

Washington State Criminal Sentencing Task Force Meeting

May 7, 2020 9:00am-12:30pm

ZOOM Meeting

AGENDA



Meeting Goals

- Check-ins and updates from members.
- Brief update from Sentencing Effectiveness working group.
- Receive & discuss “first offer” of findings and potential recommendations from Reentry & Reducing Recidivism working group.
- Review upcoming Task Force meetings and overall work plan.

AGENDA

9:00am
**Get Technology Working,
Take Attendance**

9:15am
Review Agenda, Groundrules

9:25am
Introductions & Updates

- Members
- Facilitation Team & Co-Chairs
- Sentencing Effectiveness Working Group
- Q&A

10:10am: BREAK

10:20am
**Reentry & Reducing
Recidivism Working Group:
Desired Outcomes**

10:30am
**“First Offer” of Reentry
Working Group Potential
Policy Recommendations**

11:00am: BREAK

11:10am
**Discussion of “First Offer” of
Policy Recommendations**

12:00pm
**Work Plan for Future
Meetings**

12:05pm
Meeting Reflections

12:15pm
Questions from Observers

12:25pm
Action Items and Next Steps

12:30pm Adjourn

ZOOM: Virtual Meeting Groundrules

Mute your audio: Whether you've joined by phone or video, please mute your audio until just before it's your turn to speak. That helps improve the sound quality for everyone. You can mute/unmute by clicking on the microphone icon or by holding down the space bar.

Join by Video: We strongly encourage EVERYONE to join by video. Personal presence is important for collaborative group meetings, and even more crucial for virtual meetings.

Gallery view: We ask that you select gallery view (in the top left corner of your computer screen), so you can see everyone and not just the speaker.

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Chat: On the bottom “menu” bar on your screen (or in the participant box on a mobile device app) you’ll see a “chat” button. We have disabled the private chat function to adhere to your groundrule of no side conversations. You are able to chat to the entire group, and Molly will manage the discussion.

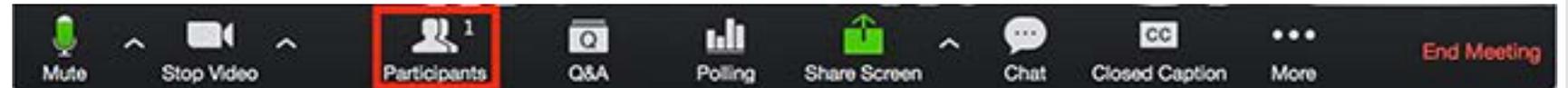
Phone Participation: For those only able to participate via phone, we will facilitate discussion similar to in-person meetings. During discussion time, we will start with Task Force members “in the room” (those on Zoom using “Raise Hand”) then ask those on the phone if they have questions and comments for the discussion.

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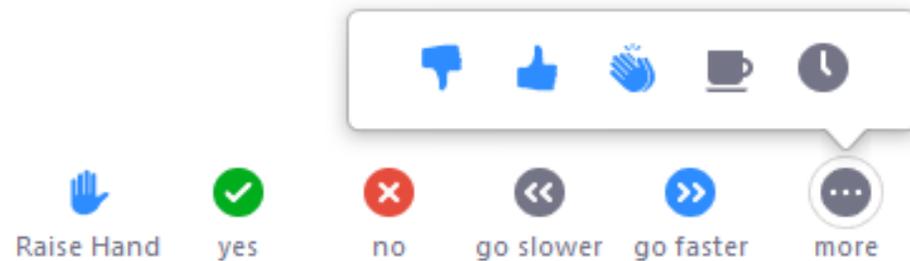
When you want to speak: To avoid talking over one another, we ask that those on video use the “raise your hand function”. The Facilitation Team will monitor this and call on folks individually, similar to how we use table tents during in-person meetings.

To access the “raise your hand function”:

Click on the “participants” icon.



