

Sentencing Reform Task Force

**Sentencing Alternatives/Decisions & Probation Working Group
Minutes**

January 08, 2021 / 9:00-11:00 AM

Virtual Meeting

ATTENDEES

WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

Glenn Tapia, Director, Probation Services/ Judicial Branch, *WG Leader*

Terri Carver, State Representative/ House District 20

Chris Gallo, Deputy District Attorney/ 18th JD

Kristin Heath, Assistant Director, Jefferson County Justice Services

Kathryn Herold, Public Defender Office/ Boulder County

Kazi Houston, Rocky Mountain Victim Law Center

Matthew James, Denver District Attorney's Office

Heather McClure, Adams County Division of Community Safety and Well-Being

Jenifer Morgen, Chief Probation Officer/ 17th Judicial District

Greg Otte, Deputy Chief Parole Officer/ 8th Judicial District

Elaina Shively, District Attorney's Office/ 20th Judicial District

Abigail Tucker, Psychologist/ Mental health services provider and consultant

STAFF

Richard Stroker, CCJJ Consultant

Kim English, Division of Criminal Justice

Damien Angel, Division of Criminal Justice

Stephane Waisanen, Division of Criminal Justice

Laurence Lucero, Division of Criminal Justice

Kevin Ford, Division of Criminal Justice

Issue/Topic	Discussion
<p>Welcome & Introductions <i>Glenn Tapia, WG Leader</i> <i>Richard Stroker, CCJJ Consultant</i></p>	<p>Glenn Tapia, welcomed everyone and solicited introductions from the other group members. Glenn then provided a brief overview of the meeting agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review results of “Purpose of Probation” survey completed by members • Review current statutory purpose of Parole/Community Corrections • Discuss content ideas for Purpose of Probation • Public comment

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<p>Presentation: Purpose of Probation Survey <i>Glenn Tapia, All</i></p>	<p>Glenn presented the results of the Purpose of Probation survey. The following purposes were discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To serve as a sentencing option as a response to crime with a goal to prevent future criminal behavior and victimization. 2. To support people in a process of restoration and repair of harm to the person, to the victim, and to the community. 3. To engage people in the initiation of behavior change through provision and brokering of education, therapeutic, and skill-building services. 4. To achieve an effective balance of supervision, accountability, behavior change, and reparation. 5. To help people account for their behavior in the interest of serving justice, harm reduction, and supervision in the interest of safer community placement. 6. To coordinate with victims of crimes for their involvement in the process of justice. 7. To serve as a cost-effective community-based alternative to incarceration?

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<p>Topics to Discuss at the February Meeting <i>Glenn Tapia, All</i></p>	<p>Glenn reviewed the Working Group’s charge from the CCJJ to evaluate the level of probation supervision regarding proper dosage and approaches (e.g., avoiding over-supervision). He informed the group that they would be discussing this portion of their charge and preparing answers to the following questions for the next meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What does over-supervision look like in Colorado probation in concrete terms? 2. What is the ideal state of probation supervision? In other words, what does proper supervision look like in concrete terms?

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Public Comment	Glenn opened the floor for public comment. There were no members of the public in attendance for this meeting.

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Summary of Work & Adjournment <i>Glenn Tapia, WG Leader</i>	Glenn confirmed that the next meeting will be held on Feb. 05, 2021. Hearing no further comment, Glenn adjourned the meeting. Next meeting: Friday, February 5th, 2021, 9:00-11:00am