



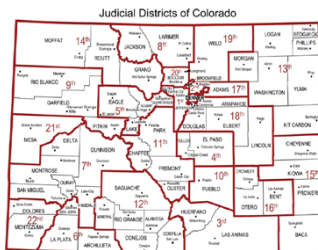
Task Force Introduction and Background

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Task Force Membership

- **Subject matter experts/stakeholders**
- **Criminal justice system stakeholders**
- **Geographic representation**
- **Connection to other relevant boards and initiatives**





Task Force Membership


- **Staff compiles names of stakeholders and potential task force members**
- **Suggest names to Task Force Chairs and Commission Chair and Co-chair**
- **Commission Chair and Co-chair with the input of the task force chairs**
 - **decide group membership**
 - based on person's expertise and role in the system
- **Invitations issued**
- **First meeting date identified**



Roles and Responsibilities of Task Force Members


The Task Force shall conduct a thorough analysis of the issue(s) sent from the Commission.

- **Spend time defining the problem**
 - **Do not assume we know the problem**
 - **Do not assume we know the solution**
- **Use data and evidence when available**



Roles and Responsibilities of Staff to the Task Force

- **Division of Criminal Justice/Office of Research and Statistics—provides research and staff support to the Commission and its task forces**
 - Minutes are posted on the Commission web site once approved
- **Task Force support**
 - Kim English
 - Germaine Miera
 - Christine Adams
 - Peg Flick
 - Laurence Lucero
- **Consultants**
 - Richard Stroker



Roles and Responsibilities of Staff to the Task Force

Richard Stroker

- Serves as consultant for the Commission
 - Plays an active role in strategic planning; facilitates most task force meetings; ties together the work of the task forces
- 25+ S.C. Department of Corrections
- 10+ years at Center for Effective Public Policy
 - Worked with dozens of policy groups in more than 40 states, in Indian Country, and dozens of local jurisdictions
 - Worked with Denver’s Community Corrections Board
Director of National Parole Resource Center
 - Worked with DOC’s strategic planning group



Mission of the Commission


C.R.S. 16-11.3-102

- Enhance public safety
- Ensure justice
- Ensure the protection of the rights of victims
- Focus on cost effective expenditure of funds
- Work with other state-established boards
- Establish advisory committees that make recommendations to the full Commission
- Focus on evidence-based recidivism reduction

EIGHT GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR RISK/ RECIDIVISM REDUCTION




Source: National Institute of Corrections



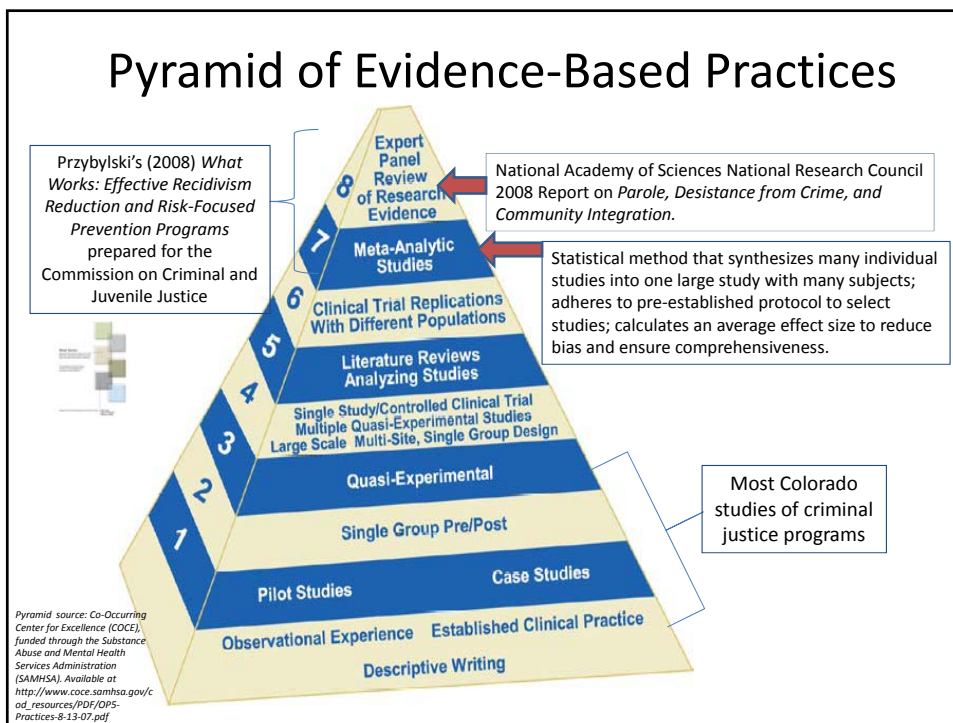
Guiding Principles


1. Public safety should always be paramount in our thoughts.
2. It is important that we are inclusive of all represented perspectives and areas of expertise, and that we commit to nonpartisanship.
3. We agree to question our assumptions, maintain respect for differences and work towards common goals that meet the Commission's mandate.
4. We should seek outside help for areas where we are lacking in knowledge.
5. Because our decisions impact all Colorado, we should carefully consider the perspectives of the various regions and diverse populations of citizens, victims, and offenders across the state.



