

SB24-029 Alternative Metrics Working Group

Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2024 | 9:00-10:00am

Location: Zoom

MINUTES

Attendance

Appointed Members: Kelli Burmeister (Division of Youth Services), Jon Caudill (University of Colorado, Colorado Springs), Christy Donner (Colorado Criminal Justice Coalition), Whitney Leeds (Growing Home), Kate LeMasters (University of Colorado, Anschutz), Jack Reed (Division of Criminal Justice), Aaron Stewart (State Judicial), Dave Wolfsgruber (Department of Corrections).

Guests: Kaylynn Duncan (Division of Criminal Justice), Linda Harrison (Division of Criminal Justice), Lawrence Lucero (Division of Criminal Justice)

Staff: Erin Crites (Division of Criminal Justice)

Welcome and Introductions

- Jack and Erin welcomed the appointed members and guests to the Alternative Metrics Working Group (AMWG).
- Reminder that all meetings will be recorded and are open to the public.
- Appointed members introduce themselves verbally and guests and staff place their names and titles in the zoom chat.

Review Previous Working Group Accomplishments

- The [Recidivism Definition Working Group](#) (RDWG) created through Senate Bill 2024-030 codified in 24-33.5-536, C.R.S., identified a standard definition of recidivism that will be used by all state agencies, working groups, and commissions. This definition includes four elements:
 - Event: A new deferred agreement, adjudication, or conviction for a misdemeanor or felony offense
 - Point to begin tracking: When the individual is no longer under the control of the reporting agency
 - Cohort to track: All individuals who are no longer under the control of the reporting agency in a given fiscal year
 - Time period to track: Cohorts will be tracked for 3 years with agencies reporting rates for recidivism for 6 months, 12 months, and 36 months.
- The RDWG report is currently under review and will be made available to the working group members and the public.

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Review Statutory Mandates

- **Pursuant to 24-33.5-535, C.R.S. (Senate Bill 2024-029) the working group shall:**
 - Be appointed no later than November 30, 2024.
 - Convene first meeting by February 1, 2025
 - Meetings shall allow for remote participation
 - Submit a report by July 1, 2025, that summarizes the efforts of the working group and any recommendations
- **The working group is required to:**
 - Study metrics and methods, other than recidivism, to:
 - Supplement current measures including those related to desistance (severity and timing) and risk reduction.
 - Comprehensively measure successful outcomes that consider various aspects of life (e.g. employment, housing, education, mental health, personal well-being, social supports, and civic and community engagement).
 - Enhance measures of criminal justice system performance and adherence to best practices in supervision program design and implementation.
 - Identify methods to obtain information from those involved or recently involved in the system regarding supervision experiences.
 - Identify gaps or barriers in data collection, measurement and data matching, and recommendations on addressing these gaps or barriers.
 - Create an implementation timeline for these metrics and methods that addresses any data limitations and necessary resources.
 - Identify customization of measures to account for age, gender, race, ethnicity, or risk of a cohort.

Discussion: Plan to Accomplish Mandates

- The legislative charge for this group is lofty and the group will need to maintain focus to accomplish its goals.
- Members discussed a decision-making process. The group agreed on a flexible version of Robert's Rules. For votes the group would like a quorum to be considered based on 3 of 4 state agency representatives and 3 of 4 community members. For discussions, a quorum is reached with 50% plus 1 (or 5 of 8) members.

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- Proxy voting will be allowed, although the goal will be to ensure votes are scheduled for when members are available to attend the meeting.

Select a Working Group Chair

- Jon Caudill volunteered to be chair. The group unanimously voted to approve him as chair. Dave Wolfsgruber offered to fill in as an informal vice-chair in the event Jon is unavailable.

Public Comment

- No member of the public in attendance wished to comment.

Wrap-up and Adjourn

- [Alternative Metrics Working Group website](#) will house information, agendas, minutes, and meeting links for this working group. Feel free to share this site with any interested stakeholders so they can stay informed.
- **Next Meeting: December 12, 2024, 9am - 12:00pm**
Note: There is no meeting on December 26, 2024.
Future meetings: 1/9/2025, 1/23, 2/13, 2/27, 3/13, 3/27,...