KSCJRC

Proportionality Committee

Goals for January – March 2020

With the creation of the Kansas Criminal Justice Reform Commission, we have been charged with review of the sentences imposed for criminal conduct to determine whether the sentences are proportionate to other sentences imposed for criminal offenses. Our immediate and long-term recommendations for the preliminary report were submitted. We have also kept in mind the financial and bed space constrictions of the Department of Corrections for the State of Kansas. These are our goals for this year 2020.

Goal 1-

The Sentencing Commission has a very aggressive agenda for this spring as outlined in our preliminary report (items 1,2,3,5). I believe we all need to work with our respective associations to be able to either support, or not support. As well all voted to put these items on the report I hope we can all support. Keeping this in mind we know that our associations as a whole may have a difference of opinion. This needs to be out in the open so the Sentencing commission knows where everyone stands.

Item 4, the domestic violence qualifiers, needs to be addressed. Will refer to CA Tabitha Owens for this. The Kansas County & District **Attorneys Association** would be able to push a bill for this.

Goal 2- Prioritize within the subcommittee the 5 items for the 1-year long term items. There are items on there that will take longer than the one-year time constraint that we have.

a. A study of the states that have combined their sentencing grids. Also, a look at the states that decided not to combine and why.
b. Work with sentencing commission and respective associations to see if there is an agreement to support or not support the other four long term items.

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