Guiding Principles



6. To the best of our ability, our decisions should be straight forward and timely.
7. Our decisions are guided by data and should be aimed at crime prevention, reducing recidivism, achieving public safety through the most cost effective means, and achieving justice.
8. We should be mindful that a need for treatment is not an adequate reason for incarceration (other options should be available).






Task Force Process


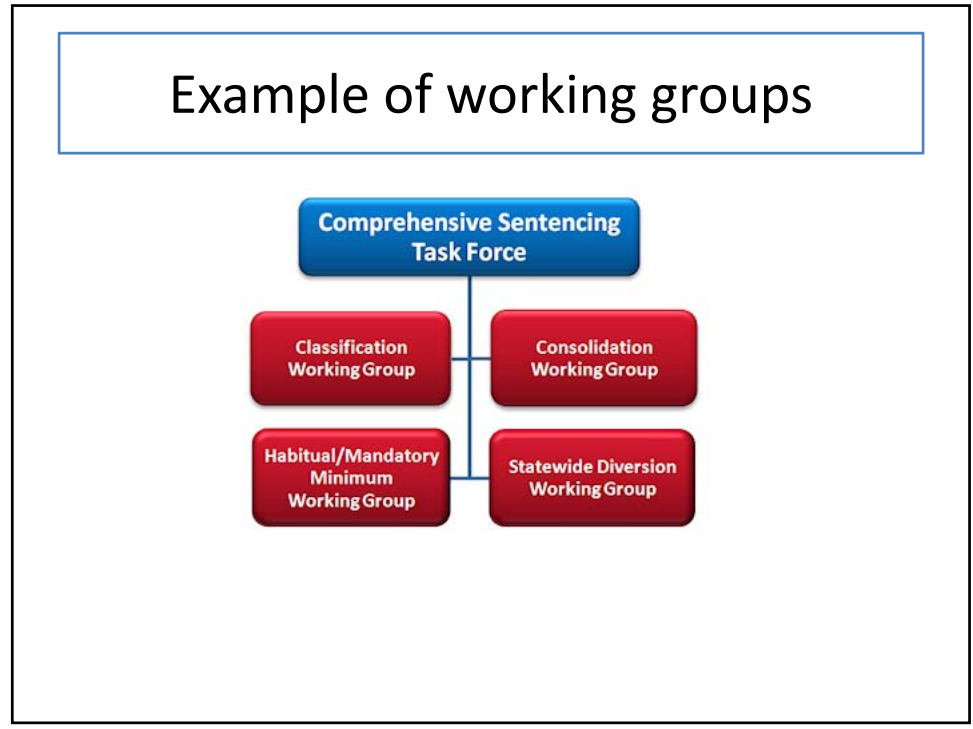
- Look at the **Big Picture** from multiple lenses
 - From a system's perspective
 - From a stakeholder perspective
 - Incorporating data/evidence
- Identify gaps/issues/problems
- Clarify gaps/issues/problems
- Prioritize issues for the Task Force to focus on
- Identify working groups to study issues



Working Groups


- Receive direction from the Task Force
- Sometimes have chairs/co-chairs that are task force members
- Are not typically staffed by DCJ
- Include non-task force members
- Undertake careful study of an issue
- Report back monthly to Task Force
- Develop recommendations for Task Force review and consideration






