

*Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice*  
**Sentencing Reform Task Force**

**Sentence Progression Working Group**  
**Minutes**

November 3, 2020 3:00PM-4:30PM  
VIRTUAL MEETING

**ATTENDEES:**

**WORKING GROUP MEMBERS**

Dean Williams, DOC, WG Leader  
Valarie Finks, Crime Victim Compensation, DA Office, 1<sup>st</sup> JD  
Andrew Matson, Colorado CURE  
Greg Mauro, Denver Division of Community Corrections  
Amber Pedersen, DOC

**STAFF**

Richard Stroker, CCJJ Consultant  
Kim English, Division of Criminal Justice  
Laurence Lucero, Division of Criminal Justice  
Stephané Waisanen, Division of Criminal Justice

**ABSENT**

Bob Gardner, State Senate

**GUEST**

Rick Kornfeld, Defense Attorney, Sentencing Reform Task Force Co-chair

<b>Issue/Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
<p>Welcome &amp; Introductions <i>Dean Williams</i></p>	<p>Working Group Leader Dean Williams thanked members for participating in the meeting and proceeded with introductions.</p> <p>Dean reviewed the goals for the first meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish a more concrete scope of work and goals/targets for the working group. Is there a discrete goal/target that can be accomplished by December?</li> <li>• Identify other members and agencies that should be represented</li> <li>• Establish meeting schedule</li> </ul>

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<p>Discussion of Goals <i>Dean Williams</i></p>	<p>Dean said his vision for this group is to examine expanded opportunities for people under the CDOC supervision who are in the last phase of their sentence.</p> <p>Dean cited examples from other states where statutes provide non-prison alternatives for people in the re-entry phase of their sentence such as home confinement, electronic monitoring, work camp facilities or furloughs.</p> <p>In Colorado, there are some statutory provisions that enable the early release from prison via parole and, in about 40% of cases, people go through transition Community Corrections programs.</p> <p>Dean suggested that the group focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• recommending changes to the Intensive Supervision Program-Inmate (ISP-I), and</li> <li>• expanding early release through furloughs.</li> </ul> <p>The Intensive Supervision Program-Inmate (ISP-I), described in statute, is an administrative release of individuals in prison who are within 180 days of their parole eligibility date (PED) and requires the approval of local community corrections boards.</p> <p>Inmates under furlough status would serve the last part of the sentence outside the prison facilities while still under inmate status, however, Colorado does not have a furlough statute.</p> <p>The group agreed with the principle of expanding opportunities and alternatives for people who are in the last phase of their sentences.</p> <p>Dean will ask the Attorney General’s Office to present on possible options at the next working group meeting.</p>

<p><b>Issue/Topic</b> Discussion of Goals <i>Dean Williams</i></p>	<p>Richard Stroker summarized that the group agreed with the goals to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• reshape the end of the sentence,</li> <li>• promote successful outcomes, and</li> <li>• use evidence-based practices to encourage behavior change.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Issue/Topic</b> Membership</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Discussion</b></p> <p>The group agreed to invite a County Commissioner and a representative from a District Attorney’s Office. Nancy Jackson and Michael Dougherty will be reached out for suggestions.</p>
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<p><b>Issue/Topic</b> Meeting Schedule &amp; Adjournment <i>Dean Williams</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Discussion</b></p> <p>The Progression Working Group will meet Tuesdays from 3pm-4:00pm <u>except</u> next week. Due to the holiday, next week’s meeting is scheduled for <b>Monday, November 9 at 3pm.</b></p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.</p>
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