

Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice
Sentencing Reform Task Force

Sentence Structure Working Group
Minutes

January 4, 2021 / 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
Tom Raynes, Colorado District Attorneys' Council
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

<p style="text-align: center;">Issue/Topic</p> <p>Welcome & Agenda <i>Michael Dougherty, WG Leader</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Discussion</p> <p>Michael welcomed the group and members of the public, then provided a brief overview of the agenda. Michael described the meeting focus on discussions of the recommendation elements from the Study Group. The following was to be discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Misc. Misdemeanor Sentencing and Title 18 Grid • Criminal Impersonation • False reporting • Identity theft • Attempt to influence a public servant
<p style="text-align: center;">Issue/Topic</p> <p>Report from Study Group <i>Maureen Cain, Michael Dougherty, Dan Rubenstein, Tom Raynes, Christie Donner, All</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">ACTION</p> <p>Provide affidavits demonstrating Identity Theft being charged for theft of gift cards. <i>Jess Jones</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Discussion</p> <p>Michael presented documents from the Study Group that outlined the work completed over the previous two weeks. Maureen, Christie, Tom and Michael opened the floor to questions regarding the Study Group's recommendation elements. During the discussion, members voiced concerns, opinions, and suggestions regarding the elements. The Working Group members offered revisions and reached consensus on the elements.</p> <p>The inclusion of gift card theft under the charge of Identity Theft was discussed. The group agreed to address it again at the next meeting so that more information could be obtained.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Issue/Topic</p> <p>Next Steps <i>Michael Dougherty, All</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Discussion</p> <p>Michael stated that the Study Group would continue their work on the misdemeanor grid as well as work on Jail Earned-Time Credits (pending feedback from local Sheriffs' Offices). Michael also informed the group that on January 6th, 2021, the Sentencing Reform Task Force would be voting on the recommendation elements presented by the Structure Working Group at the previous Working Group meeting.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Issue/Topic</p> <p>Public Comment</p> <p>Adjournment <i>Michael Dougherty</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Discussion</p> <p>Michael opened the floor to public comment. No members of the public provided comments.</p> <p>Michael and members scheduled the next meeting of the Working Group. He solicited any further comments, and hearing none, adjourned the meeting.</p> <p>The next meeting of the Sentencing Structure Working Group: Monday, January 25, 2021 at 3pm.</p>