

**Sentencing Reform Task Force
MINUTES**

October 07, 2020 1:30PM-4:00PM
Virtual Meeting

ATTENDEES

TASK FORCE MEMBERS

Rick Kornfeld, Co-chair/Defense Attorney
Taj Ashaheed, Second Chance Center
Terri Carver, State Representative
Maureen Cain, Office of the State Public Defender
Christie Donner, Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition
Valerie Finks, Victim representative, 1st Judicial District
Bob Gardner, State Senator
Julie Gonzales, State Senator
Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez, State Representative
Kazi Houston, Rocky Mountain Victim Law Center
Kristen Hilkey, Adult Parole Board
Jessica Jones, Defense Attorney
Matt Lewis, Mesa County Sheriff
Andrew Matson, Colorado CURE, Lived Experience
Heather McClure, Adams County Division of Community Safety & Well-Being, Lived Experience
Tom Raynes, Colorado District Attorneys' Council
Dan Rubinstein, District Attorney, 21st Judicial District
Lisa Wayne, Defense Attorney
Dean Williams, Department of Corrections

STAFF

Richard Stroker, CCJJ Consultant
Kim English, Division of Criminal Justice
Damien Angel, Division of Criminal Justice
Laurence Lucero, Division of Criminal Justice
Kevin Ford, Division of Criminal Justice

ABSENT

Michael Dougherty, Co-chair/District Attorney, 20th Judicial District
Henry Jackson, Metro State College
Jeff Chostner, District Attorney, 10th Judicial District

<p>Issue/Topic Welcome Approval of Minutes and Agenda <i>Rick Kornfeld, Co-chair</i></p>	<p>Discussion</p> <p>Rick Kornfeld welcomed and thanked everyone for participating in the Sentencing Reform Task Force. Rick informed the group that co-chair Michael Dougherty would be joining later in the meeting.</p> <p>Rick reviewed the agenda and asked for any additions or corrections to the September 9th minutes. A motion was offered and seconded to approve the minutes. Working Group members unanimously approved the minutes.</p>
<p>Issue/Topic Guiding Principles <i>Michael Dougherty</i></p>	<p>Discussion</p> <p>Rick presented preliminary guiding principles to the group and asked that they provide feedback after taking some time to review them. The group agreed that the guiding principles would likely need updating as the working groups begin developing their recommendations.</p>
<p>Issue/Topic Review of Prior Work in Sentencing Reform <i>Maureen Cain, Tom Raynes, Christie Donner, Michael Dougherty</i></p>	<p>Discussion</p> <p>Maureen Cain, Tom Raynes, and Christie Donner gave a presentation that outlined preliminary work done by some members of the Structure Working Group.</p> <p>The presentation can be found on the Commission website in the “Materials” section at: colorado.gov/ccjj/ccjj-SRTF.</p>
<p>Issue/Topic Sentence Progression <i>Dean Williams</i></p>	<p>Discussion</p> <p>Dean Williams presented an overview of sentence progression history, examples, and topics.</p> <p>The presentation can be found on the Commission website in the “Materials” section at: colorado.gov/ccjj/ccjj-SRTF.</p>
<p>Issue/Topic Working Group Formation and Membership <i>Richard Stroker, All Members</i></p>	<p>Discussion</p> <p>Richard Stroker reiterated the Task Force plan to form working groups that will develop recommendations for various sentencing reform topics. The following topics of interest were identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sentencing Structure • Sentence Progression • Decision Making, and Sentencing Alternatives • Sentence Enhancements • Purpose and Use of Probation • Parole

<p style="text-align: center;">Issue/Topic</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Working Group Formation and Membership <i>Richard Stroker, All Members</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">ACTION: DCJ Staff to compile Working Group membership document from emails.</p>	<p>The Task Force member discussed the potential working group topics and identified the following four groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure Working Group • Sentence Progression Working Group • Decision Making, Sentencing Alternatives, and Probation Working Group • Parole Working Group <p>After some discussion, it was agreed that “sentence enhancements” would be addressed by the Structure Working Group and that the “purpose of probation” would be addressed by the Decision Making, and Sentence Alternatives Working Group.</p> <p>The group discussed the membership of each working group, including the size of the groups and the importance of diverse representation within each group. The group agreed to email Damien Angel (DCJ staff) their preferences for which Working Group they would like to serve.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Issue/Topic</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Summary of Work and Adjournment <i>Rick Kornfeld, Richard Stroker</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Conclusion</p> <p>Richard briefly recapped the day’s discussion and points of consensus.</p> <p>Rick thanked everyone for their contributions to the day’s discussion. With no further comments or questions from the group, Rick adjourned the meeting.</p>
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<u>Next Meeting</u>		
TUESDAY! November 10	1:30-4:00pm	<i>Virtual - details forthcoming (Moved from Wed. due to Veterans Day)</i>
Wednesday, December 9	1:30-4:00pm	<i>Virtual - details forthcoming</i>
Wednesday, January 6	1:30-4:00pm	<i>Virtual - details forthcoming</i>