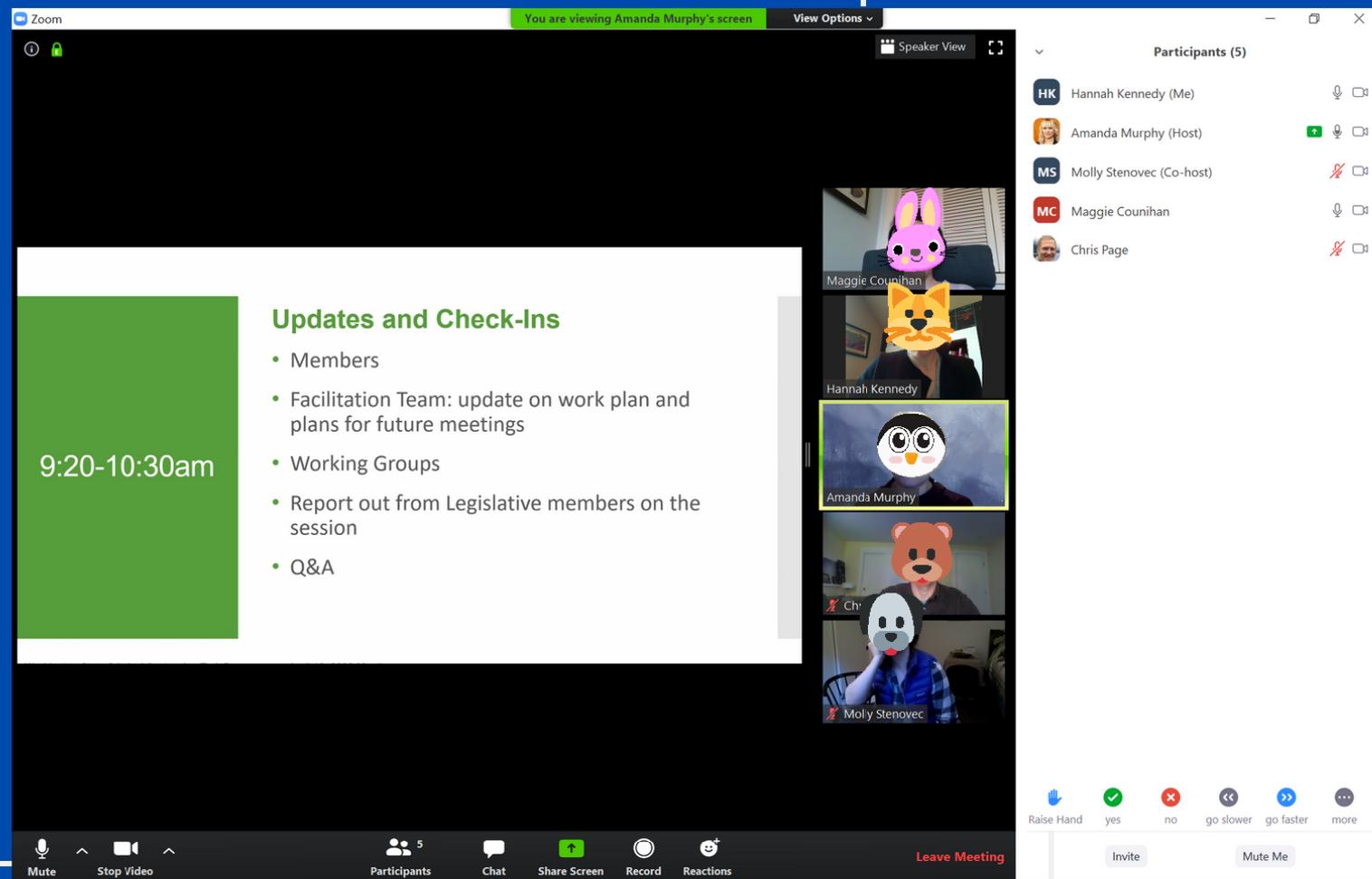
This will bring up the participant box and at the bottom you will see the following icons:



Ruckelshaus Center Zoom Cheat Sheet

Change text size, switch to gallery view, and set other view options.

View "participant" window



"Unmute" to speak, "mute" at all other times.

If you need a break or another cup of coffee, you can briefly "stop video" and "start video" when you're back.

Open "participant" window.

Open "chat window" where you can contact the meeting hosts. Please note the Facilitation Team has restricted the chat function of this meeting; participants can only send (and view) message with hosts.

Show your appreciation with "reactions"

"raise your hand" if you'd like to speak or ask a question; the Facilitation Team will monitor hands and call on people in turn.

Click here to view other functions, including "thumbs-up" and "thumbs-down."

Task Force Groundrules

Criminal Sentencing Task Force Groundrules

- **Be Respectful**
 - One person speaks at a time; listen when others are speaking, avoid interrupting and side conversations.
 - **Keep comments brief so everyone gets a chance to share their thoughts.** Avoid dominating the discussion.
 - Hear and respect all opinions.
 - Silence cell phones and refrain from using laptops during the meeting, except to take notes.
- **Be Constructive**
 - Acknowledge that all participants bring with them legitimate purposes, goals, concerns, and interests, whether or not you are in agreement with them.
 - Openly explore issues.
 - Act in “good faith,” **seeking to resolve conflicts and identify solutions.**
 - State concerns and interests clearly, listen carefully to and assume the best in others. Leave negative assumptions and attitudes at the door.
 - **Share comments that are solution focused,** rather than repeating past discussions.
 - It’s OK to disagree, it is not OK to make personal attacks or slanderous statements.
 - Minimize the use of jargon and acronyms, define and explain when used.
 - Work towards consensus. Be willing compromise.
 - Ask for clarification when uncertain of what another person is saying. Ask questions rather than make assumptions.
- **Be Productive**
 - Begin and end meetings on time.
 - **Respect time constraints.**
 - Adhere to the agenda as much as possible, focusing on the subject at hand.

9:25-10:10am

Introductions and Updates

- **Members:** Please give name, affiliation, constituency you represent on the Task Force, and respond to the following:

What's one thing you have seen, heard, or experienced recently that has inspired you?

