

*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, 20<sup>th</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
Dan Rubinstein, District Attorney, 21<sup>st</sup> 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, 10<sup>th</sup> 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><b>Issue/Topic</b>                  Welcome, Approval of Minutes, and Agenda  <i>Rick Kornfeld and Michael Dougherty, Co-chairs</i></p>	<p><b>Discussion</b>                  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 24<sup>th</sup>. Task Force members unanimously approved the minutes.                   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><b>Issue/Topic</b>                  Sentence Progression Working Group Report  <i>Richard Stroker, CCJJ Consultant &amp; Greg Mauro/Kristen Hilkey, WG Leaders</i></p>	<p><b>Discussion</b>                  Richard provided an update on behalf of the Sentence Progression Working Group that included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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"> <li>○ The group intends to review available data from these programs/entities, and</li> <li>○ Identify gaps or areas of improvement in their operation that can be addressed via a recommendation.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Issue/Topic</b>                  Sentencing Alternatives/Decisions &amp; Probation Working Group Report  <i>Kazi Houston, WG Member</i></p>	<p><b>Discussion</b>                  Kazi provided an update on behalf of the “Probation” Working Group that included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued work on defining the statutory purpose of probation</li> <li>• Explored concerns from Working Group members and stakeholders regarding over-supervision of probationers, and</li> <li>• Discussed the intersection of petty offenses and probation supervision.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Issue/Topic</b>                  Parole Working Group Report  <i>Richard Stroker, CCJJ Consultant</i></p>	<p><b>Discussion</b>                  Richard provided an update on behalf of the Parole Working Group that included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrated feedback from the February 24<sup>th</sup> Task Force meeting into the Working Group’s recommendation regarding the conditions of parole.                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The group intends to meet at least once more to finalize revisions to the recommendation before presenting it to the Task Force for consideration.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<b>Issue/Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
<p>Structure Working Group Report &amp; Recommendation Vote <i>Michael Dougherty, WG Leader &amp; 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"> <li>• In preparation for a Commission vote on the recommendation, two Q&amp;A sessions on Feb. 19 and Mar. 5 were held to field questions from stakeholders and other interested parties.</li> <li>• The Working Group intends to begin its focus on the structure of felony offenses moving forward.</li> <li>• Members met with staff from Colorado Parks and Wildlife to discuss proposed revisions to Title 33 statutes.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Parks and Wildlife identified 30 statutes in Title 33 of which they suggested different revisions than those proposed by the Structure Working Group.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Revisions to Title 39: Taxation statutes will be discussed with the Department of Revenue in the coming weeks.</li> </ul> <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>

<b>Issue/Topic</b>	<b>Conclusion</b>
<p>Public Comment</p> <p>Adjourn <i>Rick Kornfeld &amp; 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: <b>Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 1:30pm.</b></p>