

Washington State Criminal Sentencing Task Force Meeting

July 9, 2020 8:45am-12:45pm

ZOOM Meeting

AGENDA



Meeting Goals

- Check-ins and updates
- Present and discuss “second offer” of findings and potential recommendations from Reentry & Reducing Recidivism working group; and
- Review upcoming Task Force meetings and overall work plan

AGENDA

8:45am
Review Agenda, Groundrules

9:05am
Introductions

9:25am
**Updates: Facilitation Team
and Co-Chairs**

9:45am
**Reentry Working Group:
Overview of Work to Date**

9:55am
**“Second Offer” Of Potential
Recommendations On Legal
Financial Obligations**

10:15am
Discussion

10:40am: BREAK

10:50am
**Presentation: Community
Supervision**

11:05am
**“Second Offer” Of Potential
Recommendations On
Community Supervision**

11:25pm
Discussion

12:00pm
**Mid-point Assessment
Themes – Facilitation Team**

12:15pm
Action Items and 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.

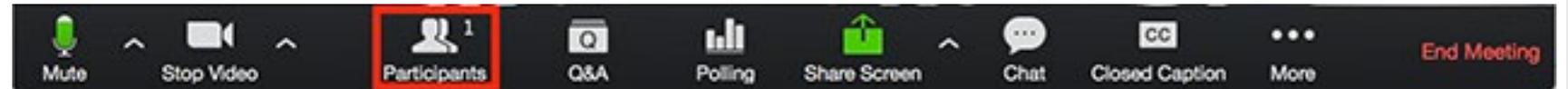
Phone Participation: For those only participating via phone, we will facilitate discussion similar to in-person meetings. During discussion time, we will start with Task Force members “in the room” (those on Zoom using “Raise Hand”) then ask those on the phone if they have questions and comments.

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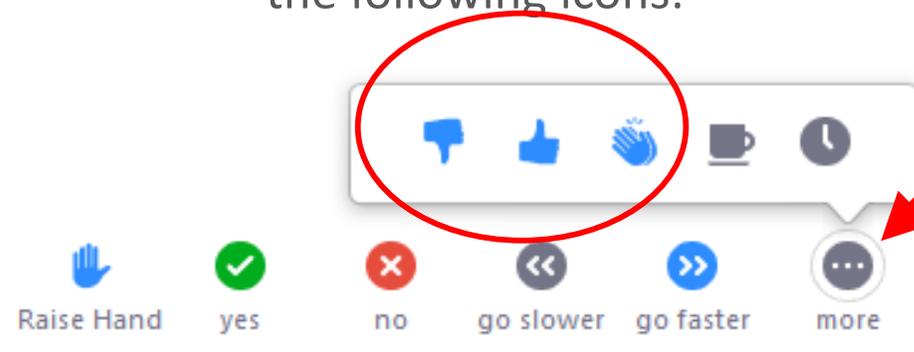
When you want to speak: To avoid talking over one another, we ask that those on video use the “raise your hand function”. The Facilitation Team will monitor this and call on folks individually, similar to how we use table tents during in-person meetings.

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:



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.

9:05-9:25am

Introductions

- **Task Force Member Changes**
- **Members:** Please state name, affiliation, and constituency you represent on the Task Force.
- **Alternates:** Please state name, affiliation, and who you are an alternate for on the Task Force

9:25-9:45am

Facilitation Team and Co-Chair Updates

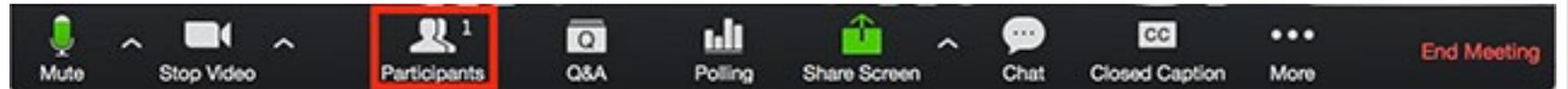
- Task Force Meetings 2X/month starting in September
- “3rd Offer” of potential recommendations
- Furloughs