- Facilitation Team and Co-Chairs Updates
- Sentencing Effectiveness Working Group Update
- Q&A

9:25-10:10am

Sentencing Effectiveness Working Group (SEWG) Update

Mar 19th:

- Agreed on Desired Outcomes for sentencing grid, heard presentation from Lauren on indeterminate & determinate systems, and discussed grid options.
- Created a **sentencing grid subgroup** to develop a potential future (improved) grid options to bring back to the full Working Group for discussion.

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Sentencing Grid Subgroup

Apr 6th: Subgroup discussed where to start & what work they need to do.

- Reviewed grid options; Lauren offered to put together decision tree of key Qs & options to guide discussion.

Apr 23rd: Subgroup began working through decision tree from Lauren.

- Included in tree: 5 key Qs w/potential options under each Q, + how each option does/does not support Desired Outcomes.
- Subgroup asked Lauren to draft mockups of grids for group to review.

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Sentencing Grid Subgroup Cont.

Apr 30th: Subgroup talked through mockups from Lauren.

- Instead of choosing one grid option to propose to full Group for review, subgroup suggests gathering data about a narrowed-down set of potential grids, with a research plan to forecast how each revised grid would impact various aspects of the system.
- Subgroup to meet once more then present a proposal to full Working Group (which may also review other potential policy changes). The results of that will be the focus of June Task Force meeting.

10:10-10:20am

BREAK

10:20-12:00pm

Reentry & Reducing Recidivism Working Group

10:20-10:30am

Desired Outcomes for Successful Reentry & Reducing Recidivism

- a) Individuals are held accountable, supported, and welcomed back into the community
- b) Individuals have improved access to programs and resources
- c) Increased partnerships and collaboration among entities and organizations as individuals move from incarceration to community
- d) Early and continuous access to reentry services including planning, coaching, mentoring, treatment, vocational training, and support ...
- e) Meaningful, wraparound community supervision and reentry services based on an individual's risk, need, and responsivity and informed by research and best practices
- f) Enforcement that creates accountability, enhances community safety, and aligns with best practices and research
- g) Addresses past/present disparities and promotes equitable outcomes for all communities
- h) Encourages successful reintegration into the community
- i) Reduced barriers to stability, independence, and participation in family and community.
- j) Ensures adequate resources for programs and services, including restorative justice

10:20-10:30am

“First Offer” of Findings and Potential Recommendations

Working Group Presenters: Mac Pevey, Christopher Poulos, and Nick Allen

10:30-11:00am

“First Offer” Recommendations

Community Supervision

1. Supervision should be based on an individual’s Risk Needs Responsivity (RNR) and research & evidence-based practices and not solely on their conviction(s).
2. Simplify tolling of supervision terms by limiting tolling to absconders.
3. Support a staffing model similar to programs like Graduated Reentry (GRE) that allows for a more intensive, responsive and individualized case management approach to facilitate successful transitions and reentry to the community.
4. Develop and implement a formal motivational and coaching focused supervision model, to include a comprehensive training component for DOC staff.

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“First Offer” Recommendations

Community Supervision Cont.

5. Early access to reentry services for all individuals being released from confinement associated with felony convictions.
6. Encourage motivational-focused supervision, which also includes RNR principles, trauma informed coaches, and core correctional practices.

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“First Offer” Recommendations

Relief from Legal Financial Obligations (LFOs)

1. Relief from Restitution not owed to individuals
2. Automatic waiver of existing non-restitution interest
3. Interest on Restitution
4. Relief options while people are incarcerated
5. Statute of limitations on collection of LFOs
6. Fine adjustment
7. Transfer of LFOs to collection agencies

11:00-11:10am

BREAK

11:10-12:00pm

Guidance, Input, and Questions for Working Group

- Initial thoughts, reactions, or questions for clarity
- Are there areas where more information is needed?
- Could any proposed recommendation have a possible negative effect? If so, what change(s) could lessen that effect?
- What other recommendations or topic areas should the working group consider?

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Work Plan for Future Meetings

Reminder: Key Milestones

- Initial Draft of Task Force recommendations at meeting #9 in September.
- Refined list of draft recommendations at Task Force meeting # 10 in October.
- Draft report by Oct 26 for discussion at meeting # 11 in November.
- Final draft report completed by November 23 for final agreement at meeting # 12 in December
- Final report submitted to Governor's Office and the Legislature on December 31, 2020

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Work Plan for Future Meetings

Future Meeting Schedule

- **June 4:** Sentencing Effectiveness Working Group (SEWG) – Presentation and “First Offer”
- **July 9:** RRR Working Group – Presentation, “Second Offer”
- **August 6:** SEWG – Presentation, “Second Offer”
- **September 10: **Key Milestone**:** Dialogue and begin consensus deliberation on initial draft package of recommendations (combined list from both working groups).

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Reflections on the Meeting

- Each member gives one sentence that summarizes how they experienced the meeting.

Questions From Observers

12:15-12:25pm

Action Items and Next Steps

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