

Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice

**Sentencing Reform Task Force
Minutes**

March 10, 2021 / 1:30PM-4:00PM
Virtual Meeting

ATTENDEES

TASK FORCE MEMBERS

Michael Dougherty, Co-chair/District Attorney, 20th Judicial District
Rick Kornfeld, Co-chair/Defense Attorney
Taj Ashaheed, Second Chance Center
Maureen Cain, Office of the State Public Defender
Christie Donner, Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition
Valerie Finks, Victim Compensation Program, DA Office, 1st Judicial District
Kazi Houston, Rocky Mountain Victim Law Center
Jessica Jones, Defense Attorney
Sarah Keck, Court Services, Judicial Branch
Matt Lewis, Mesa County Sheriff
Andrew Matson, Colorado CURE
Heather McClure, Adams County Division of Community Safety & Well-Being
Meredith McGrath, Deputy Director, Adult Parole for Dean Williams, Department of Corrections
Tom Raynes, Colorado District Attorneys' Council
Michael Rourke, District Attorney, 19th Judicial District
Dan Rubinstein, District Attorney, 21st Judicial District
Lisa Wayne, Defense Attorney

STAFF

Richard Stroker, CCJJ Consultant
Kim English, Division of Criminal Justice
Damien Angel, Division of Criminal Justice
Laurence Lucero, Division of Criminal Justice
Kevin Ford, Division of Criminal Justice

Guests

Greg Mauro, Community Corrections

ABSENT

Terri Carver, State Representative
Jeff Chostner, District Attorney, 10th Judicial District
Bob Gardner, State Senator
Julie Gonzales, State Senator
Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez, State Representative
Kristen Hilkey, Adult Parole Board
Henry Jackson, Metro State College
Glenn Tapia, Division of Probation Services

<p>Issue/Topic Welcome, Approval of Minutes, and Agenda <i>Rick Kornfeld and Michael Dougherty, Co-chairs</i></p>	<p>Discussion</p> <p>Rick Kornfeld welcomed everyone to the Sentencing Reform Task Force meeting and reviewed the agenda. A motion was offered and seconded to approve the minutes from February 24th. Task Force members unanimously approved the minutes.</p> <p>Rick informed members of the public that they were welcome to leave comments in the chat and that there would be time at the end of the meeting for additional comments.</p>
<p>Issue/Topic Sentence Progression Working Group Report <i>Richard Stroker, CCJJ Consultant & Greg Mauro/Kristen Hilkey, WG Leaders</i></p>	<p>Discussion</p> <p>Richard provided an update on behalf of the Sentence Progression Working Group that included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed COMCOR, ISP-I, the Parole Board, and explored options that are available to integrate them into the end of an individual’s sentence. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The group intends to review available data from these programs/entities, and ○ Identify gaps or areas of improvement in their operation that can be addressed via a recommendation.
<p>Issue/Topic Sentencing Alternatives/Decisions & Probation Working Group Report <i>Kazi Houston, WG Member</i></p>	<p>Discussion</p> <p>Kazi provided an update on behalf of the “Probation” Working Group that included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued work on defining the statutory purpose of probation • Explored concerns from Working Group members and stakeholders regarding over-supervision of probationers, and • Discussed the intersection of petty offenses and probation supervision.
<p>Issue/Topic Parole Working Group Report <i>Richard Stroker, CCJJ Consultant</i></p>	<p>Discussion</p> <p>Richard provided an update on behalf of the Parole Working Group that included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated feedback from the February 24th Task Force meeting into the Working Group’s recommendation regarding the conditions of parole. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The group intends to meet at least once more to finalize revisions to the recommendation before presenting it to the Task Force for consideration.

Issue/Topic	Discussion
<p>Structure Working Group Report & Recommendation Vote <i>Michael Dougherty, WG Leader & Maureen Cain, WG Member</i></p>	<p>Michael provided an update on behalf of the Structure Working Group that included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In preparation for a Commission vote on the recommendation, two Q&A sessions on Feb. 19 and Mar. 5 were held to field questions from stakeholders and other interested parties. • The Working Group intends to begin its focus on the structure of felony offenses moving forward. • Members met with staff from Colorado Parks and Wildlife to discuss proposed revisions to Title 33 statutes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parks and Wildlife identified 30 statutes in Title 33 of which they suggested different revisions than those proposed by the Structure Working Group. • Revisions to Title 39: Taxation statutes will be discussed with the Department of Revenue in the coming weeks. <p>Task Force members discussed the Title 33 recommendation elements and supported the suggestions made by Parks and Wildlife with the exception of two (2) statutes. For those two statutes, the Structure Working Group recommendation was supported. Following the discussion, the recommendation elements – along with the aforementioned changes - were moved to a vote, seconded and approved.</p>

Issue/Topic	Conclusion
<p>Public Comment</p> <p>Adjourn <i>Rick Kornfeld & Michael Dougherty</i></p>	<p>No members of the public offered comment during this portion of the meeting.</p> <p>Hearing no further comments from the group, Rick thanked members for their efforts and concluded the meeting.</p> <p>The next meeting of the Sentencing Reform Task Force is scheduled on: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 1:30pm.</p>