

Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice
Sentencing Reform Task Force

Parole Working Group
Minutes

December 7, 2020 / 11:00AM-11:30AM
VIRTUAL MEETING

ATTENDEES

WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

Kristen Hilkey, Chair, Colorado State Board of Parole, *Leader*
Jeff Chostner, District Attorney, 10th Judicial District
Kazi Houston, Rocky Mountain Victim Law Center
Susan White, Parole Division, Department of Corrections

STAFF

Kim English, Division of Criminal Justice
Stephané Waisanen, Division of Criminal Justice

ABSENT

Taj Ashaheed, Second Chance Center
Michelle Aswad, Victim Representative
Mollie Shultz, DA's Office, 2nd Judicial District

Issue/Topic	Discussion
Welcome <i>Kristen Hilkey</i>	Working Group Leader Kristen Hilkey introduced staff and members to Jeff Chostner.

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Review Revised Standard Conditions of Parole <i>Kristen Hilkey & WG</i>	<p>Kristen thanked Kazi for her efforts, and reviewed the five <u>sections</u> of the revised STANDARD conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual to obey state, federal, and municipal laws – be law abiding. • Individual report to Parole Officer (PO) and follow requirements throughout the parole period. • Individual not to possess any firearms or other deadly weapons. • Individual to comply with all court orders. • INDIVIDUAL conditions. <p>The group discussed the STANDARD conditions and areas of concern:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section II B– Requirements for release of an individual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rewording – individual to notify parole officer of a change of residence prior to moving - This would be a statutory change • Section IV B– Individual to comply with court order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Restitution- clarity that the individual does not have to pay the total amount of restitution during the parole period <p>Another concern was the removal of the alcohol and drug language from the STANDARD conditions. Should it be in the STANDARD or INDIVIDUAL conditions? The group agreed that the STANDARD conditions should include the drug and alcohol condition, but enforcement would be at the discretion of the PO.</p> <p>Susan mentioned that the Parole Division uses a substance abuse matrix that might be valuable to incorporate into this condition.</p> <p>During the discussion, the group could not come to a consensus on the areas of concern. Kristen stated it would be better to have discussions over the next few meetings when all members would be available.</p>

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<p>Next Steps, Wrap Up & Adjourn <i>Kristen Hilkey</i></p>	<p>Kristen suggested clarifying the language to match the statutes, and to have more discussion on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section II – Reword, for an individual to notify PO before a residence change - Section II – Adding drug and alcohol section and incorporating matrix - Section IV - Restitution payments can be made after parole period - Next step to look at the INDIVIUDAL conditions. <p>Kristen noted that the group needs to focus on is protection orders. There is no mention of these in either the current STANDARD of conditions or in statute, and many parolees have protection orders; these should be incorporated into the supervision conditions.</p>
<p>Action Item Present Update on STANDARD Conditions of Parole to the Sentencing Reform Task Force <i>Kazi Houston</i></p>	<p>Kristen informed members that the group’s update regarding the STANDARD conditions will be presented at the Structure Reform Task Force meeting on Wednesday. Kazi will present the update and identify areas with consensus/no consensus to the Task Force.</p> <p>Kristen stated that once the group gets to a consensus on the language of the STANDARD conditions, the group could begin to outline a recommendation.</p> <p>The next Parole Working Group meeting is: Tuesday, December 16, at 3pm.</p> <p>Kristen thanked members for their time and adjourned the meeting.</p>