion date.</p> <p>The two Working Groups are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youthful Offender System (YOS) Working Group - To examine the eligibility criteria, capacity, and regulations. • Community Supervision Working Group –To identify opportunities in developing sentencing and diversion options to match community services to individual needs. To examine specialty courts, expanded diversion, effective assessments, and supervision strategies.

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<p>Data Update Kim English</p>	<p>Kim English presented updated information in response to requests for additional data on 18-24 year-olds, including the number who are on probation. The most serious felony filing offense for men in this age group was felony assault and drug possession; the most serious filing charge for women in this age group was drug possession, followed by forgery/fraud and felony assault. The most serious misdemeanor filing offense for men and women in this age group was misdemeanor assault.</p> <p>Shawn stated that the Community Working Group needs to contact adult probation officers to determine the extent of probation success for those in this population and to help identify gaps.</p> <p>Kim stated that a few years ago, the Office of Research and Statistics reviewed drug possession cases (as most serious crime) that were sentenced to the Department of Corrections. For these cases, approximately 85% were sent to prison on a probation revocation.</p> <p>The presentation information can be found on the Commission website at, colorado.gov/ccjj/ccjj-cADTF.</p>

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<p>Updates: Working Groups</p> <p>Youthful Offender System (YOS) Working Group Maureen Cain</p>	<p>Maureen stated that the YOS Working Group reviewed the history and goals of YOS, along with the eligibility requirements, which have been modified over time.</p> <p>To be considered for YOS, the individual must be 14-19 years of age at the time of the offense and must be sentenced prior to their 21st birthday. Sentences are determinate (meaning that there is no good time) and range from 2 to 7 years. YOS participants are subject to the policies, regulations, and rules of DOC.</p> <p>YOS Warden Rich Persons mentioned that YOS is more regimented than DOC. If an individual does not work or participate in programs, they become non-compliant and YOS will consider revocation (meaning, a potential transfer to the “regular” CDOC population). There are strict behavioral expectations associated with participating in the YOS program.</p> <p>An important question for the group is how might YOS program operations be modified to accommodate an expanded population?</p> <p>Maureen mentioned the Working Group is planning a tour of the YOS facility, and anyone interested is welcome to attend.</p>
<p>Community Supervision Working Group Shawn Cohn</p>	<p>Shawn mentioned that the Community Working Group had not met yet and that there are many probation officers statewide who will participate in the Working Group. She will contact Greg Mauro (Denver Community Corrections) for representatives from Community Corrections.</p> <p>Shawn stated that a Denver diversion group was interested in this topic and Shawn would gather their perspectives and learn what gaps they have identified with this population.</p> <p>Richard Stroker, Commission Consultant, asked the group to think about the following four areas of focus for the Community Supervision Working Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there ways to expand or broaden diversion opportunities for individuals? • Issues with supervision – Training for staff, assessment information, matching services or treatment for this population, • Specialty courts, and • Community Corrections—is it possible to have some dedicated programs for this age group?

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<p data-bbox="228 218 418 275">Next Steps Richard Stroker</p> <p data-bbox="164 317 487 485">ACTIONS Clarify drug offenses in District and County Courts & Information from DOC Kim English</p> <p data-bbox="131 569 519 695">Youthful Offender System tour dates Shawn Cohn & Serena Gonzales-Guiterrez</p> <p data-bbox="142 743 508 800">Denver Diversion information Shawn Cohn</p>	<p data-bbox="565 254 1443 359">Richard stated that, by January, the group should have some concepts for recommendations. The Task Force will have a couple months to work on specific ideas to develop a consensus.</p> <ul data-bbox="581 394 1458 579" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="581 394 1458 457">• Kim to update information in the binder and provide information from DOC. <li data-bbox="581 491 1295 522">• Shawn and Serena to identify dates for the YOS field trip. <li data-bbox="581 552 1333 579">• Shawn to provide information from Denver diversion group.

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<p data-bbox="164 894 483 951">Adjourn: Jessica Jones & Joe Thome</p>	<p data-bbox="565 894 1495 951">Co-chairs Jes and Joe thanked the group for their contributions and adjourned the meeting.</p>

Next Meeting

Wednesday, November 6, 2019
 1:30pm - 4:00pm
 2nd floor Meeting Room
 710 Kipling, Lakewood, CO 80215