



# **Reentry Task Force**

## **Welcome and Member Introductions**

Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice

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# "CCJJ 101"

## CCJJ Introduction and Background

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## Reentry Task Force

### **MEMBERS** (CCJJ members)

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### **Affiliation**

Behavioral Health Representative

Colorado State Board of Parole

Offender Advocacy

Attorney General's Office & Victim Advocacy rep.

Defense Attorney/ Defense Bar

Community Corrections (Admin)

Local government

CO Department of Corrections (CDOC)

Probation Services/ Judicial

Health Care Policy & Financing

Behavioral Health Administration

CO Community Corrections Coalition (Programs)

Prosecution/ CDAC

Division of Parole/ CDOC

DCJ/ CO Dept. Public Safety

Summit County Sheriff's Office

County Criminal Justice Services



# Reentry Task Force Mandates

Pursuant to the [2022 Biennial Letter](#) from Gov. Jared Polis (derived from [House Bill 2018-1287](#)) the Commission should examine how the state can improve services for re-entry from incarceration, including health and behavioral health services.

The Commission should examine the following:

- Operations and effectiveness of health/behavioral health services and re-entry services provided in the Department of Corrections (DOC) prior to release.
- Services provided to recently released parolees.
- Use of community corrections.
- Use of other community supervision services and coordination of health/behavioral health services from DOC to community treatment providers.
- Healthcare plans and advocacy groups.
- How to improve re-entry programs utilized in county jails, including those that attend specifically to health and behavioral health needs of individuals in jails.



# Reentry Task Force Mandates

Based on the suggested areas of study above, the Commission identified these initial topics for Task Force attention:

- Review of CDOC REENTRY SERVICES provided prior to release.
- Develop a better coordinated and consistent system of RELEASE OPTIONS.
- Identify methods to better MATCH INDIVIDUALS with existing release options.
- Review POST-RELEASE SERVICES that address the needs of particular populations to enhance long-term outcomes and public safety.
- Examine issues related to JAIL REENTRY.



# Overview

- Commission Background
  - Mission
  - Guiding Principles
- What is a Task Force/Subcommittee?
  - Membership
  - Roles, responsibilities
- Process
- Staff



# CCJJ Mission

The **Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ)** is a multidisciplinary 30-member entity that was established in 2007 by C.R.S. 16-11.3-101 to improve “the effective administration of justice” by undertaking a comprehensive examination of the criminal and juvenile justice systems and making recommendations for reform.

**The mission of the Commission** is to enhance public safety, to ensure justice, and to ensure protection of the rights of victims through the cost-effective use of public resources. The work of the commission will focus on evidence-based recidivism reduction initiatives and the cost-effective expenditure of limited criminal justice funds.



# CCJJ Guiding Principles

1. Public safety and recidivism reduction
2. Diversity of nonpartisan perspectives
3. Question assumptions, respect differences and work toward common goals
4. Seek external guidance
5. Clear, sound and timely decisions guided by data
6. Treatment need is not an adequate reason for incarceration





# Member Roles & Responsibilities

*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**



# 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 and, if necessary, seat Working Groups to study issues





# Current Commission Committees

## Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice

Legislative  
Subcommittee

Community  
Corrections  
Task Force

*Pretrial Release  
Task Force*  
*Hiatus*

Reentry  
Task Force

Sentencing  
Reform  
Task Force



# Task Force

- Receives direction from the CCJJ
- Has Chair/Vice-Chair or Co-Chairs; one a CCJJ member
- Staffed by DCJ; coordinated with DCJ staff
- May include non-CCJJ members
- Undertakes careful study of an issue
- Drafts materials (recommendations) for CCJJ review and consideration
- Conducts votes by majority
- Reports monthly to CCJJ





