

Washington State Criminal Sentencing Task Force Meeting

October 20th, 2022

10am – 4:00pm (9:30am for coffee, treats, and informal conversation)

In-Person in Seattle: 901 Fifth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98164; 5th floor conference room

Virtual: Please email sentencing.taskforce.ruckelshaus@wsu.edu for meeting link

DRAFT AGENDA

Meeting Goals:

- Task Force introductions and 2022 workplan review
- Review and discuss the remaining proposed recommendations
- Build understanding among Task Force members around issues connected to retroactivity

9:30am **COFFEE, TREATS, & INFORMAL CONVERSATION**

10:00am **WELCOME & REVIEW AGENDA**

10:10am **INTRODUCTIONS & UPDATES**

- Members and Alternates Introductions
- Updates from Co-Chairs
- Updates from Facilitation Team – Workplan Updates

10:30am **REVIEW REMAINING PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS**

Proposed Recommendation: Create a Community Intermediate Sanctions & Reintegrative Services Program. Establish a workgroup tasked with determining the legislative standards and implementation plan for the CSIRS program, using the information provided in the recommendation as a guideline for the general program framework.

Potential Recommendation: The Legislature must allocate sufficient funds to implement rehabilitative programming for individuals incarcerated in Washington state, i.e., to support recruitment and training for mental health professionals, substance use disorder counselors, and the evidence-based programs to provide treatment and services along with education and job training for incarcerated individuals. These programs and services must be immediately available after DOC conducts an individual’s intake assessment. Improving the effectiveness of the system and promoting public safety depend on this, as well as allocation of funds to support the transition to reentry through housing, transportation, removing barriers to employment, providing community supports, and other steps such as those outlined in the Task Force’s 2020 Report. Require DOC to publish annual statistics on the number of individuals participating in programs by program and facility.

Proposed Recommendation: Request and Fund the Washington State Institute for Public Policy to update its adult corrections inventory in order to update assessments of evidence-based programs and to expand the inventory to include new programs that were not previously available when the inventory was conducted.

Proposed Recommendation: For sentences including a term of total consecutive confinement longer than 20 years, individuals may petition for a second chance review at 20 years of incarceration (total confinement) with the possibility of release. Require that the review process explicitly include the opportunity for victim input.

Proposed Recommendation: Include and visually depict sentencing alternatives on the adult felony sentencing guidelines grid.

Proposed Recommendation: Eliminate the cap on the number of DOSA sentences that an individual can receive in a 10-year period.

Proposed Recommendation: Eliminate eligibility exclusions related to prior convictions for a violent offense (not serious violent offenses) from Sentencing Alternatives (except for SSOSA, which is currently being addressed by the SOPB). This would eliminate eligibility exclusions related to prior convictions for a violent offense from pDOSAs and rDOSAs.

Proposed Recommendation: Add eligibility criteria excluding individuals with prior felony offenses where an individual was armed with a firearm or deadly weapon, therefore aligning DOSA eligibility with FOSA.

Proposed Recommendation: Eliminate eligibility exclusion based on current offense/s – modeled after Mental Health Sentencing alternatives (does not exclude eligibility if current offense is serious violent or sex offense).

12:30pm PUBLIC COMMENT

12:45pm LUNCH

1:30pm DIALOG ON RETROACTIVITY

At this point of the meeting, the formal business portion will be concluded. For members and alternates in the room, we all will push the tables back and arrange ourselves in a circle so that everyone in the room will be able to see one another and the Zoom screen. The remainder of the day will be held for dialogue on retroactivity – a space and time for you all to share, listen deeply, and build understanding of the perspectives, lived experiences, interests, and ideas that each member carries forward on behalf of their constituency.

3:30pm CLOSING REFLECTIONS

4:00pm ADJOURN

CSTF Members & Designated Alternates	Affiliation/Perspective Represented
Jon Tunheim, Co-Chair (Russell Brown)	Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys
Rep. Roger Goodman, Co-Chair	Washington State House of Representatives, Democratic Caucus
Waldo Waldron-Ramsey, Co-Chair (Ginny Parham)	Washington Community Action Network, Representing Interests of Incarcerated Persons
Sen. Chris Gildon	Washington State Senate, Republican Caucus
Sen. Manka Dhingra	Washington State Senate, Democratic Caucus
Rep. Carolyn Eslick	Washington State House of Representatives, Republican Caucus
Sonja Hallum	Washington State Office of the Governor
Elaine Deschamps (Clela Steelhammer)	Washington State Caseload Forecast Council (non- decisional seat)
Julie Martin, Chief of Staff (Mac Pevey)	Washington State Department of Corrections
Judge Wesley Saint Clair (Keri-Anne Jetzer)	Washington State Sentencing Guidelines Commission
Melody Simle (Suzanne Cook)	Statewide Family Council
Francis Adewale (Interim)	Statewide Reentry Council
Judge Josephine Wiggs	Superior Court Judges' Association
Gregory Link (Kim Gordon)	Washington Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys; Washington Defender Association
Chief Gregory Cobb (Chief Brian Smith)	Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs
Councilmember Derek Young	Washington State Association of Counties
Judge Veronica Galván (Frank Thomas)	Washington State Minority and Justice Commission
Chief James Schrimpscher	Fraternal Order of Police (Labor Organization Representing Active Law Enforcement Officers in Washington State)
Blaze Vincent (Nick Straley)	Seattle Clemency Project, Representing Interests of Incarcerated Persons
Tiffany Attrill (Kameon Quillen)	King County, Representing Interests of Crime Victims
Riddhi Mukhopadhyay (Megan Allen)	Sexual Violence Law Center, Representing Interests of Crime Victims

