

Washington State Criminal Sentencing Task Force Meeting

December 17, 2020

8:45am-1:00pm

ZOOM Meeting

Meeting Goals



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- Check-Ins and Updates
- Review and Finalize 2020 Report
- Update from Legislation Working Group
- Discuss 2021 Workplan

Task Force Purpose



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The Washington State Criminal Sentencing Task Force was established by the Legislature in 2019 to review state sentencing laws, including a consideration of the report of the Sentencing Guidelines Commission required by section 129, chapter 299, Laws of 2018.

The task force shall develop recommendations for the purpose of:

- a) Reducing sentencing implementation complexities and errors;**
- b) Improving the effectiveness of the sentencing system; and**
- c) Promoting and improving public safety.**

AGENDA

8:45am
Review Agenda, Groundrules

9:05am
Introductions

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

10:00am
**Input on Final Draft 2020
Report**

10:30am
BREAK

10:40am
**Cont. Input on Final Draft
2020 Report**

11:00am
**Update from Legislation
Working Group + Q&A**

11:45am
BREAK

12:00pm
2021 Workplan

12:15pm
Reflections on 2021

12:45pm
Questions from Observers

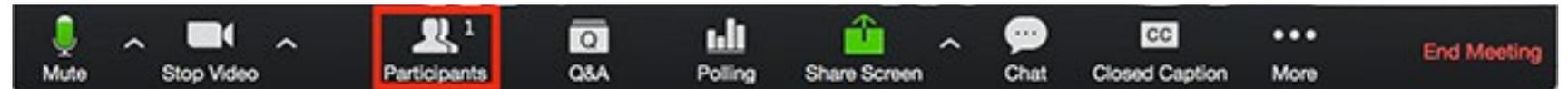
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Adjourn

ZOOM: Virtual Meeting Groundrules

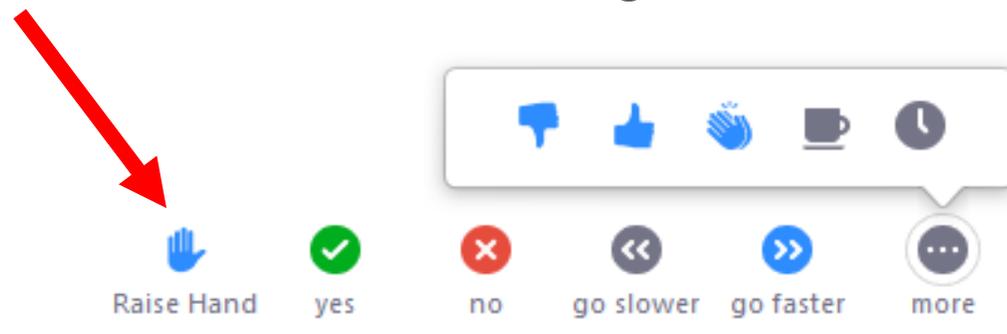
When you want to speak: To avoid talking over one another, we ask that those on video use the “raise your hand function”. The Facilitation Team will monitor this and call on folks individually, similar to how we use table tents during in-person meetings.

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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

- **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

9:25-10:00am

Facilitation Team and Co-Chair Updates

9:25-10:00am

CSTF: A Review of 2020

Criminal Sentencing Task Force - 2020 Meetings

9:25-10:00am

JAN

09 CSTF
24 SEWG
28 RWG

FEB

06 CSTF
25 SEWG

MAR

05 RWG
19 SEWG
19 RWG

APR

06 GRID
16 CSTF
23 GRID
27 RWG
30 GRID

MAY

07 CSTF
13 GRID
19 SEWG
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29 RWG

JUN

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04 CSTF
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10 SEWG
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JUL

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DEC

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CSTF = Criminal Sentencing Task Force
SEWG = Sentencing Effectiveness Working Group
RWG = Reentry and Reducing Recidivism Working Group
GRID = Sentencing Grid Subgroup

