

# SB24-029 Alternative Metrics Working Group

## Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2024 | 9:00am-12:00pm

Hybrid Locations: Zoom & 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor DCJ Conference Rm., 700 Kipling

## 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:** Linda Harrison (Division of Criminal Justice), Chris Labanov-Rostovsky (Division of Criminal Justice)

**Staff:** Erin Crites (Division of Criminal Justice)

- **9:00-9:10 Welcome and Introductions**

- Meeting participants introduced themselves. All appointed members were in attendance for at least part of the meeting.
- Two guests and one staff to the working group also in attendance.

- **9:10-9:15 Review and approve minutes**

- Meeting minutes from November 18, 2024 were unanimously approved.

- **9:15-10:15 Presentation on Recidivism Definition Working Group**

- Discussed legislative background and working group decisions
  - **Event:** defined in C.R.S. 24-33.5-536(2)(4)(c) as, “a new deferred agreement or an adjudication or conviction for a felony offense or misdemeanor offense, including all ‘Victim Rights Act’ crimes as defined in section 24-4.1-302(1).”
  - **Point to begin tracking:** when the individual is no longer under the authority of the state entity responsible for reporting recidivism.
  - **Cohort to track:** all individuals who are released, discharged, terminated from, and no longer under the authority of the agency in a fiscal year.
  - **Time to track:** cohorts will be tracked for three years, with rates for the cohort at six months, 12 months, and 36 months reported.
- Methodological agreements
  - Use a shared dataset provided by Judicial
  - Clearly identify and document methodology and matching procedure
  - Rates should not be compared between agencies but could be compared within a population over time
  - Opportunity for new offending will vary by population and termination type

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- Recommendations
  - Explore data management systems that allow for efficient data matching across systems.
  - Leverage business intelligence technology to create data dashboards to make data accessible to broader audiences including county jails and locally run programs.
  - Identify best practices in criminal case management and seek to implement strategies to resolve cases within 12 months.
  - Maintain a standing body of data and system experts to sustain these decisions and work towards improvements in the system.
- *10:15-10:35 Break*
- **10:35-11:15 Discuss prioritization of topics and proposed schedule**
  - Identified key areas for discussion: desistance, social determinants of health, voice of supervised individuals
  - Discussed need for disaggregating performance measures
  - Considered importance of race, gender, and age in measurements
  - Data systems and interoperability
    - Discussed challenges with current data systems
    - Explored potential for using LINC for data matching across systems
    - Considered need for investment in new technology and data management
  - Framework Development
    - Proposed creating a logic model or visual representation of metrics
    - Discussed organizing metrics into buckets (individual, program, agency performance)
    - Considered how to incorporate social determinants of health and environmental factors
  - Agreed to review relevant literature before meetings
  - Decided to start with risk reduction as the first topic
  - Discussed including lived experience perspectives in discussions
- **11:15-11:45 Identify list of additional stakeholders**
  - Suggested including service providers, treatment court coordinators, and peer support specialists
  - Discussed importance of including rural perspectives
  - Consider involving healthcare providers serving formerly incarcerated individuals
- **11:45-11:55 Public comment**
  - No member of the public present to comment.
  - Discussed strategies for promoting the working group's existence

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- Considered creating a unified message and flyer with QR code
- Work to leverage university and agency communications channels

### • 11:55-12:00 Wrap-up and adjourn

- Next meeting will be January 9, 2025.
- Erin Crites
  - Send out the approved report from the Recidivism Definition Working Group
  - Create a table/logic model of discussion topics and subcategories
  - Prepare a draft schedule for future meetings and topics
  - Work on literature packets for risk reduction discussion
  - Connect with Christy and Whitney to bring in individuals with lived experience for risk reduction discussion
  - Work with Jon on facilitation strategy for January 9th meeting
  - Prepare and distribute meeting transcript and minutes before January 9th meeting
- Jack Reed
  - Collaborate with Erin on identifying and preparing relevant literature for meetings
  - Work with Erin and Paula on creating a unified promotional message/flyer
- Jon Caudill
  - Work with Erin on facilitation strategy for January 9th meeting
  - Discuss promotion strategy with Kate for university communications
- All members
  - Review and provide feedback on materials sent out before January 9th meeting

### WEBSITE

The 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.

### 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.

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- 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.