

# Washington State Criminal Sentencing Task Force Meeting

June 4, 2020

8:45am-12:45pm

ZOOM Meeting

# AGENDA



## Meeting Goals

- Check-ins and updates from members
- Receive presentation on Washington's Sentencing Reform Act & "The Grid"
- Present & discuss "first offer" of findings and potential recommendations from Sentencing Effectiveness working group
- Review upcoming Task Force meetings and overall work plan

# AGENDA

**8:45am**

**Get Technology Working,  
Take Attendance**

**9:00am**

**Review Agenda, Groundrules**

**9:10am**

**Introductions & Updates**

- Members
- Facilitation Team & Co-Chairs
- Reentry Working Group
- Q&A

**9:45am**

**Presentation: Washington's  
Sentencing Reform Act (SRA)**

**10:35am**

**Q&A and Comments**

**11:00am: BREAK**

**11:10am**

**Presentation: "First Offer" of  
Sentencing Effectiveness  
Working Group**

**11:20am**

**Discussion of "First Offer" of  
Policy Recommendations**

**12:20pm**

**Meeting Reflections, Action  
Items, Next Steps**

**12:30pm**

**Questions from Observers**

**12:45pm 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.

**Join by Video:** We encourage everyone to join by video (however, understand bandwidth issues may prevent some from using 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 can chat to the entire group, and Molly will manage the discussion.

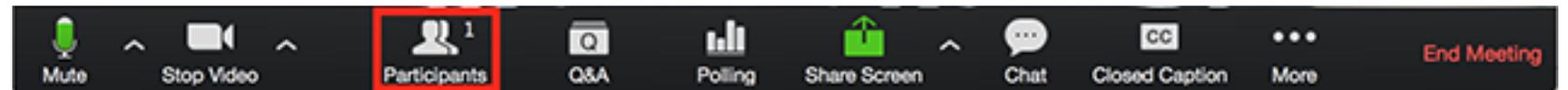
**Phone Participation:** For those only participating via phone, we will facilitate discussion similar to in-person meetings. During discussion time, we will start with Task Force members “in the room” (those on Zoom using “Raise Hand”) then ask those on the phone if they have questions and comments.

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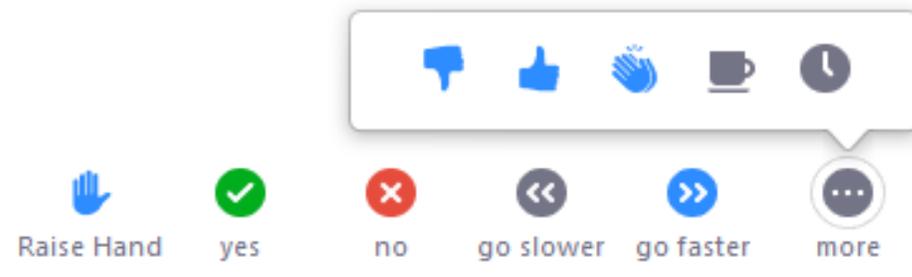
**When you want to speak:** To avoid talking over one another, we ask that those on video use the “raise your hand function”. The Facilitation Team will monitor this and call on folks individually, similar to how we use table tents during in-person meetings.

To access the “raise your hand function”:

Click on the “participants” icon.