Recommendations


Business practice

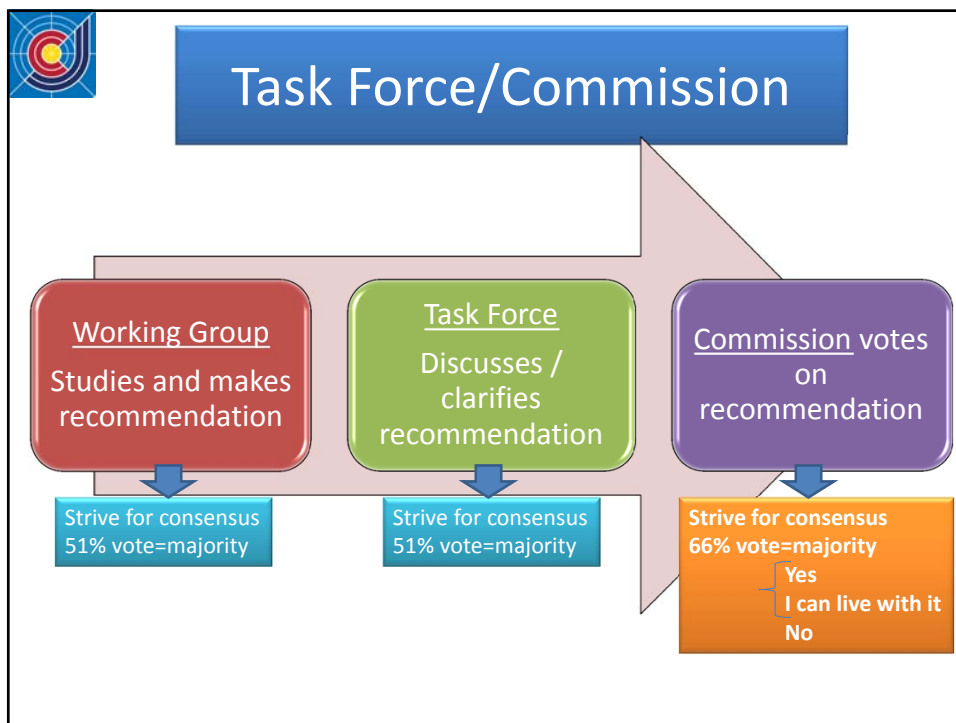
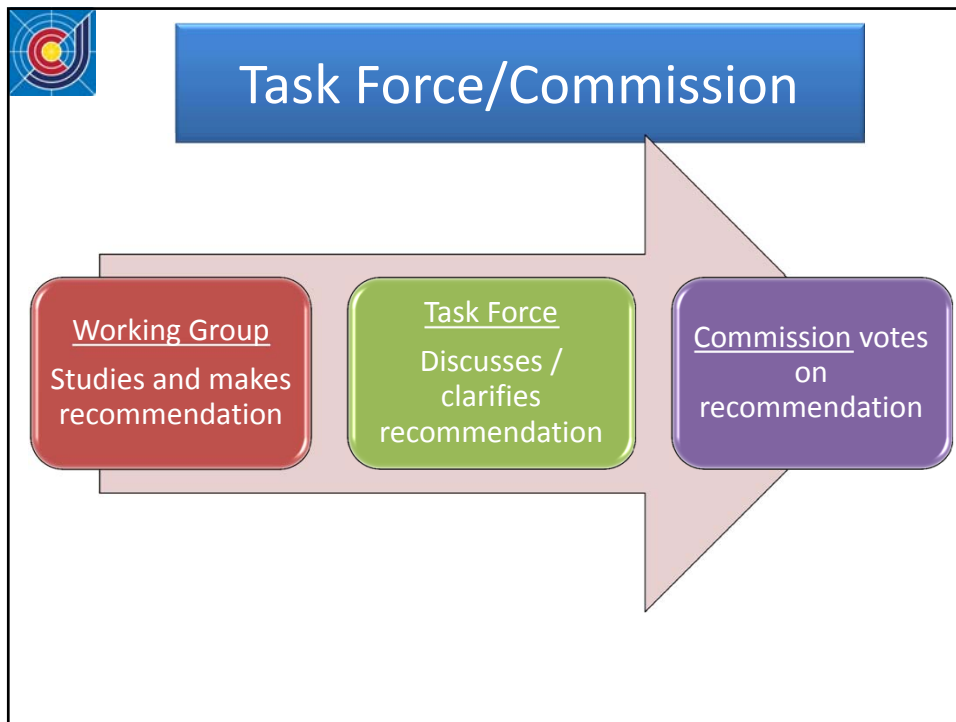



Policy



Legislation








Prior Task Forces/Committees


- Bail Subcommittee
- Community Corrections Subcommittee
- Cost Savings Subcommittee
- Direct File Subcommittee
- Re-entry Oversight Subcommittee
- Behavioral Health Task Force
- Probation Task Force
- Incarceration Task Force
- Post-incarceration Task Force
- Juvenile Justice Task Force
- Transition Task Force
- Sex offense Task Force
- Cyberbullying Subcommittee





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A few Commission accomplishments



