

# Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice



## Background and Mandates

Staff to the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice

November 2021



# 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 and again in 2018, with a current repeal date of July 1, 2023.



# History

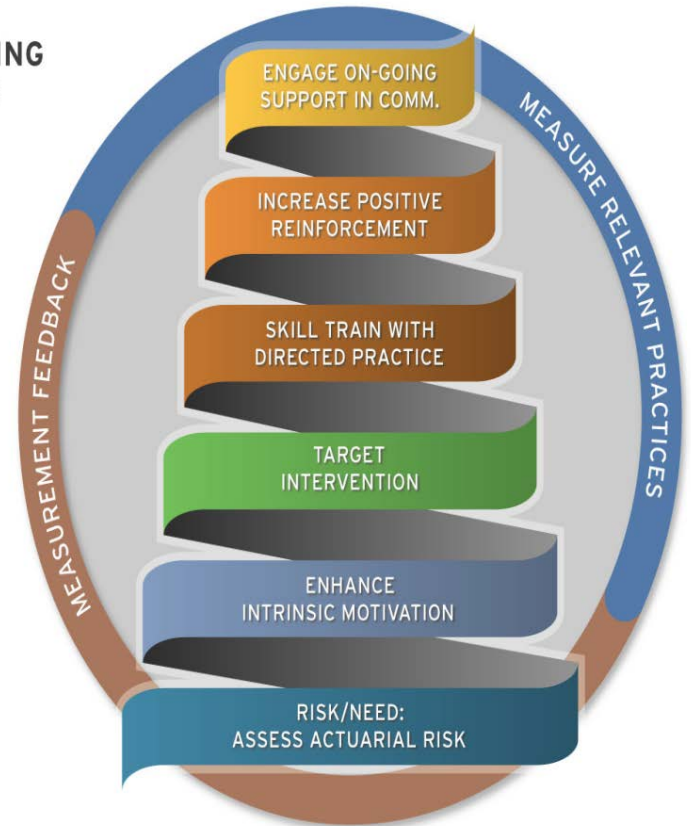
- Initial structure, guiding principles, and by-laws were developed in the first few meetings
- Voting protocols were developed or revised in 2008 (thresholds & alternatives established), 2009 (reconsideration established), and 2016 (supermajority threshold revised).
- CCJJ's first order of business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



# 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

- 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.

(C.R.S. 16-11.3-103.2a)



# 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.

(C.R.S. 16-11.3-103.2b)



# 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.

(C.R.S. 16-11.3-103.2c,d)



# 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.

(C.R.S. 16-11.3-103.2e)





# 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.

(C.R.S. 16-11.3-103- 2.7a; 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.

(C.R.S. 16-11.3-103.2e & 4)



# Membership

- The Commission is comprised of 29 members and one *Ex-officio* member.
- Sixteen members are designated appointments based upon their position (no service 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.)

(C.R.S. 16-11.3-102.2 & 3)



# 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).

\*Members may designate a substitute who may participate in Commission discussions, but this individual is not granted voting privileges.

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

- Richard Stroker, CCJJ Consultant
- Jack Reed, Interim Dir., DCJ: Office of Research and Statistics
  - Damien Angel, ORS
  - Kevin Ford, ORS
  - Linda Harrison, ORS
  - Laurence Lucero, ORS
  - Allison Rosenthal, ORS
  - Stephane Waisanen, ORS
- Joel Malecka, Legislative Liaison, Exec. Dir. Office, CDPS

## 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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## Enhancing public safety and justice through evidence-based recidivism reduction

### Next Meeting

#### NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Friday, November 12, 2021; 1-4pm  
Agenda: (To be posted)

#### Also, Member Orientation

Friday, November 12, 2021; 11am-12:30pm

See [Meetings](#) for all CCJJ and committee meeting details. Meetings continue to be conducted virtually. The start of hybrid meetings (choice of in-person or virtual participation) is to be determined.

Future CCJJ meetings (2nd Fri.):  
Dec. 10, Jan. 14, Feb. 11...  
See the [CCJJ Calendar](#).

### Of Interest

[Addressing Trauma and Victimization in Women's Prisons \(2020\)](#)

[CCJJ 2019 Annual Report](#)

[Exploring the Increase in CO District Court Filing \(2013-2018\)](#)

[Prosecutors, Reentry and Public Safety \(2019\)](#)

[Are Metal Detectors Effective at Making Schools Safer? \(2019\)](#)

[Report: Transforming the U.S. Justice System \(2019\) \(Factsheet\)](#)

[21 Principles for the 21st Century Prosecutor \(2018\)](#)

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