

Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice
Sentencing Reform Task Force

Sentence Progression Working Group
MINUTES

November 8, 2022 / 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
VIRTUAL MEETING

ATTENDEES

WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

Emily Fleischmann, *WG Co-leader*, Office of the State Public Defender
Brian Mason, *WG Co-leader*, District Attorney/17th Judicial District (JD)
Greg Mauro, *WG Co-leader*, Denver Division of Community Corrections
Christie Donner, CO Criminal Justice Reform Coalition
JR Hall, Parole Board Chair
Rick Kornfeld, (*SRTF Co-Chair, CCJJ Member*), Criminal Defense
Amber Pedersen, Exec. Dir. Office/ CO Department of Corrections (CDOC)
Emily Tofte Nestaval, Rocky Mountain Victim Law Center
Catrina Weigel, District Attorney Office/20th JD

STAFF

Stephané Waisanen, Division of Criminal Justice
Richard Stroker, CCJJ Consultant
Laurence Lucero, Division of Criminal Justice

ABSENT

Joseph Archambault, Office of the State Public Defender
Taj Ashaheed, (*CCJJ member*), Second Chance Center
Andrew Matson, Colorado CURE
Richard Morales, Latino Coalition
Meredith McGrath, Division of Parole/ CDOC
Steve O'Doriso, (*CCJJ member*), Adams County Commissioner
Michael Rourke, (*CCJJ member*), District Attorney/ 19th JD
Abigail Tucker, (*CCJJ Vice-Chair*), Mental Health providers

Guests

Chystal Owin, OCC/ Division of Criminal Justice
Mike Tessean, Director/ CO Parole Board

Issue/Topic	Discussion
<p>Welcome & Introductions <i>Emily Fleischmann, Brian Mason, & Greg Mauro, WG Co-leaders</i></p>	<p>Emily Fleischmann, WG Co-leader, welcomed participants and solicited member introductions. She asked Richard, CCJJ Consultant to provide a recap of the discussion from the Sentence Progression Working Group planning meeting held on Monday, November 7 with the WG Co-leaders and the CCJJ staff.</p>

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<p>Update: Working Group Planning Meeting to Review Gov. Polis Biennial Letter <i>Richard Stroker, CCJJ Consultant</i></p>	<p>Richard stated that the Co-leaders from the Sentence Progression Working Group and the Division of Criminal Justice staff met and reviewed the Gov. Polis Biennial letter. The letter outlined six areas to be examined by the Commission with a single area relating to re-entry. At the October 14 Commission meeting, the CCJJ authorized a new Reentry Task Force to address the reentry issues raised in the letter.</p> <p>There was concern raised by the Co-leaders there would be overlap in the efforts by the Re-Entry Task Force and the Sentence Progression Working Group. The Co-leaders solicited member feedback on how the Working Group would like to proceed.</p>

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<p>Priorities & Scope of Work Decisions <i>WG Co-leaders</i></p>	<p>Members discussed whether to continue the three priority areas identified in Community Corrections, Intensive Supervision Program-Inmate (ISP-I), and Parole regarding the timing of eligibility, the population of individuals with a shorter sentence, and the ISP-I program.</p> <p>It is likely that members of the Working Group might be invited to participate in the Reentry Task Force, and members agreed that continuing the Working Group would result in duplicative efforts and would not be a productive use of time. Members decided to suggest to the Sentencing Reform Task Force that the Sentence Progression Working Group be concluded.</p> <p>The group decided to prepare a summary of the issues that have been identified and to provide this to the Reentry Task Force.</p>

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<p>Next Steps & Adjourn <i>Co-leaders & Richard Stroker, CCJJ Consultant</i></p>	<p>The WG Co-leaders and Richard Stroker will draft a summary of the topics identified for continued exploration and will submit the summary to the Sentencing Reform Task Force and Commission for use by the Reentry Task Force.</p> <p>The Co-leaders thanked members for their contributions to the Working Group and the meeting was adjourned.</p>

No further meetings of the Sentence Progression Working Group were scheduled.
 [Note: The Working Group was concluded by the Sentencing Reform Task Force on November 9, 2022.]