# Recommendations



**Business practice**

**Policy**

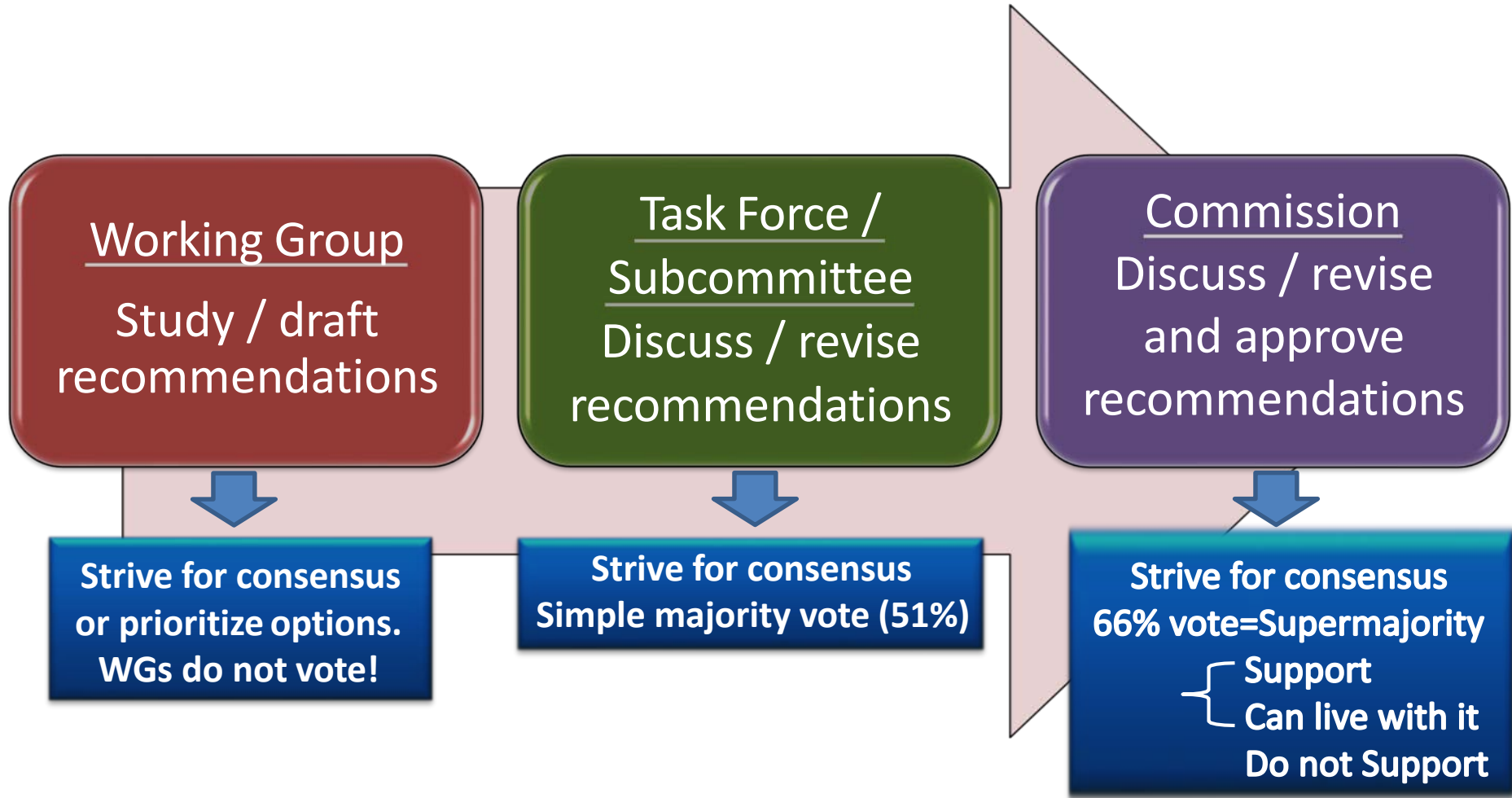


**Legislation**





# Recommendations





# Member Roles & Responsibilities

## Regarding CCJJ recommendations

- CCJJ Approved recommendations
  - Members actively support or remain silent and agree not to actively oppose.
- CCJJ Rejected recommendations
  - Members are not constrained regarding recommendations that are rejected or for which there is no Commission vote.



# Member Roles & Responsibilities

## Regarding CCJJ recommendations (continued)

- If expressing an opposing view on a CCJJ recommendation is necessary, do not identify as speaking for the Commission
- If expressing views on “non-CCJJ bills,” do not speak on behalf of the Commission
- Non-compliance may result in consideration for removal





# CCJJ Staff

- **Division of Criminal Justice/Office of Research and Statistics - provides research and staff support to the Commission and its task forces and working groups**
  - Minutes are posted on the Commission web site once approved
- **Task Force Staff**
  - Jack Reed
  - Stephané Waisanen
  - Courtney Leapley
  - Laurence Lucero
  - Kevin Ford
  - Linda Harrison
- **Consultant**
  - Richard Stroker



# CCJJ Staff

## **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
- 15 years at Center for Effective Public Policy
  - Director of the National Parole Resource Center
  - Worked with dozens of policy groups in 50 states, in Indian Country, and dozens of local jurisdictions
  - Worked with Denver's Community Corrections Board
  - Worked with DOC's strategic planning group



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CCJJ Agenda (4/14): (To be posted)

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May 12, Jun. 9...  
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- [Addressing Trauma and Victimization in Women's Prisons \(2020\)](#)
- [Exploring the Increase in CO District Court Filing \(2013-2018\)](#)
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## Reentry Task Force [2023]

The current Reentry Task Force was authorized by the Commission in October 2022 with a start date on April 11, 2023. This Task Force will address the reentry topics assigned by the Commission as delineated in the [2022 Biennial Letter](#) from Gov. Jared Polis pursuant to [House Bill 2018-1287](#), which are outlined below in "Mandates." Additionally, upcoming meetings, members, subgroups, previous meeting materials and minutes can be found below.

