

Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice
Sentencing Reform Task Force

Parole Working Group
Minutes

December 16, 2020 / 3:00PM-4:00PM
VIRTUAL MEETING

ATTENDEES

WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

Kristen Hilkey, Chair, Colorado State Board of Parole, *Leader*
Taj Ashaheed, Second Chance Center
Michelle Aswad, Victim Representative
Kazi Houston, Rocky Mountain Victim Law Center
Mollie Shultz, DA's Office, 2nd Judicial District
Susan White, Parole Division, Department of Corrections

STAFF

Richard Stroker, CCJJ Consultant
Kim English, 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 thanked members for their attendance.

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Updates <i>Kristen Hilkey</i>	Kristen updated the group on the STANDARD conditions of parole <u>sections</u> that were reviewed during the last meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section II B– Requirements for release of an individual – timeframe for notifying Parole Officer of a residential change • Adding Drug and alcohol condition back into Section II –a STANDARD condition for every individual, but at the discretion of the parole officer

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Review Standard Conditions Section II – Individual Reporting to Parole Officer & UAs Section IV – Individual to Comply with Court Orders <i>Kristen Hilkey & WG</i>	The group reviewed the <u>sections</u> of the STANDARD conditions and discussed minor edits of the document. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section II B – Requirements for release for an individual – notifying the parole officer (PO) of a residential change. The group agreed that the individual should notify the PO within forty-eight hours of a residential change. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requires statute change • Section II –Create a subsection letter “G” for a urinalysis testing as ordered by PO. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If an individual is identified as having substance abuse issue, under the INDIVIDUAL condition, the issue will be evaluated with a treatment plan. • Section IV –Court Orders - reorder items with protection orders listed first. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requires statute change The group discussed the Parole Agreement that an individual is required to sign as part of the transition to parole. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members noted that the language may not be accurate for each inmate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Some transition to parole via discretionary release with parole conditions set by the Parole Board following a parole application hearing ▪ Some transition to parole via mandatory release with parole conditions set by the Board without a parole application hearing • The group agreed to change specific introductory language from “application reviewed” to “set your conditions of parole.”

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<p>Next Steps, Wrap Up & Adjourn <i>Richard Stroker & Kristen Hilkey</i></p>	<p>Richard reminded the group that, with the changes to the STANDARD conditions, revisions of both DOC policy and statute will be required.</p> <p>Kristen mentioned that for the next meeting, the primary goal is to draft a preliminary recommendation regarding the STANDARD conditions, after which the group will focus on INDIVIDUAL conditions.</p> <p>Kristen reminded the group of the next meeting, Wednesday, December 23 and asked whether members would be able to attend. Richard stated he would not be at the next meeting due to a conflict.</p> <p>Kristen thanked the Working Group for their time and adjourned the meeting.</p> <p>Next meeting: Wednesday, December 23, 2020 at 3:00pm</p>