



# **Pretrial Release Task Force Update**

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# Pretrial Release Task Force

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*\*new members as of October, 2018*



## **TASK FORCE MISSION**

The Task Force was seated by the Commission in June 2017.

To consider implementation efforts associated with 2013 legislation regarding bail reform, and to produce recommendations regarding potential improvement to bail practices and pretrial services in light of emerging best practices and national trends.



### **Recommendation FY19 – PR #01**

### **Establish and require the use of pretrial risk assessment tools in all Colorado counties**

- Pretrial Risk Assessment shall be available and utilized by Judicial Officers in all counties throughout Colorado for purposes of setting bond and establishing conditions of release for felony and misdemeanor level offenses.
- The court shall not use the results of any such instrument as the sole basis for setting type of bond and conditions of release. Other criteria may include those circumstances contained in 16-4-103 (5).
- Current statute encourages, however falls short of requiring the use of risk assessment in all counties in Colorado.



### **Recommendation FY19 – PR #02**

### **Implement training standards for the administration of pretrial risk assessment tools and compile an inventory of approved pretrial assessments**

- The Colorado Pretrial Assessment Tool (CPAT) shall be the assessment tool utilized, however any jurisdiction may utilize an alternative assessment tool to improve pretrial decision making subject to the approval of the Chief Judge of the Judicial District.
- The State Court Administrator is responsible to compile an inventory of approved pretrial risk assessments available and authorized for use in Colorado.
- Any individual authorized to administer a pretrial risk assessment for the Court, shall receive introductory training.



### **Recommendation FY19 – PR #03**

**Establish pretrial programs statewide and create a state-administered grant program to support development efforts in jurisdictions without current pretrial programs.**

- Pretrial services shall exist in all counties in Colorado.
- On or before July 1, 2021, pretrial services programs shall be established within each of Colorado's counties. Counties may directly provide pretrial services or enter into agreements with other municipalities, counties or other entities to provide such services.
- The Office of the State Court Administrator in consultation with the Colorado Association of Pretrial Service Agencies (CAPS) shall develop minimum standards governing the operation of pretrial service programs.



### **Recommendation FY19 – PR #10**

#### **Create a statewide court reminder system for criminal defendants in state court**

- On or before July 1, 2020, the state court administrator shall develop and manage a program that is responsible for reminding criminal defendants to appear for their scheduled court hearings in the county (Denver County and Municipal Courts may be excluded from this requirement) and district courts of the state.



**Questions?**