

Priority Area	District Priority Goal	Initiative Number	Initiative Title	Objective Number	Objective Title
A Safer, Stronger DC		4.4	Final Review and Commission Action on Sex Abuse Offenses - Pending Council Legislation	4	
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## District of Columbia Sentencing Commission FY2017

Agency District of Columbia Sentencing Commission

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**Mission** The mission of the District of Columbia Sentencing Commission is to implement, monitor, and support the District's voluntary sentencing guidelines, to promote fair and consistent sentencing policies, to increase public understanding of sentencing policies and practices, and to evaluate the effectiveness of the guidelines system in order to recommend changes based on actual sentencing and corrections practice and research.

## 2017 Strategic Objectives

Objective Number	Strategic Objective
1	Provide fair, consistent and transparent sentencing policy for felony sentences imposed in the District of Columbia to ensure that similar offenders who are convicted of similar offenses receive similar sentences.
2	Provide effective education and support to improve understanding and awareness of the District's Voluntary Sentencing Guidelines to ensure citizens of the District have a clear understanding of the sentencing process.
3	Provide high quality analysis and evaluation of sentencing data to inform the development of effective sentencing policy in the District of Columbia that increases public safety while decreasing unwarranted disparity in sentences.
4	Create and maintain a highly efficient, transparent and responsive District government.**

## 2017 Key Performance Indicators

Measure	New Measure/ Benchmark Year	Frequency of Reporting	Add Data Fields (if applicable)	FY 2014 Actual	FY 2015 Target	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2016 Target	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Target
<b>1 - Provide fair, consistent and transparent sentencing policy for felony sentences imposed in the District of Columbia to ensure that similar offenders who are convicted of similar offenses receive similar sentences. (3 Measures)</b>									
Percentage of Compliant Guideline Sentences		Quarterly		98.2%	94%	97.7%	96%	95.8%	96.5%
Compliant In-The-Box Sentences Imposed		Quarterly		86.7%	85%	85.8%	86.5%	89.3%	86.5%
Compliant Departures		Quarterly		96.2%	95%	91.9%	92.5%	88.7%	93%
<b>2 - Provide effective education and support to improve understanding and awareness of the District's Voluntary Sentencing Guidelines to ensure citizens of the District have a clear understanding of the sentencing process. (2 Measures)</b>									
Effective Guideline Trainings	✓	Quarterly		Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	New Measure	80%
Guideline Questions Answered		Quarterly		99.3%	97%	99.6%	99.7%	99.5%	99.5%
<b>3 - Provide high quality analysis and evaluation of sentencing data to inform the development of effective sentencing policy in the District of Columbia that increases public safety while decreasing unwarranted disparity in sentences. (2 Measures)</b>									
GRID/GSS tickets resolved within 14 days	✓	Quarterly		Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	New Measure	60%
Data Request Response Time	✓	Quarterly		Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	New Measure	75%
<b>4 - Create and maintain a highly efficient, transparent and responsive District government.** (9 Measures)</b>									
Contracts/Procurement-Expendable Budget spent on Certified Business Enterprises	✓			Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017
Contracts/Procurement-Contracts lapsed into retroactive status	✓			Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017
Budget- Local funds unspent	✓	Annually		Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017
Budget- Federal Funds returned	✓			Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017
Customer Service-Meeting Service Level Agreements	✓			Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017
Human Resources-Vacancy Rate	✓			Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017

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Human Resources- Employee District residency	✓	Annually		Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017
Human Resources- Employee Onboard Time	✓	Annually		Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017
Performance Management- Employee Performance Plan Completion	✓	Annually		Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017	Forthcoming October 2017

## 2017 Operations

Operations Header	Operations Title	Operations Description	Type of Operations
<b>1 - Provide fair, consistent and transparent sentencing policy for felony sentences imposed in the District of Columbia to ensure that similar offenders who are convicted of similar offenses receive similar sentences. (2 Activities)</b>			
SENTENCING GUIDELINE MONITORING	Review and Verify All Felony Sentences.	Review and verify each felony sentence imposed by the D.C. Superior Court for accuracy and completeness. Once the verification process is completed, calculate judicial compliance with the recommended guideline sentence in an accurate and timely manner.	Daily Service
SENTENCING GUIDELINE MONITORING	Identify Irregularities and Inconsistencies in Felony Sentences Imposed.	Review sentencing data received from the D.C. Superior Court to identify data quality issues to be resolved, departures from the recommend guideline sentence, and emerging sentencing trends that may require review by the Commission and potential policy modifications	Daily Service
<b>2 - Provide effective education and support to improve understanding and awareness of the District's Voluntary Sentencing Guidelines to ensure citizens of the District have a clear understanding of the sentencing process. (2 Activities)</b>			
SENTENCING GUIDELINES TRAINING	Maintain and Update Agency Website.	Update the agency's website with "Guideline Alerts" to ensure the public and criminal justice community are notified of changes to sentencing policy or practices under the sentencing guidelines. On a monthly basis, update training and other guideline related materials to ensure public access to accurate and timely information about sentencing in the District of Columbia.	Daily Service
SENTENCING GUIDELINES TRAINING	Provide Sentencing Guideline Training.	Provide Sentencing Guideline training to criminal justice professional that will increase their understanding of the guidelines and ensure proper application of the guidelines thus reducing potential sentencing errors.	Daily Service
<b>3 - Provide high quality analysis and evaluation of sentencing data to inform the development of effective sentencing policy in the District of Columbia that increases public safety while decreasing unwarranted disparity in sentences. (2 Activities)</b>			
SENTENCING GUIDELINE MONITORING	Monitor and Maintain the GRID System.	Monitor and maintain the data analysis module of the agency's data system (GRID) used to identify and evaluate sentencing trends throughout the year to inform the development of effective sentencing policy for the District.	Daily Service
POLICY REPORTS AND PROPOSALS	Respond to Data Requests.	Effectively respond to data requests from legislators, criminal justice professionals, and the public by providing accurate and timely sentencing information.	Daily Service

## 2017 Workload Measures

Measure	New Measure/ Benchmark Year	Add Historical and Target Data (FY17)	Numerator Title	Units	Frequency of Reporting	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016 Actual
<b>1 - Identify Irregularities and Inconsistencies in Felony Sentences Imposed. (1 Measure)</b>								
Sealed Cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		# of Cases Sealed	Sealed Cases	Quarterly	2270	3441	1690
<b>1 - Review and Verify All Felony Sentences. (5 Measures)</b>								
Number of Felony Counts Sentenced	<input type="checkbox"/>		# Felony Counts Sentenced	Sentences	Quarterly	2932	2611	2388
Number of CSOSA Criminal History Scores Submitted	<input type="checkbox"/>		# Criminal History Scores Received	Criminal History Score	Quarterly	2591	2730	1656
Number of Felony Cases Sentenced	<input type="checkbox"/>		# of Felony Cases Sentenced	Cases	Quarterly	2056	1891	1843
Number of Departure Letters Sent	<input type="checkbox"/>		Number of Departure Letters Sent	Departure Letters	Quarterly	136	96	60
Departure Letter Responses	<input type="checkbox"/>		Departure Letter Responses	Responses	Quarterly	71.32	84.4	71.67%