

REENTRY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

December 7, 2018

Present: Tim Hansen, Toni Bissen – Co Chairs, Wendell Murakawa, Jodie Maesaka-Hirata, Deputy Director of Corrections, Kimmy Takata, Gary Yabuta, Noriko Namiki

Attendees: Monica Lortz, Shaye Kamada, Albert Diaz, Juliet Sadama-Uemura, Karen Kawamoto for Rep Gregg Takayama, Kat Brady, Tracy Ryan

Absent: Nolan Espinda, Robert Merce

MEMBER	TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Tim Hansen, Co Chair	Introduction of Membership, Guest, and Staff of the Reentry Coordination Office (RCO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It's 9:10am and officially call this Reentry Meeting into order;
	Announcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AG will be on standby for any questions.
	Approval of minutes from October 5. 2018 meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No changes made; minutes approved.
	Introduction of today's meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Main purpose: to hear updates about proposed legislation for the 2019 session
Jodie Maesaka-Hirata, Deputy Director for Corrections (Dep-C)	Announcement and Introduction of special attendee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tracy Ryan, Executive Director of Harm Reduction Hawaii

<p>Ms. Tracy Ryan, Executive Director of Harm Reduction Hawaii</p>	<p>Hawaii Harm Reduction Conference 2019</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcement made that a conference will be held January 11, 2019 at the Ala Moana Hotel from 8:30am to 4:30pm and that flyers have been left on the table for anyone to take. • Explained and gave an example of what “Harm Reduction” is: when you make small steps to reduce the harm people are causing themselves by looking at what motivates them and identify what the person is ready or willing to do to help themselves. <u>Example</u>: The Needle Exchange Program: explained that with the current public health crisis of the spread of communicable disease through sharing needles, the program gives people plenty of needles to use when they return the dirty ones, resulting in the rate of transmitted disease in Hawaii being 3%, in comparison to New Jersey’s 50%; • Suggests that when we ask what can we do to make things better, we need to listen to the young people who are asking the questions, not act on ideas from the government or programs who feel that they know better. • Announcement made that they are making progress by watching what works and by working with the police to make better use of the social services available; admits the problem is difficult, regardless of what they do because people react differently and
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<p>Ms. Tracy Ryan, Executive Director of Harm Reduction Hawaii</p>	<p>Hawaii Harm Reduction Conference 2019 (cont.)</p>	<p>when they are emotional, won't make good decisions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Commission</u>: Added comment that by administering Narcan for free, program is reaching people who really need it (usual cost: \$75/2 applications) and that's really important.
<p>Jodie Maesaka-Hirata (Dep-C)</p>	<p>Director's Report - Updates in the Reentry Office</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAVIN - the position was offered to an applicant, but the person declined the offer; PSD will try again to fill position and hopefully be able to report that the position has been filled at the January meeting. • Notification and Community Resource Guide for Public Safety is online and at department's link: https://dps.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/PSD-Community-Resource-Guide-2017a.pdf • <u>Commission</u>: The date listed shows that the document was last updated in 2017 – is this accurate and why weren't there more resources listed for the neighbor islands? • <u>Response</u>: The date is incorrect and will be changed; the document was updated this year and is seen as a "living document", where updates will be continuous; work continues on this document and request is made that any new information be passed to the reentry office to add to existing guide; • Act 56 - Civil ID Act – is now HRS 353H-32 • Reiterates (from the last meeting) PSD currently has a Memo of Agreement (MOA)

Jodie Maesaka-Hirata (Dep-C)	Director's Report – Updates in the Reentry Office (cont.)	<p>with the Department of Health (DOH) in which the Reentry office received \$25K from the Legislature;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSD current focus is on inmates who are maxing out and inmates that will be maxing out but are indigent. • PSD is continuing to work on securing an agreement with the Social Security Administration (SSA) despite in the past, where the SSA easily re-issued replacement cards. PSD needs to resolve the issues regarding the Real ID Act, which dictates that the federal government needs a real, two-person contact for verification and the issuance of a Civil ID falls within the Real ID Act. • Rep Takiyama and Senator Nishihara, at another Commission meeting, informed PSD that if the issue is not resolved, they will codify it. • PSD is working with Department of Transportation (DOT) to create a pilot program using a mobile machine that will be located at Halawa. • PSD hopes that by the end of January 2019 it will have an update for the Commission regarding the Civil ID and SSA
Tim Hansen	Legislative Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With no objections or additional comments, move onto the next topic on the Agenda
Jodie Maesaka-Hirata (Dep-C)	Director's Report - Legislative Proposals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Commission</u>: For 2019, will the Commission be able to support the Reentry

		<p>Office's budget strategy? Any capital improvements projects planned for 2019?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Response</u>: Can't comment on a budget strategy right now, but will get back to the Commission in the next meeting; what can be reported is that PSD was lucky that Act 56 was codified; Legislature not only gave Reentry it's first year of funding, but has now made the funding part of the Reentry office's annual operating budget. • <u>Commission</u>: Is it part of the expenditure budget? • <u>Response</u>: Yes; \$25K will be added to the yearly budget which will also be used towards obtaining replacement documents for offenders who are naturalized citizens; • Funding won't only provide for birth certificates but also provide for duplicate divorce decrees, death certificates, name changes, etc. • <u>Commission</u>: Will \$25K assist in name changes? Inmates wanting to change their names? • <u>Response</u>: We will research on the name changes, because most women do change their names; divorce, marriage etc...
Tim Hansen, Co Chair	PSD Comprehensive Reentry Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With no objections or additional comments, moves onto move onto the next topic on the Agenda
Jodie Maesaka- Hirata (Dep-C)	Director's Report – Comprehensive Reentry Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new link to The Strategic Plan is: https://dps.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Reentry-

