

Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice



Background and Mandates

Staff to the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice

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History

- The Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ) was established by the Colorado Legislature, in HB07-1358, and signed into law on May 23, 2007.
- CCJJ's first meeting was held January 2008.
- The CCJJ was reauthorized in 2013 (SB13-007) and again in 2018 (HB18-1287), with a current repeal date of July 1, 2023.



History

- Initial structure, guiding principles, and by-laws were developed in the first few meetings
- Voting protocols were developed or revised in 2008 (thresholds & alternatives established), 2009 (reconsideration established), and 2016 (supermajority threshold revised).
- CCJJ's first order of business was to address Adult Probation, Corrections and Re-entry.



History

- *Abuse of Youth in Custody Subc.*
- *Bail Subcommittee*
- *Behavioral Health Task Force*
- *Community Corrections Task Force*
- *Cost Savings Subcommittee*
- *Cyber-bullying Subcommittee*
- *Direct File Subcommittee*
- *Drug Policy Task Force*
- *Incarceration Task Force*
- *Juvenile Justice Task Force*
- *Juvenile Continuity of Care Task Force*
- *Re-Entry Oversight Subcommittee*
- *Re-entry Task Force*
- *MOR Subcommittee*
- *Mental Health/Jails Task Force*
- *Mandatory Parole Subcommittee*
- *Probation Task Force*
- *Post-Incarceration Supervision Task Force*
- *Sentencing Task Force*
- *Sex Offense/Offender Task Force*
- *Transition Task Force*
- *First-Responder Study Group*
- *Human Trafficking Study Group*
- *Jessica's Law Study Group*

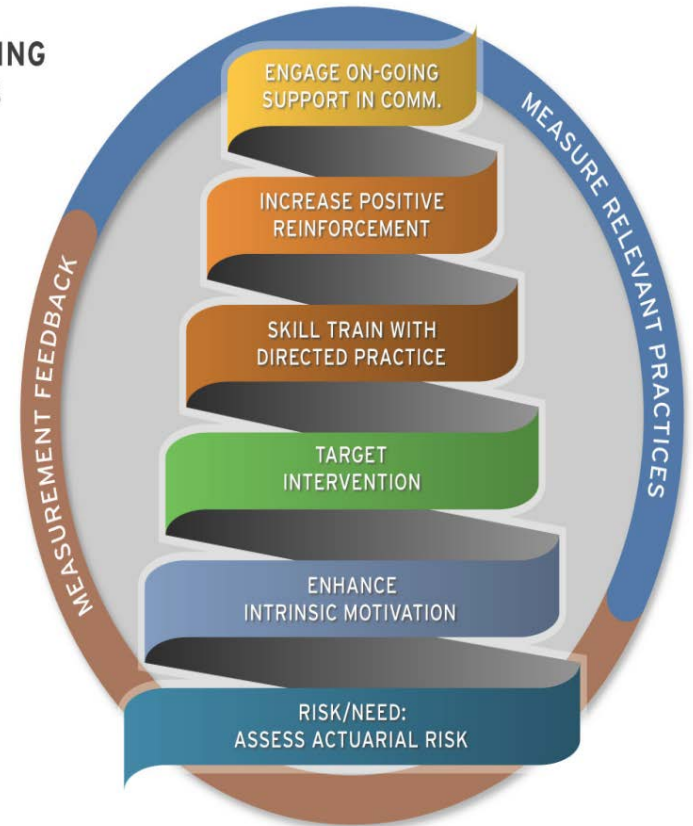




Mission *C.R.S. 16-11.3-102*

- Enhance public safety
- Ensure justice
- Ensure the protection of the rights of victims
- Focus on cost effective expenditure of public funds and use of public resources
- Focus on evidence-based recidivism reduction
(...revisiting later!)

EIGHT GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR RISK/RECIDIVISM REDUCTION



Source: National Institute of Corrections



Statutory Duties

Enabling Legislation

- The Commission will conduct an empirical analysis of and collect evidence-based data on sentencing policies and practices, including but not limited to the effectiveness of the sentences imposed in meeting the purposes of sentencing and the need to prevent recidivism and re-victimization.

(§16-11.3-103.2a, C.R.S)



Statutory Duties

- The Commission will investigate effective alternatives to incarceration, the factors contributing to recidivism, evidence-based recidivism reduction initiatives, and cost-effective crime prevention programs.

(§16-11.3-103.2b, C.R.S.)



Statutory Duties

- The Commission will make an annual report of findings and recommendations, including evidence-based analysis and data.
- The Commission will study and evaluate the outcomes of Commission recommendations as implemented.

(§16-11.3-103.2c,d, C.R.S.)



Statutory Duties

- The Commission will conduct and review studies (including work done in other states) and make recommendations concerning policies and practices in the criminal and juvenile justice systems. The areas of study shall include, but are not limited to, the reduction of racial and ethnic disparities within the criminal and juvenile justice systems. Areas of study will be prioritized based on the potential impact on crime, corrections and the resources available for conducting the work.

(§16-11.3-103.2e, C.R.S.)



Statutory Duties

- The Commission, using empirical analysis and evidence-based data and research, will consider the development of a comprehensive drug sentencing scheme for all drug crimes described in article 18 of title 18, C.R.S.

(§16-11.3-103- 2.7a, C.R.S.; Repealed July 1, 2013.)



