Washington State Criminal Sentencing Task Force
Sentencing Effectiveness Working Group – Grid Subgroup
Meeting Summary: October 27, 2020
Digital Conferencing Technology

Attendees:

- Russ Brown (alt. for Jon Tunheim), *Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys*
- Representative Roger Goodman, *Washington State House of Representatives, Democratic Caucus*
- Keri-Anne Jetzer (alt. for Judge Rumbaugh), *Sentencing Guidelines Commission*
- Lauren Knoth (research/data support), *Washington Institute for Public Policy*

- Judge Stanley Rumbaugh, *Sentencing Guidelines Commission*
- Melody Simle (alt. for Suzanne Cook), *Statewide Family Council*
- Clela Steelhammer (research/data support), *Caseload Forecast Council*
- Nick Straley (alt. for Nick Allen), *Interests of Incarcerated Persons*

Facilitation Team: Amanda Murphy, Chris Page, and Hannah Kennedy

WELCOME & REVIEW OF MEETING SCHEDULE

Amanda welcomed Grid Subgroup (Subgroup) members and reviewed the agenda. She emphasized the Task Force's focus on consensus decision making over the next two months and suggested the Subgroup may want to meet less frequently in November and December, given longer Task Force meetings and holiday schedules. Some subgroup members expressed concerns about losing momentum with much about the grid still to discuss in detail; others suggested that if the Subgroup met less frequently for the rest of the year, members should develop a list of action items and a workplan to ensure all significant considerations get addressed n 2021.

Chris asked the Subgroup to think about how it wants to present its work and findings to the full Task Force in 2021. With several months of weekly meetings, the Subgroup has covered a lot of ground the full Task Force will need time to understand if it is to make decisions about the grid.

Action Item: Subgroup agreed to meet twice monthly in November and December and develop a 2021 workplan.

GRID RESEARCH

Lauren and Clela provided an update on the grid research process: the two have met to begin gathering data and mapping out a project schedule. To move forward and compare the current grid with a potential future grid based on a +/- felony class system, Lauren and Clela need Subgroup input on what ranges such a +/- felony class system might use *(see supporting materials for an example felony-class-based grid)*. They made clear that these ranges offer a starting point and do not necessarily represent any future proposed grid. Instead, these initial ranges are needed to assess the general impact of moving from a grid organized by offense seriousness level to a grid based on a +/- felony class.

Action Item: The Subgroup agreed the grid comparison research should start with +/- felony class grid system proposed by the Sentencing Guidelines Commission in its 2019 report (see supporting materials.

NEXT STEPS & ACTION ITEMS

   Subgroup will meet next week (11/3) to develop future workplan.

Lauren and Clela will use their Task Force time to prioritize the grid research, providing updates to the Subgroup as necessary.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS: +/- Felony-Class Grid Option from SGC 2019 Report

OFFENDER SCORE

CLASS	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
A+	10y3m-28y	13y-30y	16y-30y	19y-31y	21y-31y	24y-35y	25y-37y	27y-40y	29y-43y	35y-45y	37y-50y
A	6y-15y	8y-16y	10y-17y	11y-19y	13y-20y	14y-22y	15y-24y	18y-25y	20y-27y	21y-28y	23y-30y
A-	3y6m-7y6m	4y6m-8y	5y-9y	5y-9y	6y-9y	7y-10y	8y-11y	9y-12y	10y-14y	11y-17y	14y-22y
B+	1y9m-3y6m	2y-4y	2y6m-5y	3y-6y	4y-6y	4y6m-7y	5y-7y	6y-9y	6y-9y	8y-10y	10y-17y
B	6m-1y6m	9m-1y6m	1y-2y	1y2m-2y	1y4m-2y6m	1y6m-3y	2y-4y	3y-5y	4y-6y	5y-7y	6y-8y
B-	0m-1y	6m-1y4m	1y+-1y6m	1y4m-2y	1y4m-2y	1y8m-2y6m	1y8m-2y6m	2y-3y	2y-3y4m	2y-4y	2y6m-5y
C+	0m-1y	9m-1y	1y+-1y4m	1y+-1y4m	1y2m-1y8m	1y2m-1y8m	1y4m-2y	1y4m-2y	1y6m-2y6m	1y6m-2y6m	2y-3y6m
C	0-3m	0-6m	0-9m	3m-1y	3m-1y	3m-1y	6m-1y	9m-1y	1y+-1y6m	1y+-2y	1y6m-3y
C-	0-1m	0-2m	0-3m	0-6m	0-9m	0-1y	3m-1y	3m-1y	6m-1y	6m-1y	9m-1y