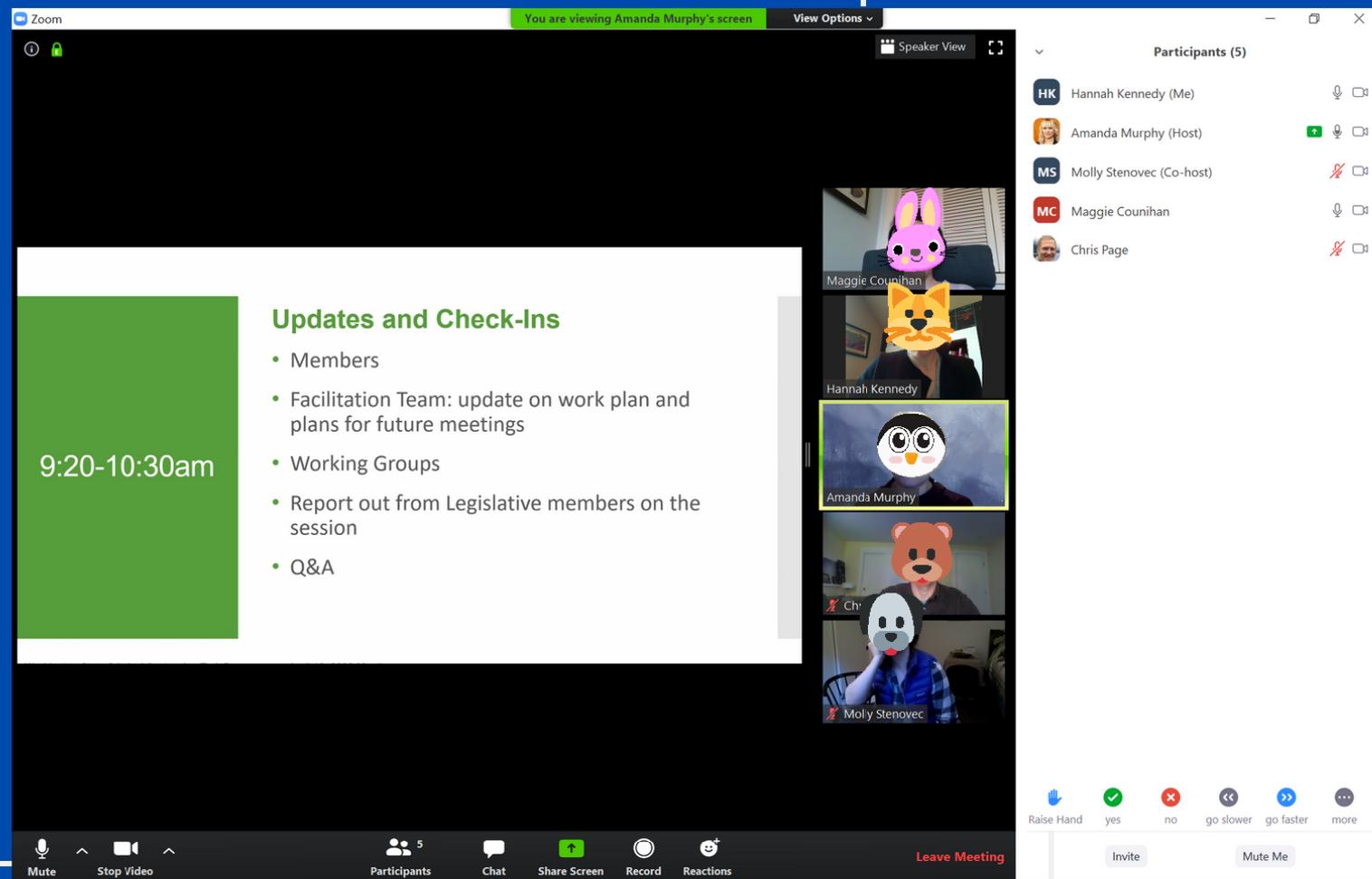
This will bring up the participant box and at the bottom you will see the following icons:



# 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.

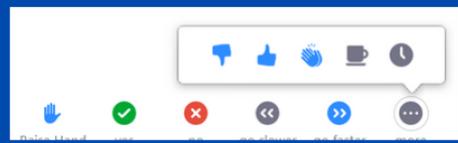
If you need a break or another cup of coffee, you can briefly "stop video" and "start video" when you're back.

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 to 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.

9:10-9:45am

## Introductions and Updates

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

*What % of you is “in the (virtual) room” and where is the other %?*

- Facilitation Team Updates
- Reentry Working Group Update
- Q&A

9:45-10:30am

## **Presentation: Washington's Sentencing Reform Act (Sra)**

10:30-11:00am

## Presentation: Q&A

11:00-11:10am

**BREAK**

11:10-11:35am

**Presentation: “First Offer” Of  
Findings & Potential  
Recommendations From Sentencing  
Effectiveness Working Group**

11:10-11:35am

## Sentencing Effectiveness Working Group (SEWG)

Mar 19<sup>th</sup>:

- 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.

11:10-11:35am

## DRAFT Desired Outcomes for Sentencing Effectiveness

- a) Balances discretion across the system and encourages and provides for individual rehabilitation that is trauma informed and based on risk, need, responsibility.
  - Addresses multipliers and enhancements and consecutive sentences – sentencing ranges – mandatory portions of sentences – mandatory features that remove judicial discretion and led to longer sentences
- b) Provides predictability for all parties
- c) Addresses accountability while decreasing unnecessary incarceration(s).
- d) Avoids shifting population from state prison to jails.
- e) Addresses inequities in the burden of the costs & workloads associate with incarceration
- f) Ensures adequate resources for both DOC & counties
- g) Reduces or eliminates disparities / disproportionate impacts
- h) Maximizes/increases the information available to the parties and the Judges to make informed decisions
- i) Eliminates unnecessary complexity

11:15-11:45am

## Presentation: “First Offer” of Findings & Potential SEWG Recommendations

**Working Group Presenters:** Jon Tunheim, Representative Goodman, and Lauren Knoth

11:45-12:20pm

## Discussion, 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?

12:20-12:30pm

# Work Plan for Future Meetings

## Future Meeting Schedule

- **July 9:** Reentry 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).

# Reflections on the Meeting

12:20-12:30pm

# Questions From Observers

12:30-12:45pm

12:45pm

**Adjourn**