

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

REENTRY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

May 25, 2017

Present: Wendell Murakawa, Chairman, Nolan Espinda, Director, Blayne Hanagami, Glen Hisashima, Gary Yabuta, Toni Bissen, Kimmy Takata

Attendees: Kat Brady, Henry Curtis, Wallace Maave, Gary Shields, Kathlein Algire, Nona Lawrence, Reentry, Monica Lortz, Reentry Coordinator, Albert Diaz, Reentry, Irene Tanioka, IC, Juliet Sadama-Uemura, IC, Heather Kimura, IC

Absent: Timothy Ho, Timothy Hansen, Maile Kanemura

MEMBER	TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Wendell Murakawa, Chairman	Attorney General	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will be on standby (via phone) to answer any questions regarding Sunshine Law.
Nona Lawrence	Ethics Commission Decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Decision was made by the Attorney General that this committee does not need to submit a Financial Discloser.• Not on the record from last meeting, once we have it in writing it will forward to everyone.
Wendell Murakawa, Chairman	Old business	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approval of abbreviated minutes from November 10, 2016• Approval of abbreviated minutes from January 13, 2017
Wendell Murakawa, Chairman	Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Announcements

Wendell Murakawa, Chairman	New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robert Agres not able to make meeting
<p>Blayne Hanagami</p> <p>Nolan Espinda, Director of Public Safety</p> <p>Wendell Murakawa, Chairman</p>	Concerns on Final Draft of Strategic Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone understands The Strategic Plan is not a permanent document, it's a working document that can be amended and changed. Plan needs a definition section to distinguish the difference between Reentry and Rehabilitation. Does Reentry begin at intake or upon sentencing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comprehensive Offender Reentry Plan states Reentry process begins upon admission to jail and prison. Commission should adopt a "shall attitude" instead of changing HRS regarding implementing JRI or a Reentry model after research is done. Is Reentry Coordination Office and Offender Reentry office one and the same? – It is one and the same.
Nolan Espinda, Director of Public	Other Business – Director's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Latest weekly cap – Numbers at minimum security facilities are down due to people being furloughed, but, will go up after the next transport back in. We are in a lull right now. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. WCCC @ 99% Capacity b. KCF @ 76% Capacity c. HCF @ 71% Capacity 1 of 4 Modules closed for work. d. WCF @ 63% Capacity e. KCCC @ 157% Capacity f. HCCC @ 149% Capacity g. MCCC @ 140% Capacity h. OCCC @ 116% Capacity <p>Continuing to work towards resolution. Primary plan is to use previously allocated monies to add on additions to all the triple C's</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 15 million to HCCC b. 15 million to KCCC c. 6.5 million to MCCC d. 3.1 million to renovation of Hookipa Cottages at WCCC <p>Totals already committed and in Plan & design. In addition, this past session the WCCC was granted 8 million for Plan & Design for the additional housing units. Concept is to move entire female population to WCCC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill of interest – We have authorization to mirror the pre-employment process. Utilizing polygraph or CVSA Lie detector technologies in screening for Corrections Officers.
	Direction provided by 2016 Legislature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move forward towards a selection of a site • Compiling of EAS is ongoing with intent after reducing the sites from 11 to 4 to have a draft EIS in late November 2017 which would identify a single site. • Next step go through the Governor’s Office, then Legislature, from there decide what to do. • Those are the 2 channels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Actually constructions (pins in the ground and got budgeted. b. Replacement of OCCC which came about through a separate initiative.
Glen Hisashima	Question – Furlough Walk Away	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are they being charged of 2nd degree escape? • How many have actually been convicted of that charge?
Nolan Espinda, Director of Public Safety	Answer – Furlough Walk Away	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prosecutor’s office determines if they are going to Prosecute as an escape.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law has changed 4 years ago, if you get an escape charge while in prison it becomes consecutive.
Wendell Murakawa, Chairman	Approval of Final Strategic Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved with changes discussed today and grammatical corrections to be made.
Toni Bissen	Request Public input to the Strategic Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After Approval of Final Strategic Plan, it will be posted on the website and open for Public Testimony and input via email at the next Commission meeting.
Wallace Maave	Public Testimony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former Reentry Commission Panelist • Commission was created due to Programs in the prison system were failing • Feels Inmates should be incarcerated here in the islands and not across the ocean. • Per Act 213 Part 3 Sec 102 of the approximate 6000 inmates in the State of Hawaii all but 300 would be released. For the sake of protecting the Community PSD is charged with providing reentry services to the 5700 inmates who will eventually be released from custody. • Due to inadequate programming 80% of incarcerated inmates will return to the system within a 2 year period. • Instead of building new prisons, invest those funds in programs (recovery, life skills, communication skills, cognitive skills) things that will make a difference. • My understanding of why this commission board was created was to gather all the data from the current programs and find out what's working and what's not. The programs that aren't working get rid of them.

Gary Shields	Public Testimony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous Executive Director of Victory Ohana Prison Fellowship. • It's not about building bigger prisons, it's about building better lives. • The whole issue about reintegration is really the key to the whole thing. • The problem is the implementation of what is put together. • Would like to see the reentry draft as there are things that could be implemented. • Pretrial is a stepping stone to prison, so quality services need to be implemented. • We need to use the ex-inmates. • Would like to see Public Safety be more open to working with groups in the community to start more programs. If groups aren't meeting Public Safety standards instead of shunning them, help them get to a place where they are. Work together to help get these programs going to break recidivism rates.
Kimmy Takata	Response to Public Testimony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledges Mr. Shields concerns and reiterates the value in creating a program using the people that are maxed out of prison or on parole. • States most of the time people who have maxed out or on parole are faced with finding the time outside of their basic everyday life responsibilities. • She is currently a part of a group that started in prison called Women Supporting Women.
Glen Hisashima	Response to Public Testimony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledges both Mr. Maave and Mr. Shields concerns.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Believes Reentry starts at the pretrial level, there just may need to be 2 programs. 1 for pretrial and 1 for sentenced felon. The pretrial program may need to be called something other than Reentry. • Of the numbers given earlier, most of the over crowdedness are from pretrial. • Public Safety has no jurisdiction over pretrial as they are not adjudicated or guilty. That doesn't mean we cast them aside and forget about them. Nolan is currently looking nationwide as to how other states handle pretrial. • Reminder that this commission does not write programs. Only Review what they write and give a stamp of approval or reevaluate and make suggestions. • Acknowledges that the inmates which are currently in the mainland should come home.
Wendell Murakawa, Chairman	Response to Public Testimony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledges what you are says and there are ways to accomplish it. • There's the Senate and House committees of Public Safety where they hold hearings about things like building a new facility. You can voice your opinion there. • Suggestions and be addressed directly to the department and they should connect with the community. • Would like to give you a final copy of the Reentry Commission Strategic Plan for your review and input, less Paragraph 6. Then we'll have a finalized plan.
Wendell Murakawa, Chairman	Next Meeting Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nona to email room availability dates.