Meeting	Date/Location	Agenda Topics and Outcomes
Task Force Meeting #1	Jan 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared learning about the sentencing system through the lens of some of the members/seat they are representing.
Task Force Meeting #2	Feb 6	(cont.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared learning about the sentencing system through the lens of some of the members/seat they are representing.
Task Force Meeting #3 <i>*Due to cancellation of in-person gatherings, the full meeting was canceled and instead, working groups met virtually</i>	Mar 19	Working Group 1: Sentencing Effectiveness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop & agree on desired outcomes Presentation on other states' sentencing systems Chartered subgroup to focus on the grid Working Group 2: Re-Entry and Reducing Recidivism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check-ins with "category captains" (subject matter experts) Discussion Next steps
Task Force Meeting #4	Apr 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports from working groups Presentation and Q&A on disproportionality and disparity in sentencing Gauge support for virtual TF meetings
Task Force Meeting #5	May 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sentencing Effectiveness Working Group Update "1st Offer" of potential recommendations from Reentry Working Group
Task Force Meeting #6	Jun 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation on Washington's Sentencing Reform Act "1st Offer" of potential recommendations from Sentencing Effectiveness Working Group
Task Force Meeting #7	July 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "2nd Offer" of potential recommendations from Reentry Working Group
Task Force Meeting #8	Aug 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "2nd Offer" of potential recommendations from Sentencing Effectiveness Working Group

Task Force Meeting #9	Sep 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "3rd Offer" of potential recommendations from Sentencing Effectiveness Working Group – Sentencing Grid Research Proposal Consensus on the research (Recommendation #1)
Task Force Meeting #10	Sept 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "3rd Offer" of potential recommendations from both Sentencing Effectiveness Working Group and Reentry Working Group
Task Force Meeting #11	Oct 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Final Offer" of potential recommendations from both Working Groups
Task Force Meeting #12	Oct 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete "Final Offer" of potential recommendations Consensus Deliberations
Task Force Meeting #13	Nov 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consensus Deliberations
Task Force Meeting #14	Nov 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consensus Deliberations
Task Force Meeting #15	Dec 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consensus Deliberations Input on the draft 2020 Report
Task Force Meeting #16	Dec 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and Finalize 2020 Report Legislation Working group Update 2021 Workplan

Criminal Sentencing Task Force Consensus Process

Presentation and Discussion

Working Groups Draft Potential Recommendations

- Meet between meetings to draft potential recommendations that meet all Task Force members needs.

Full Task Force Dialouge, Input, and Temp Checks

- Working Groups present protential recommendations (1st, 2nd, 3rd offers) to full Task Force over multiple meetings.
- Task Force discusses and provides input.
- Consensus Temperature checks.

Working Groups Refine

- Working Groups take input from full Task Force and refine potential recommendations to meet needs of all members.

Deliberation

Proposed Recommendation

Facilitation Team will read the proposed recommendation.

1st Test for Consensus

Do all members support or can live with?

No

Yes

Discussion and Modify

Address concerns
Modify to better serve the whole group

CONSENSUS

2nd Test for Consensus

Do all members support or can live with?

