

Sentencing Reform Task Force

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

March 5, 2021 / 9:00-11:00 AM

Virtual Meeting

ATTENDEES

WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

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

Chris Gallo, Deputy District Attorney/ 18th JD

Kristin Heath, Assistant Director, Jefferson County Justice Services

Kazi Houston, Rocky Mountain Victim Law Center

Kathryn Herold, Public Defender Office/ Boulder County

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

Clay McKisson, Judge/ 3rd Judicial District

Jenifer Morgen, Chief Probation Officer/ 17th Judicial District

Greg Otte, Deputy Chief Parole Officer/ 8th 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

ABSENT

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

Terri Carver, State Representative/ House District 20

Matthew James, Denver District Attorney's Office

Issue/Topic	Discussion
<p>Welcome & Introductions <i>Glenn Tapia, Working Group Leader</i></p>	<p>Glenn Tapia, WG Leader, welcomed everyone and provided a brief overview of the meeting agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue work on the Purposes of Probation • Discuss potential areas of over-supervision • Discuss Petty Offenses and Probation eligibility

Issue/Topic	Discussion
<p>Presentation: Purposes of Probation and Stakeholder Feedback <i>Glenn Tapia, All</i></p>	<p>Glenn solicited feedback from stakeholders regarding the group’s Purposes of Probation</p>

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<p>Discussion of Over-Supervision <i>Glenn Tapia, All</i></p>	<p>Glenn gave a presentation that detailed stakeholder perceptions of over-supervision. It is the ambition of the group to work through the feedback provided by stakeholders in the meetings to come.</p> <p>Related to the subsequent agenda item, Glenn highlighted that he also sought stakeholder feedback regarding the eligibility of petty offenses for probation. He solicited feedback from the group regarding ways to structure a criminal justice response to petty offenses that meets that offense level. This discussion continues in the next agenda item.</p>

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<p>Petty Offenses on Probation <i>Glenn Tapia, All</i></p>	<p>The group discussed ways in which some petty offenses could be eligible for probation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific offenses become eligible • Use risk to public safety to determine eligibility <p>The group also discussed criminal justice responses to petty offenses that do not require supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilization of alternatives like useful public service, fines, and diversion opportunities • Short term, low cost interventions focused on therapy, restorative justice, and/or education. <p>Glenn presented probation data on individuals currently in probation where a petty offense was the most serious offense on their record. The group discussed the phenomenon wherein individuals elect to go to jail rather than probation and why that decision is made.</p> <p>Glenn stated that he would write-up the points of consensus and areas of further discussion that emerged and send them out for the next meeting.</p>

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

Issue/Topic	Conclusion
Summary of Work & Adjournment <i>Glenn Tapia</i>	Glenn confirmed next meeting on Apr. 2, 2021. Hearing no further comment, Glenn adjourned the meeting. Next meeting: Friday, April 2nd, 2021, 9:00-11:00am