

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

REENTRY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

May 31, 2019 9:30am to 12 noon

Present: Tim Hansen – Co Chairman, Wendell Murakawa, Jodie Maesaka-Hirata, Deputy Director of Corrections (Dep-C), Kimmy Takata, Gary Yabuta, Noriko Namiki

Attendees: Reentry Office: Monica Lortz, Shaye Kamada, Albert Diaz, Juliet Sadama-Uemura, Garret Takahashi, Paula Chun

Absent: Nolan Espinda, Director, Toni Bissen, Robert Merce

Agenda Item	Person Responsible	Discussion	Recommendation/Actions/Conclusions
Opening of Meeting	Tim Hansen Co-Chair	Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting called to order at 9:38 am; absent members noted;
		Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attorney Generals (AG) on standby for any questions;
		Approval of Minutes from February 25, 2019 meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No changes made; motion made to approve minutes; seconded and approved;
Reentry Program Updates	Monica Lortz, CPDO	New Employee added	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to Paula Chun, hired as Corrections Program Specialist II for Program Development/Training for 89-day term

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsibilities of the position: Review contracts under RCO, review current services available for offenders; identify shortfalls and make proposals to address; propagate partnerships with community service providers - Waianae Coast Comprehensive Center, Alu Like, US Vets, American Job Center; Assist with performance measures of existing contracts under RCO - to be in compliance with ACT 212; Organize, develop and standardize procurement files in the RCO office (to have designated RCO copy on file in the RCO);
		Domestic Violence Program (DVI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New pilot program for DVI at Kulani, Hawaii - Contract close to being completed pending with Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS); Estimated start date: ending of Summer 2019;
	Gary Yabuta, Commissioner Monica Lortz, CPDO	Question:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is this Domestic Violence Program for the inmates or staff? <u>Response:</u> This program is for the inmates; Historically, courses on anger management targeted inmates with Domestic Violence issues, however, nationally it was found that anger management was not a

	<p>Gary Yabuta, Commissioner</p> <p>Monica Lortz, CPDO</p>	<p>Question:</p>	<p>successful in curbing acts of violence; Hence the development/ implementation of a program to specifically address domestic violence acts of offenders;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will every inmate prior to release will go through this program? • <u>Response</u> – It will depend if the offender meets the qualifications and there is a history of domestic violence in their background; • Initially PSD will focus on the island of Hawaii then transition to the other islands like Kauai and Oahu; • Maui already has the PACT program; Oahu has similar model; but PSD eventually wants all the facilities to have a DVI program; • Didn't parole have a similar program? • <u>Response:</u> Parole previously worked with PACT; but the program has since been terminated; • HPA is on board with this DVI program PSD is starting and will be actively collaborating with PSD; • With the DVI program using the EMERGE model, PSD anticipates the program will be more in depth,
	<p>Gary Yabuta, Commissioner</p> <p>Jodie Maesaka- Hirata, Dep-C</p>	<p>Question:</p>	

			<p>offenders will participate in group activities; increased address to the issues that led to the violent act;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bonuses for Hawaii island facilities is that for Kulani and HCCC, there is a mental health program specialist who has a lot of specialized experience in domestic violence that can assist; • Once the offender is released on Parole, the hope is they will continue the program;
	Tim Hansen, Co-Chair	Restitution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates
	Juliet Sadama Uemura, Correction Specialist II, Victim Services, RCO		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Restitution Specialists are all caught up with collections and distributions at the facilities; • Regularly sending payments every week; • Restitution Specialists have centralized the process including electronic payments;
	<p>Tim Hansen Co-Chair</p> <p>Juliet Sadama Uemura, Correction Specialist II, Victim Services, RCO</p>	Question:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last remembered, there were delays from the facilities, has this been corrected? • <u>Response:</u> Yes. The Restitution Specialists have trained all the facilities (including the Mainland Branch) and regularly monitors the progress of each, which currently all seem to be doing well;

	Jodie Maesaka-Hirata, Dep-C	HCI and Restitution issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HCI on a brink of being out of business; but nevertheless, will start making payments every month of \$5K, as a show of “good faith” • Whole C.I. structure is being reviewed;
	<p>Tim Hansen Co-Chair</p> <p>Jodie Maesaka-Hirata, Dep-C</p> <p>Tim Hansen, Co-Chair</p>	<p>Question:</p> <p>Retort</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who oversees HCI? • <u>Response:</u> The Operational Supervisor at C.I. has been temporarily assigned as the administrator, but the overall supervision falls under the office of the Deputy Director for Corrections; • From a Reentry standpoint, the concern will be, if inmates are not afforded the service, then the availability to do their job and the skills they learn will decrease because the C.I. program was not functioning correctly?

	Jodie Maesaka-Hirata, Dep-C Tim Hansen, Co-Chair Jodie Maesaka-Hirata, Dep-C Gary Yabuta, Commissioner Jodie Maesaka Hirata, Dep-C	Question: Question:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every supervisor has a work line, with offenders assigned to it; • The commissary is supposed to take 4% of the monies generated and give it to SAVIN isn't? • <u>Response:</u> CI was taking 4% out of their own budget; the 4% wasn't coming from any commission; • Does the commissary programs pay for itself? • <u>Response:</u> Yes, monies generated stays in the program;
Comprehensive Reentry Plan	Tim Hansen, Co-Chair	Act 56	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates specifically the IDs
	Monica Lortz, CPDO		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Response:</u> PSD is currently in the process of purchasing the mobile computer that will be able to connect with DOT system; • Pilot project will begin in Halawa;
	Tim Hansen, Co-Chair		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the last meeting it indicated that this will start in June 2019
	Jodie Maesaka-Hirata, Dep-C		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Response:</u> Yes. There were issues regarding the purchase of the equipment; but all the lines have been laid at HCF; • PSD IT and DOT IT are working together on this project – to get it

