

**Sentencing Reform Task Force
MINUTES**

August 10, 2022 / 1:30PM-1:55PM
Virtual Meeting

THIS MEETING DID NOT ACHIEVE A QUORUM

ATTENDEES

TASK FORCE MEMBERS

Rick Kornfeld, *Task Force Co-chair/*Defense Attorney
Michael Dougherty, *Task Force Co-chair,* District Attorney/20th Judicial District (JD)
Maureen Cain, Office of the State Public Defender
Valerie Finks, Victim Compensation Program/DA Office, 1st JD
Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez, State Representative/House District 4
Justin (JR) Hall, Colorado State Board of Parole
Jes Jones, Defense Attorney
Brian Mason, District Attorney/17th JD
Andrew Matson, Colorado CURE
Greg Mauro, Denver Division of Community Corrections
Michael Rourke, District Attorney/19th JD
Dean Williams, Colorado Department of Corrections

STAFF

Richard Stroker, CCJJ Consultant
Jack Reed, Research Director, Division of Criminal Justice
Kevin Ford, CCJJ Staff, Division of Criminal Justice
Stephané Waisanen, CCJJ Staff, Division of Criminal Justice

ABSENT

Taj Ashaheed, Second Chance Center
Terri Carver, State Representative/House District 20
Christie Donner, Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition
Bob Gardner, State Senator/Senate District 12
Julie Gonzales, State Senator/Senate District 34
Kazi Houston, Rocky Mountain Victim Law Center
Henry Jackson, Metro State University
Sarah Keck, Court Services/Judicial Branch
Heather McClure, Adams County Division of Community Safety & Well-Being
Tom Raynes, Colorado District Attorneys' Council
Dan Rubinstein, District Attorney/21st JD
Glenn Tapia, Director, Div. of Probation Services/Judicial Branch
Lisa Wayne, Defense Attorney

GUESTS

Mike Tessean, Colorado State Board of Parole
Anne Andrews, Colorado State Board of Parole
Amber Pedersen, Colorado Department of Corrections

<p>Welcome & Agenda Welcome, Approval of Minutes, and Agenda <i>Michael Dougherty, Task Force Co-chair</i></p>	<p>Discussion Michael Dougherty and Rick Kornfeld, Task Force Co-chairs welcomed attendees and welcomed new member JR Hall, newly appointed Chair of the Parole Board, and guests Mike Tessean and Anne Andrews from the Parole Board. Michael reviewed the agenda and noted that, in the absence of a quorum, the approvals of the February 9, March 9, April 6, June 8, and July 6 minutes are postponed until the Task Force meeting on September 7.</p>
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<p>Issue/Topic Working Group Updates</p> <p>ACTION Preliminary proposal to be presented in the fall</p> <p>ACTION Preliminary proposal to be presented in the coming months</p> <p>ACTION Continue review of additional data and define scope of work</p>	<p>Discussion</p> <p><u>Sentencing Alternatives/Decisions & Probation WG – Richard Stroker, CCJJ Consultant</u> In the absence of Glenn Tapia, WG Leader, Richard Stroker offered an update on the progress of the WG. The WG is focused on probation sentence length and particularly on early termination for people on probation. At the last meeting, the group reviewed the elements of a preliminary proposal and feedback received from stakeholders that would address inconsistency across the judicial districts regarding the accessibility and policy of early termination. Richard expected a preliminary proposal will be presented to the Task Force in the fall.</p> <p><u>Sentence Structure WG – Michael Dougherty, WG Leader</u> The group met yesterday and continue the review and analysis of the Enhanced Felony severity classification chart, felony sentencing grid, sentencing ranges, habitual sentence enhancers, mandatory consecutive sentences for crimes of violence, certainty in sentencing, and length of stay for felony offenses. The immediate focus is on the crime severity chart and Michael expected that the crime severity chart proposal will be presented to the Task Force in the coming months. Michael reiterated that the goal of the WG is to continue building more certainty in sentencing.</p> <p><u>Sentence Progression WG, Brian Mason & Greg Mauro, Co-leaders</u> Brian Mason, Co-leader of the Sentence Progression Working Group reported that the WG completed its first examination of the current end-of-sentence options (Community Correction, Parole, and Intensive Supervision Program-Inmate [ISP-I]). At future meetings, the WG will look at additional data and will define and prioritize its scope of work. The timeline established by the group is to develop a proposal by the winter of 2022.</p>
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<p>Issue/Topic Public Comment <i>Michael Dougherty, Rick Kornfeld Task Force Co-chairs</i></p>	<p>Public Comment Michael solicited public comment, and hearing none, moved to the conclusion of the meeting.</p>
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Issue/Topic	Conclusion
<p>Adjourn <i>Richard Stroker, CCJJ Consultant & Michael Dougherty & Rick Kornfeld</i></p>	<p>Rick Kornfeld informed the group that he had been absent for several months due to work demands. He expressed his appreciation and thanked Michael Dougherty, and the staff for covering for him during his absence. Rick also mentioned that he and Mr. Dougherty meet regularly with the Governor’s Chief Legal Counsel who reiterated that the Governor remains committed and supportive of the work of the Commission and the Sentencing Reform Task Force.</p> <p>As the Working Groups finalize and present recommendations in the coming months, Michael reminded the Task Force members of the importance of attending and participating in the upcoming Task Force meetings.</p> <p>Richard reiterated that the Sentencing Alternatives/Decisions & Probation WG will finalize a proposal on early termination and revocation and should present a preliminary recommendation at the SRTF by late summer.</p> <p>The Sentence Structure Working Group will continue its work on categorizing felony crimes by severity level and expect to develop a proposal in the coming weeks.</p> <p>The Sentence Progression WG will focus on prioritizing the scope of work and goals to develop a recommendation in the winter.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm</p>

Next Meeting

Wednesday, September 7, 2022 / 1:30-4:00 pm

Meeting information will be emailed to members and posted at, colorado.gov/ccjj/ccjj-meetings.