



District of Columbia Advisory Commission on Sentencing

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FULL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, November 15, 2003
500 Indiana Ave., N.W., Room 1500
Washington, DC

Attending	F. Weisberg	P. Riley	C. Wellford
	A. Flaum	D. Rosenthal	A. Seymour
	T. Kane	B. Weinsheimer	J. Stewart
	R. McPhatter	M. Roberts	
	H. Cushenberry	P. Quander	T. Edelman
	C. Chanhatastilpa	K. Hunt	J. Cronin
	R. Buske		

- I. Call to order at 10:10 p.m.
- II. Action Item: Insert Color Grid with 5 most common crimes in each row. 1st degree sex abuse should appear in GRP 2, but no other sex crime changes places.
- III. Action Item: Charts should say Most Common rather than Mode.
- IV. Action Item: We need new historical grid (1st degree sex abuse moved to GRP 2).
- V. Action Item: Move variability discussion from CH 2 to CH 3
- VI. Action Item: Later -- When we create a grid worksheet for preparers – the worksheet should list adult and juvenile Criminal History separately so we can track..
- VII. Action Item: Tom Kane suggests a field trip to a BOP facility – Later.
- VIII. Action Item: Study possible impact of 9A, if it were implemented.

Straw Vote keeping on 9A as a mitigator:

Yes – 5 (CW, RM, MR, JS, PDS)

No – 6 (USAO, DR, AS, HC, FW, PQ)

- IX. Action Item: CH 4 – T. Edelman wants to emphasize that grid governs lead charge – data is based on lead charges. For purposes of selecting lead charge, select the crime that would produce the longest sentence. Each change gets scored but often concurrent. Next, we need to be clear the first decision is the In-Out, and only consider the ranges after that decision yields a prison sentence. Split sentences means six months or less, and the data used to construct the green boxes was Split sentences of six months or less Only.

- X. Action Item: We need a projection of the number of cases in each drug and master grid row, in first year, second year, etc. – Should base on 2002 #'s.
- XI. Action Item: Discuss time line in general terms. Implementation date will be no sooner than April 1, nor later than June 1.

Adjourn at 2:00 p.m.

NEXT FULL COMMISSION MEETING:

Wednesday, November 19, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. at 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W.

PUBLIC MEETING

November 24, 2003 at 7 p.m.