No

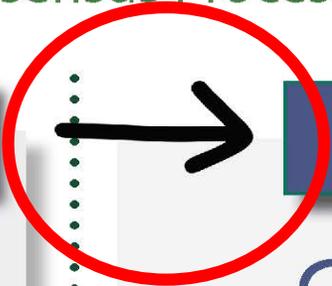
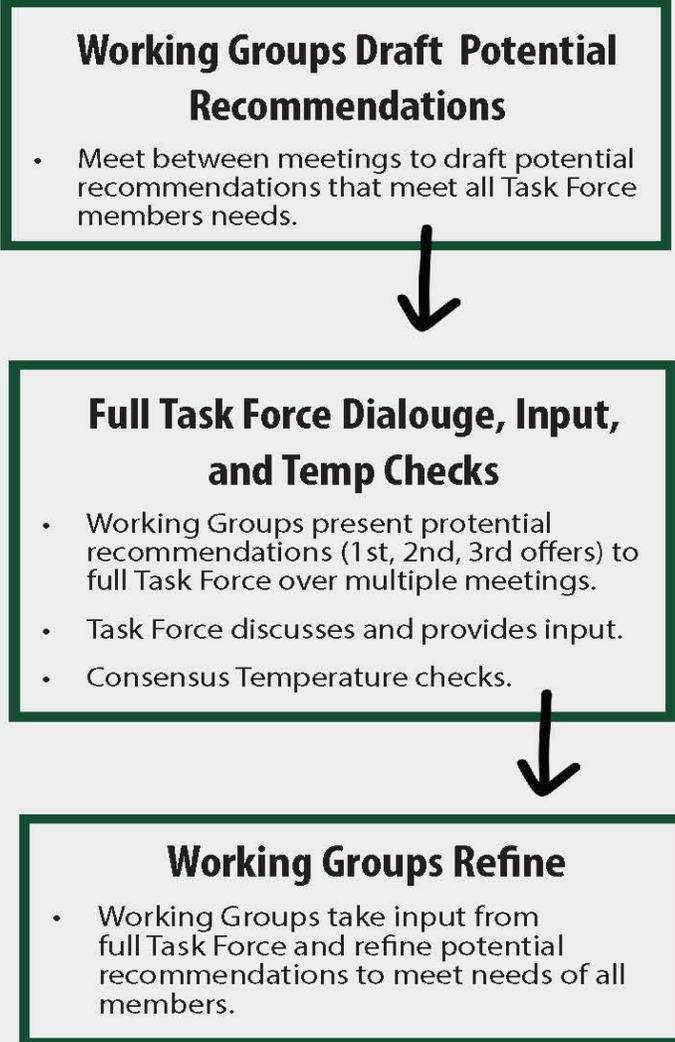
Yes

