



ADDENDUM A: Advisory Committee Direction for Implementation of Misdemeanor and Felony Report Recommendations

March 25, 2002

The AJOMP Advisory Committee, which is chaired by the Honorable Bobbe Bridge, Washington State Supreme Court Justice, and comprised of representatives from King County, Suburban Cities, Seattle, and the State of Washington accepted the Misdemeanor and Felony Workgroup Reports at its meeting on March 25, 2002. The Advisory Committee has decided upon the following course of action for implementation of the recommendations contained in the reports.

Misdemeanor Workgroup Report Recommendations

Recommendation	Action to be taken
Establish failure to appear (FTA) reduction strategies for selected populations of offenders.	<i>Share information, give presentations, and convene a "best practices" summit.</i>
Establish alternative sanctions for the failure to comply (FTC) population.	<i>Share information, give presentations, and convene a "best practices" summit.</i>
Establish re-licensing programs for defendants charged with DWLS 3.	<i>Share information, give presentations, and convene a "best practices" summit.</i>
Improve information technology systems used by the jails and the courts for processing in-custody defendants (specifically to check whether a defendant is in jail prior to issuing a warrant).	<i>Referred to the Jail Committee Workgroup for implementation.</i>
Revise pretrial procedures for in-custody defendants to reduce pretrial length of incarceration by expanding the use of video proceedings; establishing agreements between the cities and the county for handling in-custody first appearance hearings for city cases at either the King County District Court's Aukeen Division (in the RJC jail courtroom) or at the Seattle Division (the downtown jail courtroom); or establish agreements among cities and the county to allow the first court to hold a first appearance for a defendant with multiple charges to also hold any other first appearances on other jurisdictions' charges.	<i>Referred to the RLSJC to form a multi-jurisdictional subcommittee to work on establishing agreements between the jurisdictions.</i>
Improve the method and protocol for scheduling outlying court first appearance hearings.	<i>Referred to the RLSJC to form a multi-jurisdictional subcommittee to work on establishing agreements between the jurisdictions.</i>
Evaluate changes in pretrial release; consider revising the standard Court Services interview form.	<i>Referred to the Jail Committee Workgroup for implementation.</i>
Develop multi-jurisdictional implementation groups.	<i>See above.</i>



Felony Workgroup Report Recommendations

Recommendation	Action to be taken
<p><u>FARR Guidelines:</u> Recommendations 1 and 5 are related to DAJD’s ability to administratively release felony defendants under the FARR Guidelines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review the FARR Guidelines with particular focus on the drug trafficker exclusion. 5. Presumptively release defendants brought in on a felony investigation if it is a property charge (unless the arresting agency states that it objects to the person’s release because: the agency is unable to identify the person’s identity through any other method; the case will be filed within 72 hours; or there exists a substantial danger that the person, if released, will commit a violent crime or seek to intimidate a witness.) 	<p><i>Referred to the Jail Committee Workgroup for implementation.</i></p>
<p><u>WER/EHD:</u> Recommendations 3, 9 and 11 relate to the use of Work Release and Electronic Home Detention:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Allow the use of WER and EHD for pre-sentence defendants. 9. Modify the “Order Modifying Sentence” forms to allow defendants who are in jail because of a sentence violation to be presumptively eligible for WER/EHD unless statutorily ineligible or expressly prohibited by the judge. Defendants should also be considered eligible for WER/EHD prior to the sentencing modification hearing (assuming they meet standard program criteria). 11. Warrants issued for violations of sentence conditions should be modified to include bail and/or allow the use of WER/EHD. 	<p><i>Referred to the Jail Committee Workgroup for implementation.</i></p>
<p>Recommendation 4 pertains to implementing a felony failure to appear reduction effort.</p>	<p><i>DAJD started a pilot program at the RJC for out of custody felony arraignments in December 2001. If successful, DAJD will expand the program to the Seattle division.</i></p>
<p>Recommendation 7 pertains to increasing the number of offenders heard on the SRA Calendar.</p>	<p><i>Superior Court has implemented guidelines, which give direction for which cases may be struck off the calendar (and the process for doing so); the changes will go into effect by summer 2002</i></p>
<p>Recommendation 2 - Creation of a Pre-Trial Services Group within Superior Court/DJA based on the transfer of Supervised Release and the PR Screeners.</p>	<p><i>The Supervised Release program was eliminated in the 2002 budget.</i></p>



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Recommendation 6 - Encourage use of Live Scan by police for identification of defendants (rather than using the jail).	<i>Implement as available.</i>
Recommendation 8 – Use video to consolidate the SRA Calendars at Seattle and the RJC.	<i>The need for this change is several years out as the number of SRA cases gradually diminishes.</i>
Recommendation 10 – Reduce the number of Pre-Sentence Investigation Reports (PSI).	<i>The State Dept. of Corrections will be implementing this change as part of their overall State budget reductions.</i>