9:45-9:55am

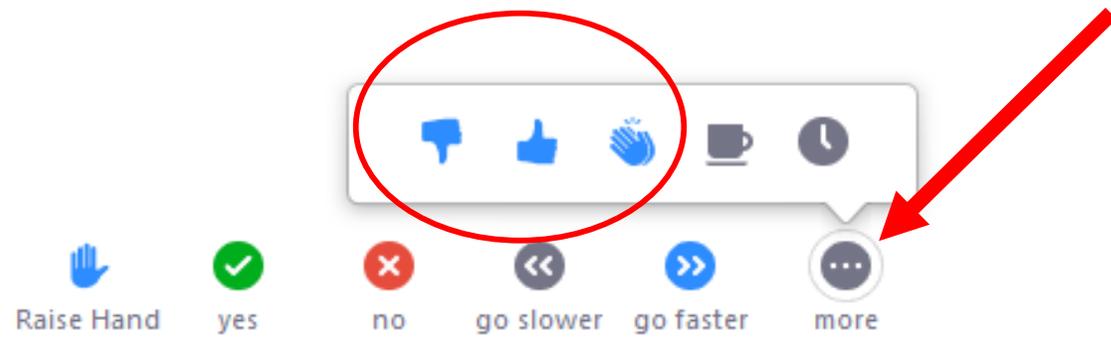
Reentry Working Group: Overview of Work to Date

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9:55-10:15am

**“Second Offer” Of Potential
Recommendations:
Legal Financial Options**

10:15-10:40am

FACILITATED DISCUSSION

10:40-10:50am

BREAK

10:50-11:05am

**Presentation:
Community Supervision**

11:05-11:25am

**“Second Offer” Of Potential
Recommendations:
Community Supervision**

11:25-12:00pm

FACILITATED DISCUSSION

12:00-12:15pm

Mid-Point Assessment Themes

Overall Impressions Of Work and Process

- Positivity and overall heard things are going pretty well.
- Concerns about the timeline. Lots of support for extending the timeline into next year.
- Lot of admiration of the diversity of perspectives and commitment of members.
- Workgroups have been key, especially now not having all day meetings.

12:00-12:15pm

Mid-Point Assessment Themes

What Members Want to See Task Force Accomplish

- A wide variety of responses to this question: Reducing # of people in prisons; reducing sentence lengths; increased judicial discretion; changes to the grid; clear consensus recommendations and legislation; transformative policy changes; new supervision model; rehabilitation services; reduced recidivism; improvements in public safety;...to name a few...

How to Get There

- Keep meeting and working, ensuring everyone stays up to speed on the work happening in working groups.
- Have a discussion about what does public safety mean and look like.
- Have a discussion about the purpose and goal of the sentencing system.

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Mid-Point Assessment Themes

Positive Factors

- Diverse perspectives and high level of commitment.
- Impartial data and information providers.
- Having facilitation and project management support.
- Building relationships.
- Learning about the system through the lens of each member.

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Mid-Point Assessment Themes

Concerns and Ways to Address

- Getting to 100% consensus.
- Timeline for the Task Force to complete its work.
- Limited participation of some members.
- The perspectives of victims not being acknowledged.
- Conflict at the last in-person meeting.
- Not being able to meet in person.

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Mid-Point Assessment Themes

Information Available to Make Informed Decisions

- General agreement that information is available.
- Many emphasized its important that the information be used when creating recommendations, and that the potential impact of changes be researched.
- Appreciation for impartial researchers and having presentations at each meeting.

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Mid-Point Assessment Themes

History the Facilitation Team Should Know

- Lots of past work to improve the system.
- Many issues members are more aligned on/in agreement on than they may think. Agreement on the “what” but perhaps not the “how”.
- Overall support for reentry and reducing recidivism efforts, programs, and services.
- Need for shared understanding of racial disparities and disproportionalities.

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Mid-Point Assessment Themes

Level of Openness and Trust

- Members think there is openness and relatively good levels of trust in the group.
- Was helpful to hear about the system through each members.
- Last in-person meeting impacted the level of trust for some members.
- Relationship building has been harder to do now that meeting virtually.

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Mid-Point Assessment Themes

Overall Impression of the Facilitation

- Overall doing a good job.
- Appreciate when facilitators create space for members that haven't yet spoken to participate in the conversation – calling on people.
- Appreciate hearing from all members at the start of the meeting and getting to check in, though would like to shorten the time spent doing this.

12:30-12:45pm

Questions From Observers

12:45pm

Adjourn