

SB24-029 Alternative Metrics Working Group

Meeting Minutes

February 27, 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), Jack Reed (Division of Criminal Justice), Aaron Stewart (Division of Probation Services at Judicial), Kate LeMasters (University of Colorado, Anschutz), Dave Wolfsgruber (Department of Corrections), Whitney Leeds (Above Waters Project/Growing Home), Christie Donner (Colorado Criminal Reform Justice Coalition)

Absent Members: Kelli Burmeister (Division of Youth Services)

Guests: Linda Harrison (Division of Criminal Justice), Kaylynn Duncan (Division of Criminal Justice), Yolanda Alvarez-Montello (Division of Criminal Justice), Russha Knauer (MINDSOURCE Brain Injury Network)

Staff: Erin Crites (Division of Criminal Justice)

Overview

The Alternative Metrics Working Group meeting was convened to further refine the identification and definition of alternative metrics to recidivism including a discussion of topics surrounding access to services and support in the context of criminal justice. The meeting began with introductions, discussion of technical issues faced by participants, followed by follow-ups from the previous meeting, including outreach efforts to recruit additional contributors. Key discussions included further refining a list of concepts that emphasizes access to technology and the need for pro-social relationships. The group explored the significance of timely and culturally appropriate mental health services, the impact of brain injuries in the criminal justice system, and the complexities of child custody during reintegration. Additionally, there was a focus on measuring both system performance and individual factors in rehabilitation, with recognition of the necessity to include juvenile-specific concepts in their framework. The meeting concluded with confirmed action items, including the upcoming schedule for future meetings and the delegation of tasks among members to enhance the project's development.

Notes

Meeting Introduction and Technical Issues

- Jon Caudill experiencing difficulties accessing Google Drive
- Greetings and introductions among participants

Previous Meeting Follow-ups and Press Release

- Erin to follow up with JBBS folks and Whitney

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- Press release created by Jon and Kate to recruit people for the work
- Christie offers to help with outreach to formerly incarcerated individuals

Concepts List and Descriptions

- Group begins work on concepts list and descriptions
- **Access to technology** (smartphones, wi-fi)
 - Discussion about access when needed versus available in home
 - Important metric, but the lack of shouldn't be punitive
- **Wait times for required programming**
 - Programs required by the court, part of a sentence, or necessary to make progress on supervision
- Discussion on the importance of **pro-social contacts and relationships**
- **Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders**
 - Discussion on access to mental health and substance use disorder services
 - Conversation about the importance of culturally appropriate and timely treatment
 - Debate on including sleep hygiene as a concept
- **Brain Injury and Criminal Justice System**
 - Russha Knauer from MINDSOURCE Brain Injury Network joins the meeting
 - Presentation on the prevalence and impact of brain injuries in the criminal justice system
 - Discussion on screening and support for individuals with brain injuries
- **Child Custody and Family Relationships**
 - Conversation about reassuming custody of children and its impact on reintegration
 - Discussion on the relationship between parents and children while in custody
 - Discussion on caretaking demands and their impact on supervision compliance
- **System Performance and Individual Factors**
 - Discussion on the importance of measuring both system performance and individual factors
 - Conversation about the relationship between supervising agents and individuals
 - Discussion on how to measure the effectiveness of interventions and treatments

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- **Juvenile Justice and Multi-System Involvement**

- Realization that juvenile justice hasn't been explicitly addressed in the concepts
- Discussion on the need to include juvenile-specific concepts
- Conversation about families involved in multiple systems (criminal justice, child welfare, juvenile justice)

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

MEETING WRAP-UP AND NEXT STEPS

- Agreement to move the rubric test for prioritization to the next meeting
- Discussion on approving meeting minutes via email
- Confirmation of next meeting dates (March 13th and 27th)

ACTION ITEMS

Erin Crites

- Follow up with JBBS folks and talk to Whitney
- Send out meeting minutes with agendas for email approval
- Send a summary of the meeting and to-do's by Monday
- Follow up with Kelli to have her check on juvenile-specific concepts or descriptions of concepts
- Prepare a better survey structure and examples of data feedback for the next meeting

Dave Wolfsgruber

- Send metrics from the DOC WIG on reducing recidivism to Jack

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 at Noon
- **Next Meeting: March 13, 2025, 9am - 12:00pm**
Future meetings, as necessary: 3/27, 4/10, 4/24, 5/8, 5/22, 6/12, & 6/26.

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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.