Statutory Duties

- The Commission will work with other state-established boards, task forces, or commissions that study or address criminal justice issues.
- The Commission, at its discretion, may respond to inquiries referred by members of the General Assembly, the Governor, and the Chief Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court, as resources allow.
(also, HB18-1287: Biennial “Topics Letter”)

(§16-11.3-103.2e & 4, C.R.S.)



Statutory Duties

Best Practices: State Boards & Commissions

(HB18-1198)

- Shall implement bylaws and written policies. ✓
- Shall obtain annual training. ✓ (see topics below)
- Responsible state agency ensures that training is obtained and policies are implemented. ✓

(§24-3.7-102, C.R.S.)



Statutory Duties

Best Practices: Eleven Training Topics (HB18-1198)

- a) Operating within statutory directives, legislative intent, and directions/laws related to powers and duties.
- b) *Define the mission/role regarding oversight of funded projects/entities.*
- c) *Understand the goals of programs overseen and have aligned processes.*
- d) Identifying **conflicts of interest**.
- e) Understanding the requirements of the **Open Records** and the **Open Meetings** Laws.
- f) Setting parameters of **Commission staff duties**.

(§24-3.7-102, C.R.S.)



Statutory Duties

Training Topics: (continued)

- g) Identify/secure **sufficient data to make informed decisions.**
- h) **Involving members** in key communications and policy-making activities.
- i) Members acting in accordance with their **roles as public representatives.**
- j) **Coordinating with other** boards/commissions, industry, education institutions, and state agencies where responsibilities and interests overlap.
- k) Annually reviewing management practices to **ensure best practices are utilized.**

(§24-3.7-102, C.R.S.)



Membership

- The Commission is comprised of 29 members and one Ex-officio member.
- Sixteen members are designated appointments based upon their position (indeterminate terms).
- Fourteen members are appointed by the Governor to represent a broad spectrum of disciplines and constituencies. (These members serve no more than two, three-year terms.)

(§16-11.3-102.2 & 3, C.R.S.)



Membership

- Only members of the Commission are permitted to participate in the Commission's formal decision making (voting) process.*

(The Director of the Division of Criminal Justice is the only non-voting member of the Commission).

* Only Designated members are allowed to appoint a permanent "designee" to participate and vote on the Commission.

All members may designate a meeting substitute who may participate in Commission discussions, but this individual cannot vote.

(CCJJ By-Laws Section 5.3 & C.R.S. §16-11.3-102.2b)



Staff Support

- Richard Stroker, CCJJ Consultant
- Kim English, Dir., DCJ: Office of Research and Statistics
 - Damien Angel, ORS
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Staff Support

Richard Stroker

- Serves as consultant for the Commission
 - Plays an active role in strategic planning; facilitates most task force meetings; ties together the work of the task forces
- 25+ S.C. Department of Corrections
- 10+ years at Center for Effective Public Policy
 - Worked with dozens of policy groups in more than 40 states, in Indian Country, and dozens of local jurisdictions
 - Worked with Denver's Community Corrections Board Director of National Parole Resource Center
 - Worked with DOC's strategic planning group

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The screenshot shows the homepage of the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice. The header features the commission's logo, which is a stylized 'C' with a target-like design inside, and the text 'COLORADO Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice'. Below the header is a navigation bar with links: Home, About, Meetings, Committees, Resources, CCJJ Calendar, and Search. The main content area has a large heading: 'Enhancing public safety and justice through evidence-based recidivism reduction'. Below this heading are three columns of information. The first column, titled 'Next Meeting', lists the date 'Friday, Sept. 13, 2019' from '1:00 - 4:00pm', the agenda as '(To be posted)', a 'LOCATION CHANGE!' notice for the 'Lookout Mountain Room' at the 'Jefferson County Government Center', and future meeting dates. The second column, titled 'Of Interest', lists several reports and articles, including 'Report: Transforming the U.S. Justice System (2019)', 'Spotlight on CO: Best Practices and Next Steps in the Opioid Epidemic (2019)', 'Are Metal Detectors Effective at Making Schools Safer? (2019)', and '21 Principles for the 21st Century Prosecutor (2018)'. The third column, titled 'Contact', provides information for the 'CO Department of Public Safety' and the 'CCJJ Staff Office of Research & Statistics'. The footer includes logos for the Colorado Department of Public Safety (CDPS) and the Colorado Department of Public Safety, along with links to 'Colorado.gov', 'Governor's Office', 'General Assembly', and 'CO Revised Statutes'. A copyright notice for 2019 is also present.

Next Meeting
Friday, Sept. 13, 2019
1:00 - 4:00pm
Agenda: (To be posted)
LOCATION CHANGE!
Lookout Mountain Room
Jefferson County Government Center
100 Jefferson County Parkway
Golden, CO 80419
[See [Map & Room Directions](#)]
Future meetings (2nd Fridays):
Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8...
See the [CCJJ Calendar](#).

Of Interest
[Report: Transforming the U.S. Justice System \(2019\) \(Factsheet\)](#)
[Spotlight on CO: Best Practices and Next Steps in the Opioid Epidemic \(2019\)](#)
[Are Metal Detectors Effective at Making Schools Safer? \(2019\)](#)
[21 Principles for the 21st Century Prosecutor \(2018\)](#)
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(Evidence Based Practices
in Implementation for Capacity)

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