

Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice
Sentencing Reform Task Force

Parole Working Group
Minutes

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

ATTENDEES:

WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

Kristen Hilkey, Chair, Colorado State Board of Parole
Taj Ashaheed, Second Chance Center
Kazi Houston, Rocky Mountain Victim Law Center

STAFF

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

ABSENT

Jeff Chostner, District Attorney, 10th Judicial District

Issue/Topic	Discussion
Welcome <i>Kristen Hilkey</i>	Working Group Leader Kristen Hilkey welcomed members and staff.

Issue/Topic	Discussion
Discussion of Conditions of Parole & Length of Parole Adding Members <i>Kristen Hilkey & WG</i>	<p>Kristen explained that due to the limited amount of time the Working Group has to produce recommendations, developing a new parole model would not be feasible by the 2021 legislative session. The group may want to focus on the standard conditions of parole, while continuing to review additional topics for future work.</p> <p>Richard Stroker echoed Kristen’s sentiment about producing a recommendation for the upcoming legislative session.</p> <p>The group discussed HB 18-1029 (<i>Concerning lowering the period of mandatory parole from five years to three years for certain felony offenses</i>).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violent crimes - five years on parole • Non-violent crimes – three years on parole <p>Members will review and discuss the bill at the next meeting.</p> <p>Richard will distribute a power point regarding parole conditions that he presented to the parole board in Pennsylvania. The presentation addresses parole risk and needs, which are used to design and reduce conditions. Richard will also obtain conditions that parole boards use in other states. He asked the group to think about what is being imposed and does it really fit the case?</p> <p>Richard suggested the group think about the length of parole supervision by using incentives. If an individual does the necessary steps and is successful, the parole sentence will be reduced/granted. If an individual who does not do the necessary steps and is unsuccessful will have, their time extended.</p> <p>There was discussion about adding members to the Working Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kristen will contact Cody Hill, a public defense attorney in Jefferson County. • Kazi will reach out to victims who may be interested in participating. • Kim will contact Michael Dougherty for suggestions on a DA representative. • Kristen mentioned she would ask Susan White, Assistant Director of Parole, to participate on the Working Group.

Issue/Topic	Discussion
<p>Next Steps, Action Items & Adjourn <i>Kristen Hilkey & Working Group</i></p>	<p>The group was reminded that in order to have a recommendation in time for this legislative session, the Working Group would need to present the preliminary recommendation to the Sentencing Reform Task Force in December with a preliminary presentation to the Commission in January.</p> <p>For the next meeting, Kristen asked members to review the conditions of parole and discuss the following:</p>
<p>ACTION ITEM Conditions of Parole, H.B.18-1029 & Richard’s presentation to be distributed to Working Group <i>Staff</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language – what to include/not include • Length of parole • Individualized treatment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Substance abuse - Mental health issues
<p>ACTION ITEM Parole in other states <i>Richard Stroker</i></p>	<p>Richard will discuss other parole practices in other states.</p> <p>Kristen asked the Working Group to think of additional members; Taj is finding someone with recent experience on parole supervision.</p>
<p>ACTION ITEM Additional Members <i>Working Group</i></p>	<p>The group will not meet next week due to Wednesday being Veteran’s Day holiday. The group will resume the following week, Wednesday, November 18 at 3:00 pm. The scheduled meetings for the group will be every Wednesday, from 3:00 – 4:30pm.</p>