



Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice

Minutes

June 11, 2021 / 1:00pm-3:00pm

Virtual Meeting

Commission Member Attendance

Stan Hilkey, Chair	Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez - ABSENT	Angie Paccione - ABSENT
Abigail Tucker, Vice Chair	Kristen Hilkey	Tom Raynes - ABSENT
Terri Carver – ABSENT	Nancy Jackson	Megan Ring
Minna Castillo-Cohen	Jessica Jones - ABSENT	Michael Rourke
Shawn Day – ABSENT	Bill Kilpatrick	Gretchen Russo - ABSENT
Janet Drake	Rick Kornfeld	Jennifer Stith
Valarie Finks	Matt Lewis - ABSENT	Glenn Tapia - ABSENT
Bob Gardner – ABSENT	Andrew Matson	Anne Tapp
Priscilla Gartner – ABSENT	Greg Mauro	Dean Williams - ABSENT
Julie Gonzales - ABSENT	Patrick Murphy - ABSENT	Joe Thome, <i>ex officio</i> - ABSENT

Substitute: Amber Pedersen for Dean Williams

Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Stan Hilkey, CCJJ Chair, Executive Director/Colorado Department of Public Safety

Mr. Hilkey called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm and thanked Commissioners for attending. Mr. Hilkey reviewed the agenda and asked whether there were additions or corrections to the April 30 and May 14 minutes. A motion was offered and seconded to approve both sets of minutes; Commissioners unanimously approved the April 30 and May 14 minutes.

Mr. Hilkey recognized the ten members whose terms on the Commission expire on June 30, 2021. He thanked Shawn Day, Valarie Finks, Nancy Jackson, Jes Jones, Rick Kornfeld, Andrew Matson, Greg Mauro, Jennifer Stith, Ann Tapp and Abigail Tucker for their years of dedication to the work of the Commission. He also stated that Ms. Jackson had not applied for a second term, and joined by several Commissioners, Mr. Hilkey publicly acknowledged Ms. Jackson for her invaluable contributions to the Commission. Ms. Jackson expressed that it has been an honor to serve on the Commission.

UPDATE: Legislative-related Recommendations

Joel Malecka, Legislative Liaison, Colorado Department of Public Safety

Mr. Malecka directed Commissioners to a handout including the Commission’s legislative recommendations and related bills along with current bills that were not initiated by the Commission but that reflect aspects of prior Commission recommendations:

Senate Bill 2021-146 -- FY20-AD #02. Revise youthful offender system statutes.

Senate Bill 2021-153 -- FY08-BP50. Verifiable identification for all offenders leaving incarceration.

Senate Bill 2021-271 -- FY21-SR #01. Revise misdemeanor sentencing and offenses.

House Bill 2021-1214 -- FY20-DR01. Create and implement a process for automatically sealing criminal conviction records for drug offenses.

Mr. Malecka stated that Senate Bill 2021-153 has already been signed by the Governor and the remaining three bills are awaiting the Governor's signatures, having been successfully passed by the General Assembly. In summing up the Legislative session that concluded on June 8, 2021, he offered that criminal justice and policing had been major themes of many bills considered during the session. Although there were several discussions surrounding particular bills that might have led to additional work for the Commission, none of these ultimately directed any new mandates to the Commission. Mr. Hilkey thanked Joel for his efforts during the long legislative session. The handout can be found under the June 11, 2021 CCJJ meeting at, ccjj.colorado.gov/ccjj-mtgs2021.

UPDATE: SENTENCING REFORM TASK FORCE

Michael Dougherty & Rick Kornfeld, Task Force Co-chairs

Mr. Dougherty offered that the passage of *Senate Bill 2021-271*, based on *Commission Recommendation FY21-SR #01. Revise misdemeanor sentencing and offenses*, was the result of significant work by many members of CCJJ groups and stakeholders. Mr. Dougherty thanked Commissioners, Task Force members, Working Group members and staff for their time and contributions.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

- *Sentence Structure Working Group—Michael Dougherty, WG Leader*
The Sentence Structure Working Group (WG) has been on hiatus since March 23 during the legislative session. The next area of focus will be the review of the felony sentencing grids and felony offenses. The WG will initiate this next phase of work with a series of public "Listening Sessions" with stakeholders on June 21 & 22, 2021. Details of these sessions will be posted on the CCJJ website at ccjj.colorado.gov/ccjj-meetings.
- *Sentencing Alternatives/Decisions and Probation Working Group – Glenn Tapia, WG Leader*
In the absence of Mr. Tapia, no update was provided.
[Note: The WG has completed discussions of and is drafting recommendations regarding probation eligibility and petty offenses and regarding "swift restorative diversion." The WG has initiated discussion on the topic of factors that enhance probation success and barriers to probation success.]
- *Sentence Progression Working Group – Greg Mauro & Kristen Hilkey, WG Co-leaders*
The Sentence Progression Working Group (WG) continues to examine the transition eligibility criteria, referral processes and community program acceptance patterns. On Tuesday of this week, the WG reviewed and discussed findings from a preliminary analysis by Linda Harrison (Division of Criminal Justice) of inmate characteristics for those who were or were not referred to community corrections and/or CDOC Intensive Supervision Program-Inmate (ISP-I). Next, the WG will identify and prioritize potential improvements to the existing reentry pathways and determine whether additional reentry pathways are needed.

At the request of the Sentencing Reform Task Force, the WG will share an outline with brief descriptions of these potential and prioritized areas of work on the prison-to-community

referral and transition processes (in Community Corrections, Parole and ISP-I) for presentation to the Task Force.

Ms. Hilkey noted the absence of CDOC representatives at the WG meeting this week due to a CDOC retreat. Due to the necessity of CDOC participation in the WG discussions, Ms. Hilkey will suggest that Dean Williams (CDOC Exec. Dir) identify additional representatives who can participate in WG meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public offered comment.

WRAP-UP AND ADJOURNMENT

On behalf of Mr. Williams, Ms. Pedersen from CDOC discussed a recent invitation from the Council of State Governments (CSG) to attend a virtual event on Supervision Success in Colorado. Ms. Pedersen explained that the next virtual event to be held in partnership with CDOC is scheduled on June 30, 2021 and will focus on reducing the returns to prison for people on parole. The new initiative aims to enhance effective parole supervision practices, reduce returns to prison for supervision violations, and increase incentives for rehabilitation among individuals on parole. Although the information was sent previously, the event details will be re-distributed following today's meeting.

Mr. Hilkey announced that the Commission meeting on July 9, 2021 is cancelled. Details of the next Commission meeting (Friday, August 13, 2021; 1:00-4:00pm) will be forwarded to Commissioners by email and posted on the Commission website. Information on all Commission-related meetings are available on the Commission website at, ccjj.colorado.gov/ccjj-meetings.

Mr. Hilkey thanked members for their time and attention and, with no further business, adjourned the meeting at 2:40 pm.