		<p>Commission-Strategic-Plan-Final.11..17.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a draft of the Legislative Report for 2019 on hand but it won't be released until the next meeting when Reentry has a signed version; • <u>Commission</u>: Is that incorporating all of the performance measures that laid out in the Act 212? • <u>Response</u>: No, it was not included in the Legislative Report; due to the constant change but an updated Annual Report will be generated each year; • <u>Commission</u>: Will we able to review it, on the next meeting in January? • <u>Response</u>: Technically it is not the Reentry Commission to approve it, it is the Director who approves it. The Director will be asked if it can be released
Tim Hansen, Co Chair	Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With no objections or additional comments, move onto next topic on the Agenda
Jodie Maesaka- Hirata (Dep-C)	Director's Report – Program Matrix Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated Matrix is on the PSD website and is included in the Legislative Annual Report; • If the Commission has any questions, or wants to add in to the strategic plan, please bring it up in the next meeting; • Reports that when particular reentry information was reviewed, the numbers collected for ACT 212 are from July 2018 to end of October 2018; • When collecting performance indicators need to keep in mind that PSD is using the

		<p>calendar year, not fiscal year and will determine how and what will be collected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • So the numbers being reported are reflective when Act 212 came into law - July 2018. • <u>Commission</u>: On the Website, date of Matrix is listed at 2015; • <u>Response</u>: The date of the document on the website will be changed to reflect the data updates as of December. • Explained that programs come and go, hence the constant revisions but that the department really tries to sustain the ones we see are working. • Reported that the Department is aware that some service providers would rather wait until the offender is released before providing assistance; • But relayed to Commission that PSD feels this is too late; offenders need to get that help prior to being released. • RCO is and will continue trying to reorganize and be more flexible in how to get the information out;
Tim Hansen, Co-Chair	Trend Analysis and Evidence Based Practices Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With no objections or additional comments, move onto next topic on the Agenda
Jodie Maesaka-Hirata (Dep-C)	Director's Report – EBP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information and new ideas comes from the Commission • If RCO needs improvement in the term analysis or literature reviews, we can start making changes and updates; suggestions should be brought up at the next meeting
Jodie Maesaka-Hirata (Dep-C)	Director's Report – EBP (cont.)	

Toni Bisson, Co-Chair		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports that she brings a laptop to the Commission meetings, finding it helpful and the Commission can organize their concerns, and how they can use the website to follow what's going on. Asks if anyone can have access. • <u>Response</u>: The AAFES building, 5th floor has no internet connection, but will ask the IT department about a hotspot connection.
Jodie Maesaka-Hirata (Dep-C)	Director's Report - Note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To access the Annual Report, here is the link; https://dps.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/PSD-ANNUAL-REPORT-2018.pdf or go to PSD, click on Publications. • The top two are: Reentry Service for offenders and the annual reports
Tim Hansen, Co-Chair		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The coming together of three plans; the annual report, the strategic plan, and comprehensive plan, beginning to understand what the outcome and indicators are; • Suggestion: Commission should read through the plans, and any feedback would be great
Jodie Maesaka-Hirata (Dep-C) Jodie Maesaka-Hirata (Dep-C)	Director's Report - Final thoughts Director's Report - Final thoughts (cont.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In recognition, last session PSD asked the legislatures if the two commissions, Reentry Commission (RC) and Corrections Population Management Commission (CPMC) could be combined, as the CPMC sets the population standard and a lot of the same attendees come to both meetings; there has been no action

		<p>taken/brought up until today; maybe it's something to look at;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Commission</u>: The only problem would be if the Director does not show up, the meeting is held back; • Regarding the Community Safety Act: it is unclear when it falls; if its within ACT 24 and ACT 8; will follow up for the next meeting;
<p>Gary Yabuta, Commission Member</p>	<p>Final Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to extend/continue beyond December 2019 this Commission and its purpose; • <u>Tim</u> - motion is seconded and passed; • Request is made to Rep. Takiyama's aide if this issue can be mentioned to the Representative; • <u>Response</u>: The request from the Commission will be forwarded to the Rep. • Might pose another motion, in terms of discussions about enabling the legislation to explore other kinds too; • Explained that is what the Commission is for – not just for oversight but to facilitate, to assist and help community boards; • Commission wants to learn about what PSD Reentry Office is doing and to support it's great ideas. • Suggest extending the Commission; to look at other Commissions within the dept; also, HCR 85 will be recommending another Commission for oversight for this department

Gary Yabuta, Commission Member	Final Comments (cont.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Commission</u>: are we extending the date? Who will be responsible in expanding the scope? Who will write it? • <u>Toni</u> : DEP-C volunteers to write it. The second motion is to move for the Reentry Commission legislation to request the possible expansion of specific language of our focus our scope and include other Commissions that are appropriate; • <u>Gary</u>: motion is seconded and passed by the Commission; • DEP-C notes vacancy on Commission, and reports that she will follow up on the two names she was given;
Tim Hansen		Meeting adjourned at 11:25am