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EARLY REFORMS

- **Eliminate statutes that require mandatory revocation / suspension of driver's license** for conviction of non-driving offenses (exclude child support enforcement) (2008)
 - HB09-1266:
 - In **FY09, 10,746** lost license
 - In **FY10, 1,055** lost license
- **Clarify jail time credits/jail inmates awarded earned time** (2008)
 - 7220 bed days saved annually in Arapahoe County alone (\$490,960/year)
- **Mandate that parolees receive credit for time spent in jail pending a technical parole revocation** (2008)
 - HB09-1263




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- **Increased the age of eligibility to 19 (at time of the crime) for individuals sentenced to the DOC's Youthful Offender System (2009)**
 - HB09-1122
- **Introduce a structured decision-making guide for use by the Colorado parole board (2009)**
 - HB10-1374
 - *Colorado Parole Board Release Guidelines Instrument*
 - Use of actuarial risk scale
 - Determination of readiness
 - Annual report of progress and findings
- **Expand probation eligibility for those with multiple felony convictions (2009)**
 - HB10-1338
 - Estimated to save \$2.5M in DOC costs
- **Provide for sealing certain drug offenses (2010)**
 - HB 11-1167



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- **Increase behavioral health treatment (2008)**
- **Increase treatment availability prior to restructuring drug laws (2009)**
 - Increase in Persistent Drunk Driver Surcharge (\$550,000/year) (HB 10-1347)
 - Drug offender surcharge *assessed* doubled (HB10-1352)
 - \$1,545,409 for community corrections treatment beds (HB10-1360)
 - \$2,057,225 services for parolees (HB10-1360)
 - First \$2M in medical marijuana sales/use tax fund substance abuse treatment programs (HB10-1284)




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Drug law reform (2009/2012)

- **SB13-250:** created new drug grid, DF1-DF4/DM1,2, petty

DRUG LEVEL	PRESUMPTIVE RANGE	AGGRAVATED RANGE	PAROLE
DF 1	8 – 32 years	n/a	3 years
DF 2	4 – 8 years	8 – 16 years	2 years
DF 3	2 – 4 years	4 – 6 years	1 year
DF 4	6 months – 1 year	1 – 2 years	1 year
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	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	
DM 1	6 months, \$500 fine or both	18 months, \$5,000 fine or both	
DM 2	\$50 fine	12 months, \$750 fine or both	

- Allows a “wobbler”—Court may vacate the felony conviction and enter a misdemeanor conviction if defendant completes community based sentence (certain cases ineligible based on prior record)
- Effective October 2013

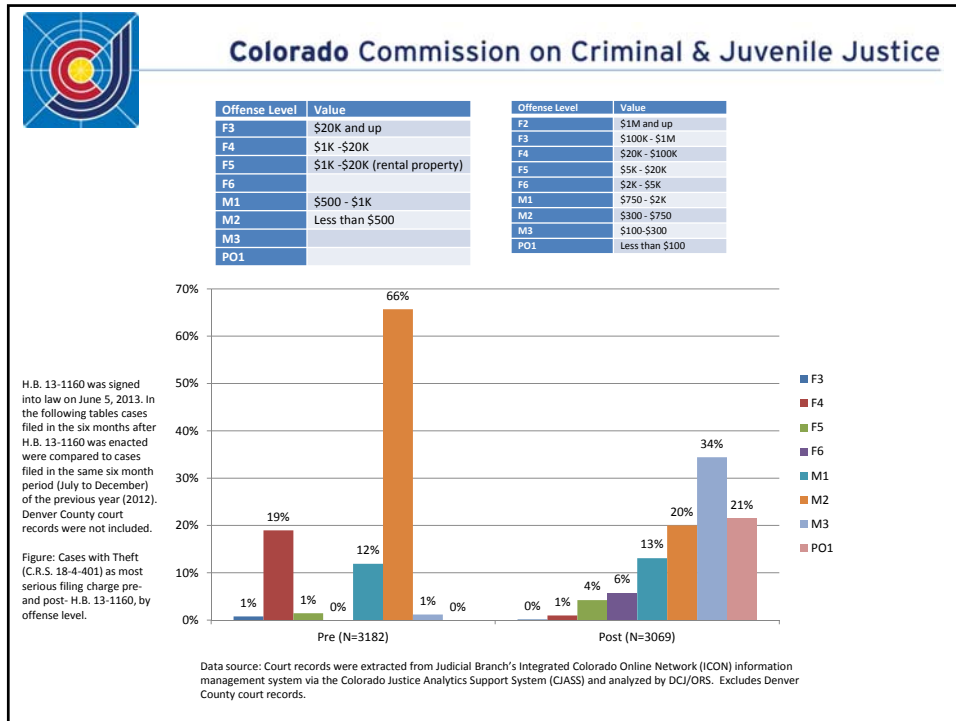


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- **Restructuring Theft statute (HB 13-1160)**