The Commission previously addressed the topic of reentry by seating the [Re-entry Task Force](#) that met from April 8, 2015 to July 12, 2017.

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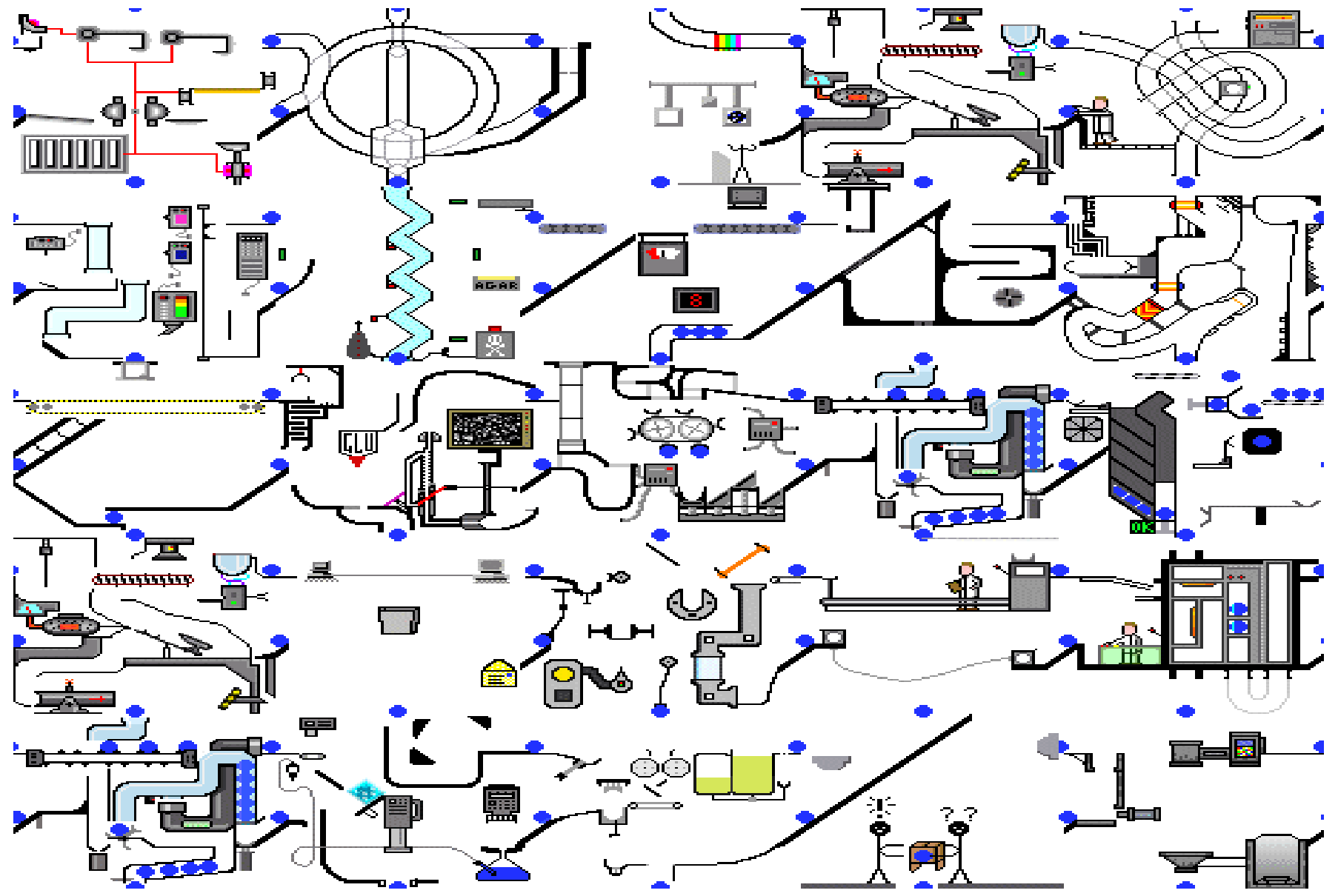
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# CCJ has many moving parts!





Questions?  
Regarding CCJJ or CCJJ processes?