



District of Columbia Sentencing Commission

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FULL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 21, 2005

500 Indiana Ave., N.W., Room 1500
Washington, DC

Attending	F. Weisberg	P. Riley	D. Rosenthal
	R. Johnson	A. Flaum	B. Forst
	J. Stewart	N. Joyce	K. Hunt
	C. Chanhata silpa	S. Vance	R. Buske
	USAO intern		

- I. Call to order at 5:10 p.m.
- II. Minutes from May 17 2005 meeting were approved pending changes sent to K. Hunt.
- III. Manual Revisions

F. Weisberg provided an overview of the process, noting that the implementation subcommittee had met on several occasions and has agreed on the proposed amendments to the Guidelines Practice Manual. F. Weisberg noted that Amendment 10, which created new rules for matching out of state offenses to D.C. offenses for the purposes of scoring prior convictions, represented the most significant change to the manual. S. Vance provided background on Amendment 10 and stated that he is currently working on a crosswalk of offenses with Maryland and Virginia. P. Riley noted that significant changes were made to the criminal history rules by the subcommittee over the past year to address unanticipated differences between foreign and DC statutes. F. Weisberg also pointed out an important rule under Amendment 10, allowed plea bargaining over prior convictions in rare cases when out of state convictions can not be matched to DC offenses.

F. Weisberg suggested that the Commission create specific examples to illustrate the new criminal history rules. S. Vance stated that he will develop a draft of such examples for review by the subcommittee. **[Action Needed]**

F. Weisberg and K. Hunt also noted that there were new rules concerning traffic offenses and fleeing law enforcement.

K. Hunt will distribute the revised manual electronically to the Court, CSOSA, and the Public Defender Service. A. Flaum noted that the Public Defender Service would also distribute copies of the manual to Betty Ballester for distribution to the CJA Bar. K. Hunt also noted that the revised manual will also be placed on the Sentencing Commission's website.

IV. Sentencing Guidelines Web update

K. Hunt pointed out that OCTO will be responsible for setting up the server and providing IT services. The start date for the Guidelines Web is still undetermined. This is dependent on the completion of other tasks such as OCTO setting up the server, CSOSA going online with their system, and CJCC/JUSTIS setting up the security for the server.

Adjourn: 6:05 pm

NEXT FULL COMMISSION MEETING:

Tuesday July 19, 2005

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