

**Washington State Criminal Sentencing Task Force**  
**Sentencing Effectiveness Working Group – Grid Subgroup**  
**Meeting Summary: October 20, 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*
- Kim Gordon (alt. for Greg Link), *Washington Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys; Washington Defender Association*
- Keri-Anne Jetzer (alt. for Judge Rumbaugh), *Sentencing Guidelines Commission*
- Lauren Knoth (research/data support), *Washington Institute for Public Policy*
- Greg Link, *Washington Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys; Washington Defender Association*
- 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*
- Jon Tunheim, *Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys*

**Guests:**

- Megan Allen
- Belinda Cheng
- Jian Ma
- Anthony Powers
- Kate Sigafos

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

**WELCOME & AGENDA REVIEW**

Amanda welcomed Grid Subgroup (Subgroup) members and guests. She congratulated members on a productive Task Force meeting last week before handing things over to guests from Microsoft's Criminal Justice Equity Tool team.

**PRESENTATION OF MICROSOFT'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE EQUITY TOOL**

Several folks from Microsoft, the Seattle Clemency Project, and local law practices presented their joint efforts to create the statewide Criminal Justice Equity Tool (CJET). First envisioned by a previously incarcerated individual, the CJET seeks to provide criminal justice practitioners, their clients, and the public with real-time charge and sentencing data from across Washington state by key demographics (e.g., defendant age, sex, race/ethnicity, presiding judge, county, offense category, etc.). While still in the development stage, the CJET team demonstrated their data dashboard prototypes for the Subgroup. The dashboards currently include Caseload Forecasting Council (CFC) from 1999-2019 and Washington state Census population data from 2000-2019. While not currently available to the public, the CJET team is working with a nonprofit to host the data dashboards online, hopefully going live sometime over the next few months.

Subgroup reactions and feedback are captured in the questions/comments/responses below:

- **Q:** Is there a way to include recidivism data in these dashboards? Is there any way to track “rapid recidivism” i.e., when individuals who have been release pre-trial reenter the criminal justice system? **R:** This might be possible if we are able to access corrections data to determine when individuals are in or out of custody.
- **C:** Prison and Jail terms are separated by length of confinement; sentences up to 12 months are served in jail and prison sentences start at 12 months and a day. The CJET team may want to consider building in a way to differentiate these.

#### **NEXT STEPS & ACTION ITEMS**

- **Subgroup members** will review the CJET team’s list of current and sought data sources and provide feedback on additional types and sources of data to include.