SB24-029 Alternative Metrics Working Group
Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2025 | 9:00am-12:00pm
Hybrid Locations: Zoom & 3rd Floor DCJ Conference Rm., 700 Kipling

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Appointed Members: Jon Caudill (University of Colorado, Colorado Springs), Kelli Burmeister (Division of Youth Services), Jack Reed (Division of Criminal Justice), Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky (Division of Criminal Justice), Erica McGinnis (Division of Probation Services at Judicial), Kate LeMasters (University of Colorado, Anschutz), Dave Wolfsgruber (Department of Corrections)

Absent Members: Christie Donner (Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition), Whitney Leads (Growing Home)

Guests: Linda Harrison (Division of Criminal Justice), Kaylynn Duncan (Division of Criminal Justice), Yolanda Alvarez-Montello (Division of Criminal Justice)

Staff: Erin Crites (Division of Criminal Justice)

Overview

The Alternative Metrics Working Group meeting commenced with participant introductions and a quorum check, revealing insufficient members for voting and prompting a revised agenda. The group reviewed a list of concepts, including pro-social skills and housing stability, stressing the importance of balancing individual and community metrics. They then focused on healthcare engagement, examining access and management of behavioral health issues, followed by a discussion on concepts related to success in criminal justice transition programs. The continuity of care across systems was emphasized, addressing issues like service wait times and transportation barriers. The meeting also introduced a proposal for developing an evaluation rubric using utility and feasibility scores for concept assessment, followed by considerations for gathering stakeholder feedback, particularly from those with lived experiences. The meeting concluded with action items assigned to various members, including creating scoring forms and visualizing data, alongside plans for further development of concept descriptions and stakeholder engagement strategies in future meetings.

Notes

Introduction and Quorum Check

- Meeting started with introductions of participants
- Quorum check revealed not enough members present for voting to approve minutes
- Will need to consider approving minutes via email

Review of Concepts List

- Group began working through table of concepts

- Discussed descriptions for various concepts including pro-social skills, homelessness, and housing stability

- Emphasized need to balance individual and community-level measures

- Healthcare and Behavioral Health

  - Discussed engagement in healthcare, including access to medical care and preventive medicine

  - Explored concept of participation in behavioral health treatment

  - Considered how to measure successful management of behavioral health issues

- Criminal Legal System Concepts

  - Examined concepts related to success in transition programs and parole

  - Discussed measuring success beyond traditional recidivism metrics

  - Explored gaps in program and treatment availability for clients

- Continuity of Care and Services
  - Discussed concept of continuity of care across different systems

  - Explored wait times for accessing needed services

  - Considered transportation as a factor in accessing services and treatment

Developing Evaluation Rubric

- Introduced idea of using utility and feasibility scores to evaluate concepts

- Discussed process for scoring concepts and normalizing scores across group members

- Considered how to handle scoring when members lack knowledge in certain areas

Stakeholder Feedback and Next Steps

- Discussed plans for gathering stakeholder feedback on concepts

- Considered how to include perspectives of people with lived experience

- Explored options for presenting concepts to stakeholders and gathering input

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

WRAP-UP AND ACTION ITEMS

Wrap-up

- Reviewed next steps for concept descriptions and scoring

- Discussed logistics for future meetings and stakeholder involvement

Action items

Erin Crites

- Create a Google form for scoring concepts

- Follow up with Whitney about personal perceptions concepts

- Check on how JBBS programs define successful completion

- Work with ORS team to plan a Tableau dashboard to visualize scoring data

Dave Wolfsgruber

- Check with Lacey about potential measures for healthcare engagement

All Members

- Work on descriptions for remaining concepts before next meeting

- Score 10 test concepts using the provided Google form

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.

- Meeting adjourned slightly early (prior to Noon)

- **Next Meeting: February 27, 2025, 9am - 12:00pm**
  Note: There is no meeting on December 26, 2024.
  Future meetings, as necessary: 3/13, 3/27, 4/10, 4/24, 5/8, 5/22, 6/12,6/26,…

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.