

STATE OF COLORADO
2019 Criminal Justice Reform and Planning Initiatives

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Prison Population Management Interim Study Committee	General Assembly	Rep Herod, Chair Sen Gonzales, Vice Rep Gonzales-Gutierrez Rep Pelton Rep Rodriguez Sen Sonnenberg Christie Donner Dean Williams Glenn Tapia Jagruti Shah Joe Thome Kazi Houston Kristen Hilkey Michael Dougherty Tristan Gorman	Study strategies to safely reduce the prison population and decrease recidivism, and monitors prison population reform legislation passed by the General Assembly.	July - Fall 2019	https://www.leg.colorado.gov/committees/prison-population-management-interim-study-committee/2019-regular-session
National Governors Association Best Practices Assessment	Governor's Offices	<i>Core Team</i> Adam Zarrin, Team Leader Jenna Goldstein, Deputy Legal Counsel Stan Hilkey, CDPS Dean Williams, DOC Kristen Hilkey, Parole Board Jagruti Shah, OBH <i>Home Team</i> Nate Pearson, OSPB DJ Johnson, Division of Adult Parole Joe Thome, DCJ Katie Ruske, OCC	Pursue holistic criminal justice reform that will avoid unnecessary incarceration, safely reduce the critical capacity issues facing our prison system, provide opportunities to minimize the use of private prisons and better prepare individuals for life beyond bars.	June 2019-January 2020	https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ODp62y_Q2rBav8pvrwZll12MKDWG3KQ6?usp=sharing

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Colorado Criminal Justice Summit	Governor's Office/CDPS	<p><i>Design Team</i> Stan Hilkey, Jana Locke, Tony Gherardini, Adam Zarrin, Hana Sayeed, Joe Thome, Cooper Revelry, Debbie Oldenettel, Kim English</p> <p><i>Contributors</i> CJ Cabinet Members Stakeholders CJ Cabinet and agencies, General Assembly, Governor's office and other state and local CJ policy makers and elected officials</p>	Using a multi-phased series of gatherings: Establish a shared vision and common goals across all partners; Identify and prioritize the key issues in need of reform; Engage with stakeholders to ensure all voices are heard; Identify needed action steps, including any potential legislative changes.	May 2019-Spring 2020	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gr0R4pvOlwb6TZ03zeK8mkoQ7l_7O-gdRIlQkeYdtT0/edit?usp=sharing
Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice	CRS 16-11.3	<p>30 Members per CRS 16-11.3-102</p> <p>Projects are also assigned to CCJJ through legislation and beginning in 2020 and every subsequent even-numbered year, the commission shall request a letter from the governor suggesting topics for the commission to study. The governor is encouraged to consult with the chief justice of the Colorado Supreme Court and the majority and minority leaders of the house of representatives and the senate.</p>	<p>Conduct a comprehensive, evidence-based analysis of the circumstances and characteristics of the offenders being sentenced to the department of corrections, the alternatives to incarceration, the effectiveness of prevention programs, and the effectiveness of the criminal code and sentencing laws in securing public safety. Current foci:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Age of Delinquency ● Pretrial Release reforms ● Drug Offense Diversion and Records Sealing ● Opioid Investigations 	On going.	https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/ccjj

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Governor's Criminal Justice Cabinet Workgroup	Governor's Office	Tony Gherardini, Chair Stan Hilkey, CDPS Dean Williams, DOC Michelle Barnes, CDHS Kristen Hilkey, Parole Board	Wildly Important Priority: Reduce prison populations by reducing recidivism. In order to achieve this, the group has narrowed in on three Wildly Important Goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create and pass pretrial reform • Reduce juvenile justice involvement • Pursue comprehensive parole reform and provide additional paths for re-entry 	Ongoing	https://dashboard.state.co.us/learn-more.htm
Behavioral Health Task Force	Governor's Office	25 member body per the Governor's memo. See Link	Evaluate Colorado's behavioral health system and author a statewide, strategic plan to reform our system to enable every Coloradan experiencing behavioral health needs to receive timely, high-quality services in their communities in a cost efficient manner. Included is a subcommittee to develop a comprehensive plan for individuals in the criminal justice system who have been found incompetent to proceed and future solutions to increase community interventions to reduce demand on forensic solutions to mental health.	Recommendations due June 2020	https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdhs/colorado-behavioral-health-task-force

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Governor's Office CJ Stakeholder Listening Sessions	Governor's Office	Governor Polis Governor Office staff Cabinet Executive Directors and Staff Community providers and stakeholders	Inform governor on issues which stakeholders believe should be prioritized to improve criminal justice practice and public safety	Summer and Fall 2019	n/a
Legislative Criminal Justice Stakeholders Task Group	Governor's Office	Stan Hilkey, CDPS, Chair Dean Williams, CDOC Phil Wieser, AG Kristen Hilkey, Parole Bd Members of the House and Senate Judiciary ACLU Colorado Alternative Defense Counsel	This group convenes during the legislative season to coordinate policy and legislation on Criminal Justice and Public Safety issues	January-April	n/a
Community Corrections Best Practices Conference	CDPS/DCJ	Office of Community Corrections/CDPS/DCJ Comm. Corr. Providers Local Comm. Corr. Boards CDOC Parole Division Parole Board	Annual conference to train stakeholders on research and best practice in community corrections	Spring 2020	n/a
Correctional Treatment Fund Board	Judicial	Deborah Duran, CDOC, Co-Chair Jim Bullock, CDAC, Co-Chair Joe Thome, CDPS Eileen Kinney, CO Probation Services Jagruti Shah, CDHS Maureen Cain, CO State PD Sheriff Jaime FitzSimons, County Sheriff's of CO	Created to manage the disbursement of the treatment funds as well as address policy issues as they pertain to the effective treatment of offenders with substance-abuse and co-occurring disorders.	Retreat August 23	https://www.courts.state.co.us/Administration/Unit.cfm?Unit=ctb