BEFORE		AFTER	
Offense Level	Value	Offense Level	Value
F3	\$20K and up	F2	\$1M and up
F4	\$1K - \$20K	F3	\$100K - \$1M
F5	\$1K - \$20K (rental property)	F4	\$20K - \$100K
F6		F5	\$5K - \$20K
M1	\$500 - \$1K	F6	\$2K - \$5K
M2	Less than \$500	M1	\$750 - \$2K
M3		M2	\$300 - \$750
PO1		M3	\$100-\$300
		PO1	Less than \$100

HB14-1266—thresholds applied to criminal mischief, fraud by check, defrauding a secured creditor, and unauthorized use of a financial transaction device, and computer crime




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EVIDENCE-BASED DECISION MAKING

- **Bail reform (2012)**
 - **Implement evidence-based decision making practices**
 - **Discourage the use of financial bond** for pretrial detainees
 - HB 13-1236

More than 10 counties are now using the Colorado Pretrial Assessment Tool (CPAT)



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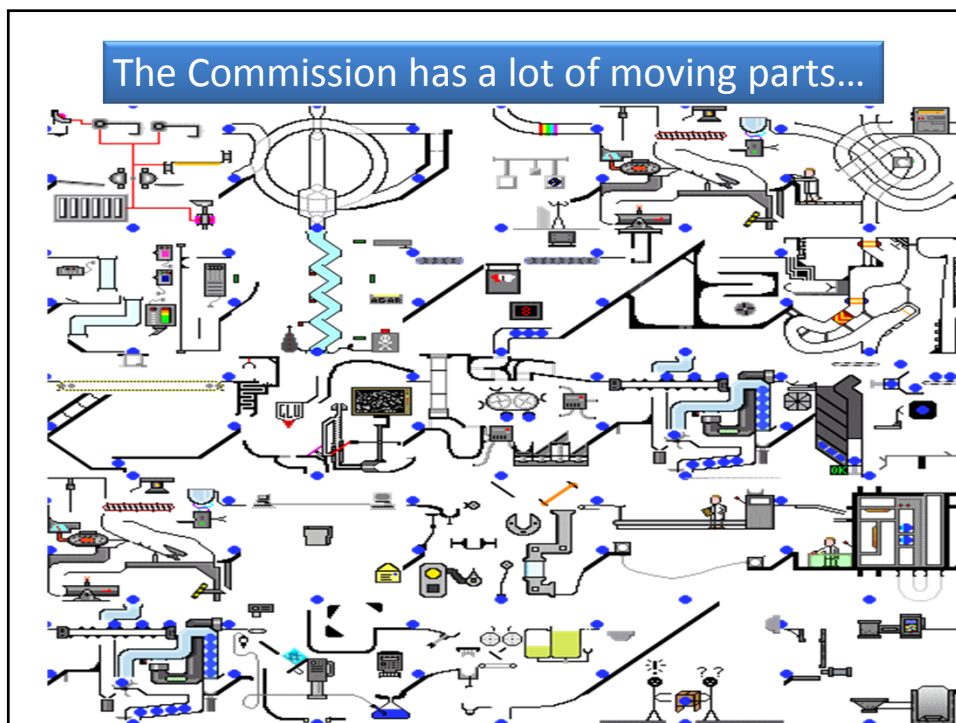
Recent Commission Bills

House Bill 15-1022 Created a petty ticket option for law enforcement as an alternative to initiating formal proceedings for youth.

House Bill 15-1072 Made changes to the harassment statute to clarify cyberbullying behaviors.

House Bill 15-1203 Retroactively provided earned time credit to certain individuals sentenced under the habitual criminal statute.

House Bill 16-1215 Revised the purposes of parole to reflect a focus on successful outcomes





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Next CCJJ Meeting
Friday, May 10, 2013
12:30-4:30pm
Jefferson County DA Building
500 Jefferson County Parkway
Golden, Colorado 80401 (map)
Future meetings:
June 14, July 12 (tentative) ...
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Also, see the EPIC Master Calendar

Publications of Interest
Fact Sheet: Legal Coercion, Drug Treatment and Recidivism
CCJJ 2012 Annual Report
Elements of Change (EOC): EPIC
H.B. 10-1352 Savings Analysis Report: First Two Years ...
Drug Policy Fact Sheet
Treatment Funding White Paper
Scroll above or read more at: Reports & Readings

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