

Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice
Sentencing Reform Task Force

Sentence Structure Working Group
Minutes

December 07, 2020 / 3:00PM-5:00PM
Virtual Meeting

ATTENDEES

WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

Michael Dougherty, *WG Leader*, District Attorney, 20th Judicial District
Maureen Cain, Office of the State Public Defender
Christie Donner, Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition
Valarie Finks, Crime Victim Compensation, 1st Judicial District
Jessica Jones, Defense Attorney
Dan Rubinstein, District Attorney, 21st Judicial District
Lisa Wayne, Defense Attorney

STAFF

Kim English, Division of Criminal Justice
Damien Angel, Division of Criminal Justice
Laurence Lucero, Division of Criminal Justice
Stephane Waisanen, Division of Criminal Justice
Kevin Ford, Division of Criminal Justice

ABSENT

Tom Raynes, Colorado District Attorneys' Council

<p style="text-align: center;">Issue/Topic</p> <p>Welcome & Agenda <i>Michael Dougherty</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Discussion</p> <p>Michael welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided a brief overview of the agenda. He stated that he was hopeful that the group could review recommendation elements from the Study Group regarding the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Misdemeanor Sentencing and Title 18 Grid (~450 misdemeanor offenses). • Title 42 Grid (~133 misdemeanor offenses). • Title 1 Election Offenses (~49 misdemeanor offenses). • Contraband offenses <p>Michael stated that goal of the Working Group was to review these recommendation elements and strive for consensus before they were presented to the Sentencing Reform Task Force.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Issue/Topic</p> <p>Timeline of Work <i>Michael Dougherty</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Discussion</p> <p>Michael discussed the work timeline and stated that the Sentencing Reform Task Force (meeting December 9th, 2020) would be provided an overview of the recommendation elements during the meeting and members would be asked to review the work in detail on their own time. The Task Force would then vote on this package of recommendation elements at the January 06, 2021 meeting.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Issue/Topic</p> <p>Report from Study Group <i>Maureen Cain, Michael Dougherty, Christy Donner, All</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Discussion</p> <p>Maureen provided documents detailing the Study Group's work regarding misdemeanor sentencing, the misdemeanor grid, Title 18 (criminal) offenses, Title 42 (traffic) offenses, Title 1 (election offenses), and contraband offenses. Maureen, Christy, and Michael opened the floor to questions regarding the Study Group's recommendation elements. During the discussion, members voiced concerns based on their experience with those charges in the past. The Working Group was able to revise the work and establish consensus.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Issue/Topic</p> <p>Public Comment <i>Michael Dougherty</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Discussion</p> <p>Michael addressed members of the public who had joined the call and solicited comments. There were no public comments.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Issue/Topic</p> <p>Next Steps and Adjournment <i>Michael Dougherty</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Discussion</p> <p>Michael recapped that the group would meet next on December 21, 2020 @3:00pm and asked if there were any other comments.</p> <p>Hearing none, he concluded the meeting.</p>