

***Sentencing Reform Task Force***

**Sentencing Alternatives/Decisions & Probation Working Group  
Minutes**

October 30, 2020 1:30-3:00PM

Virtual Meeting

**ATTENDEES**

**WORKING GROUP MEMBERS**

Glenn Tapia, Director of Probation Services, *Leader*

Kazi Houston, Rocky Mountain Victim Law Center

Heather McClure, Adams County Division of Community Safety and Well-Being

Joshua Romero, representing State Representative Terri Carver

**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**

Issue/Topic	Discussion
<p>Welcome &amp; Agenda <i>Glenn Tapia, Richard Stroker</i></p>	<p>Glenn Tapia, Working Group Leader, welcomed and thanked everyone for participating in the Probation Working Group. Richard Stroker provided a brief overview of the goals for the first meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish a more concrete scope of work and goals/targets                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Is there a discrete goal/target that can be accomplished by December?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Identify other members and agencies that should be represented in the working group</li> <li>• Establish regular meeting schedule</li> </ul>

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<p>Scope of Work <i>Glenn Tapia, All</i></p>	<p>Glenn presented the group with a tentative scope of work for discussion. The group agreed to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examine probation practices regarding the use of conditions, length of supervision, responses to violations, and revocations.</li> <li>• Examine cultural disparities in probation outcomes/practices.</li> <li>• Examine impact on prison population.</li> <li>• Redefine statutory purpose of probation.</li> <li>• Evaluate probation level of supervision in the interest of proper dosage and approaches (e.g. avoiding over-supervision).</li> <li>• Consider sentencing alternatives.</li> </ul> <p>Glenn agreed to present this scope of work to the Sentencing Reform Task Force for feedback on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020.</p>

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<p>Working Group Membership <i>Glenn Tapia, All</i></p> <p><b>ACTION ITEM</b> Solicit recommendations for a DA and a defense attorney. <i>DCJ Staff</i></p>	<p>Glenn stated that he had obtained permission to pursue the inclusion of an urban and a rural probation officer, as well as a trial court judge. Glenn solicited the group for suggestions of additional members who would could increase the diversity of perspectives. Kazi Houston suggested that they add a prosecutor, a defense lawyer, and someone working in restorative justice to their working group. Heather McClure suggested that they add a mental health expert.</p> <p>Kim English offered to talk to Michael Dougherty and Maureen Cain about recommendations for a district attorney and a defense attorney. Kim also offered to contact Abigail Tucker to serve as the group’s mental health professional. Glenn offered to find the probation officers, trial court judge, and to reach out to Kristen Heath with Jefferson County who could offer additional perspective on alternative sentencing programming.</p>

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<p>Recurring Meeting Schedule &amp; Next Meeting <i>Glenn Tapia, All</i></p> <p><b>ACTION ITEM:</b> Invite Jack Reed (DCJ) to present at December meeting. <i>DCJ Staff</i></p>	<p>The group agreed to meet on the first Friday of every month from 9:00am-11:00am starting on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020.</p> <p>Damien Angel informed the group that Jack Reed (DCJ Office of Research and Statistics) offered to present on sentencing alternatives if the group was interested. The group agreed that it could be beneficial and asked that staff invite him to the next meeting in December. Glenn offered to present some data regarding probation at the meeting in December as well.</p>

<b>Issue/Topic</b>	<b>Conclusion</b>
<p>Summary of Work and Adjournment <i>Glenn Tapia, Richard Stroker</i></p>	<p>Glenn and Richard recapped the deliverables that emerged from the day's meeting and then adjourned.</p>

<b><u>Next Meeting</u></b>	
Friday, December 4	9:00-11:00am <i>Virtual - details forthcoming</i>
January 2020 - TBD	