Washington State Criminal Sentencing Task Force Meeting

September 17, 2020 8:45am-12:45pm
ZOOM Meeting
Meeting Goals

• Check-ins & updates

• Present and discuss “third offer” of findings & potential recommendations from Working Groups; and

• Review upcoming Task Force meetings & overall work plan
Task Force Purpose

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.
8:45am
Review Agenda, Groundrules

9:05am
Introductions

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

9:35am
“Third Offer” Of Potential Recommendations + Discussion

10:45am
BREAK

11:00am
Cont. “Third Offer” Of Potential Recommendations + Discussion

12:25pm
Work Plan, Action Items and Next Steps

12:30pm
Questions from Observers

12:45pm Adjourn
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 (recognizing that 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: Please select gallery view (in top left corner of your computer screen), so you can see everyone & not just the speaker.
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 on via phone, we will facilitate discussion similar to in-person meetings. During discussion, we will start w/Task Force members “in the room” (those on Zoom using “Raise Hand”) then ask those on phone if they have questions or comments.
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:
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
Facilitation Team and Co-Chair Updates

- Task Force Meetings 2x/month – next meeting is Oct. 1
- “FINAL offer” of potential recommendations on Oct. 1.
- Furloughs
9:25-9:35am

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10:45-11:00am

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Workplan, Action Items, Next Steps

12:25-12:30pm
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12:30-12:45pm
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