



District of Columbia

Advisory Commission on Sentencing

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MINUTES

Wednesday, June 21, 2000

500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Room 1500

Attending:	F. Weisberg	K. Severy
	C. Wellford	L. Hankins
	R. Johnson	J. Garrett
	B. Erhardt	K. Hunt
	N. Joyce	E. Lotke
	T. Kane	M. Sedgewick
	M. G. Terrell	C. Chanhatsilpa
	J. Sassaman	P. Hyde
	P. Riley	
	Unidentified woman	
	M. Ragghanti	
	S. Gervasoni	

I. Call to order at 5:05 p.m.

II. Legislative update

F. Weisberg summarized the legislative developments regarding Bill 13-696, the "Sentencing Reform Amendment Act of 2000". Bill 13-696 was to have had its first reading before the full Council at its Legislative Meeting on Tuesday, June 6, 2000. In order to consider the bill at that meeting, however, the Council would have had to approve a motion that H. Brazil put forth to waive a procedural rule. H. Brazil withdrew his motion, so the Council took no action. K. Severy and L. Hankins noted that Councilmember Chavous was prepared to offer an amendment at the Council's Legislative Meeting on June 6, 2000. Differences between the original bill and the Committee Print were noted. K. Severy confirmed that Bill 13-696 would be on the agenda for the Council's Additional Legislative Meeting on Monday, June 26, 2000.

III. Commission Organization

F. Weisberg suggested the establishment of two subcommittees, and asked Commission members to state whether they wished to serve. The two subcommittees and their members are:

a. Administration Subcommittee: F Weisberg, A Rowe, H. Brazil, R. Rigsby

- b. Research Subcommittee: H. Cushenberry, B. Erhardt, N. Joyce, C. Wellford, T. Kane

No member present had any comment on the organization of the subcommittees.

F. Weisberg noted that two Commission members, R. Johnson and P. Hyde, may be leaving the Commission, but no action is expected before the next meeting.

C. Wellford asked if the Commission's meeting location would change and public notice provided. The Administration subcommittee was asked to take up the matter and report back to the Commission.

IV. Future meetings

The Commission agreed to schedule regular meetings on the third Wednesday of the month. Subcommittees will meet as necessary, at a time and place to be determined by the subcommittee.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 19, 2000 at 5 p.m. in Room 1500 of the Superior Court. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 21, 2000. The time and place of the September meeting will be announced.

R. Johnson noted that meeting dates may need to be coordinated with training for members of the Bar. L. Hankins noted that CJA bar is participating in training offered by PDS. The Commission has no current plans to conduct additional training.

IV. Website

K. Hunt announced that the Commission website was up and running. It contains the two reports and background on the Commission and its members. The Commission staff has the ability to make minor additions and revisions to the site. Meetings will be announced on the web site. There was no objection to posting the meeting minutes on the web site.

V. NASC meeting in Pittsburgh, August 6-8, 2000

K. Hunt mentioned that the National Association of Sentencing Commissions conference takes place in August. Any Commission member who wished to attend should inform K. Hunt as soon as possible. F. Weisberg added that there should be enough travel money to fund trips for a reasonable number of members.

VI. Update from members regarding preparations for conversion to determinate sentencing.

- a. U.S. Attorney's Office – training
- b. PDS – training
- c. BOP - Sentence computations for new and old sentencing structures
- d. U.S. Parole Commission – public hearing and staffing issues

e. CSOSA – jail workload

f. Judiciary Committee – education about changes in sentencing. K Severy distributed brochures.

VII. Research Update

K. Hunt informed the Commission that the staff met with persons from CSOSA, Superior Court, and Probation and Parole and are creating a research work plan for collecting data for before-after analysis of sentences. This work plan will be presented at the research subcommittee meeting.

VIII. Adjourn at 6:15 p.m.

Next meeting: July 19, 2000