Capture Pros and Cons in Final Report

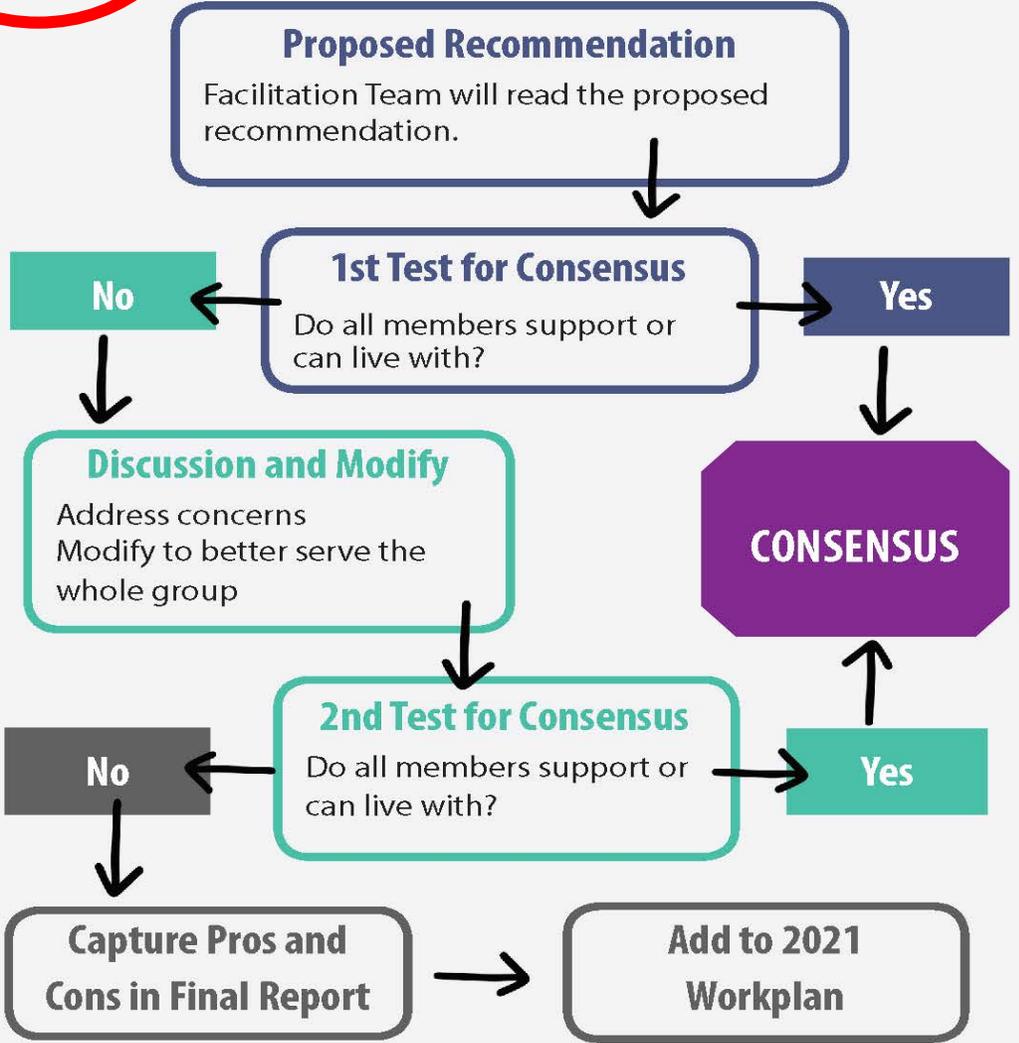
Add to 2021 Workplan

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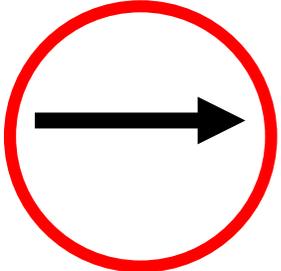
Presentation and Discussion



Deliberation



Task Force Consensus Deliberations Schedule



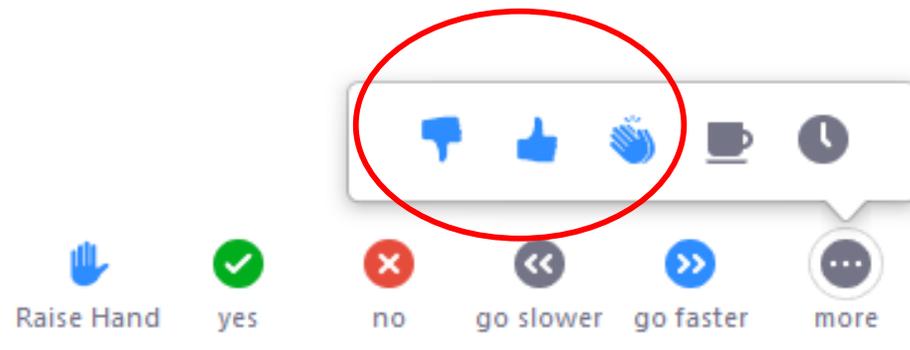
Oct. 15 th <i>*consensus begins</i>	Nov. 5 th	Nov. 19 th	Dec. 3 rd	Dec. 17 th	Dec. 31 st
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Consensus Icons

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9:25-10:00am

CSTF: A Review of 2020

- 15 Task Force meetings
- SEWG: 13 meetings to draft potential recommendations
- Subgroup: weekly meetings, research proposal
- RWG: 12 meetings to draft potential recommendations
- 47 Consensus recommendations

10:00-10:30am

Review of 2020 Report

10:30-10:40am

BREAK

10:40-11:00am

Cont. Review of 2020 Report

11:00-11:45am

Update from Legislation Working Group

11:45-12:00pm

Break – Grab Lunch (and snacks) and come back at 12:00pm for working lunch.

12:00-12:15pm

2021 Workplan

12:15-12:45pm

2020 Reflection Q.

What are you taking away from your work this year?

12:45-1:00pm

Questions from Observers

1:00pm

Adjourn