			going we hope by the end of summer;
	Tim Hansen, Co-Chair	Social Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates
	Jodie Maesaka- Hirata, Dep-C		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Response</u>: There are no changes from the last meeting; PSD still waiting for DOT; Once that takes in effect, then PSD will approach the Social Security Administration to enact the same;
	Monica Lortz, CPDO		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal to purchase file locking cabinets for each facility to store offender IDs temporarily; • If the offender leaves the facility before getting their IDs, the facility could hold it for 30 days; • Offenders would be notified that their IDS are at the facility ready for pick up; • Property is currently held for 30 days. Offenders are instructed they have 30-days to send it out, but ID's are now sent to records to hold. If the offender will be in longer than 30 days, option will be to send out to family or friends to hold; • Major issue right now is contact by phone/email to the different consulates; hours of operation varies with each consulate; but the problem is no one picks up the phone; • Reason to go to a consulate is if Naturalization paperwork is needed;

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next option will be to go down to the consulate and physically hand deliver the document to them; • Reentry Office has been making the calls using the forms to fill out from the different states; to no avail.
	Tim Hansen, Co-Chair	ACT 212 - Performance Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates
	Monica Lortz, CPDO		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCO Staff has gone through all the contracts that RCO is funding and created a standard database to track old and new contracts;
	<p>Tim Hansen Co-Chair</p> <p>Albert Diaz, Corrections Program Specialist II, Risk Management, RCO</p> <p>Tim Hansen, Co-Chair</p> <p>Monica Lortz, CPDO</p>	<p>Question:</p> <p>Question:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there any specifics that you can share regarding the categories or highlights? • <u>Response:</u> RCO has been collecting the data and seeing if requirements are being met; Still waiting on some data for some contracts; • RCO funds the contract but the monitoring is done by someone outside of Reentry Office; • When you are talking about someone else, that person is still in Public Safety? • <u>Response:</u> Yes, just in a different division; The person goes out and conducts audits at the vendor's site

	<p>Tim Hansen Co-Chair</p> <p>Jodie Maesaka- Hirata Dep C</p> <p>Albert Diaz, CPS II</p> <p>Tim Hansen, Co-Chair</p> <p>Jodie Maesaka- Hirata, Dep-C</p>	<p>Question:</p> <p>Request copy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are you using the Public Safety Annual Reports as a base? • <u>Response:</u> The Director was very clear on separate reports; Confirming that those particular areas are addressed and not doing duplicate work; • <u>Response:</u> This spreadsheet is particularly focusing on the outcome measures; • Next meeting, please provide the spreadsheet. • <u>Response:</u> Just a reminder, this is a living document; information will always change as programs develop;
Director's Report	<p>Tim Hansen, Co-Chair</p>	<p>Director's Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates
	<p>Jodie Maesaka- Hirata Dep-C</p> <p>Tim Hansen, Co-Chair</p>	<p>Question:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Response:</u> Handout Passed out to membership - of the HB1552 which is the Hawaii Correctional Oversight Committee; this bill has been merged with the oversight commission bill and the pre-trial reformed bill; • Has this been signed by the Governor?

	Jodie Maesaka-Hirata, Dep-C		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Response:</u> It is anticipated to be signed next week; but heads up: If Governor signs it, the Director might veto it;
	Jodie Maesaka-Hirata, Dep-C		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bottom of page 2 and top of page 3 of handout talks about the Oversight Commission; • Page 3 lists the different members that will be a part of this commission; There will be five (5) members total; • Line 11 states commission members shall annually elect one of the members to serve as the chairperson; • Page 12 states the chairperson of the Reentry Commission, the Corrections Population Management Commission and the Oversight Coordinator shall create a plan to ensure a smooth transition for the consolidation and to transfer all the rights, powers, function and duties prior to the repeal of the Reentry Commission and the Corrections Population Management Commission on January 1, 2020 • By the end of the year, this Commission needs to have some kind of transitional plan going into place;
	Gary Yabuta, Commissioner	Question:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there any discussion about consolidating our institute?

	<p>Jodie Maesaka-Hirata, Dep-C</p> <p>Gary Yabuta, Commissioner</p> <p>Jodie Maesaka-Hirata, Dep-C</p>	<p>Question:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Response:</u> No, this is it. They are consolidating into one; • Who does the Coordinator fall under? • <u>Response:</u> The Attorney General Office (AGs); assuming, somewhere near their programming - with the criminal justice program and crime prevention program; • Next part is the Pretrial Task Force ACT134 page 13; • This will impact, Judiciary – specifically regarding how bail is processed; • Public Safety will not collect the money; Judiciary has been assigned to be a 24-hour collection for bail; • What will impact Public Safety is the continued reports will have to be done in <u>3 days</u> and releasing individuals in 24 hours vs. just a regular business day; • Is this through the Intake Center? • <u>Response:</u> Yes, if the state can get those kiosks where people can pay by credit card and the Judiciary gets a receipt;
	<p>Tim Hansen, Co-Chair</p> <p>Jodie Maesaka-Hirata, Dep-C</p>	<p>Question:</p>	

	<p>Tim Hansen, Co-Chair</p> <p>Jodie Maesaka- Hirata, Dep-C</p>	Question:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 33 - Criminal Justice Research Institute will be held by Judiciary and by Chief CJ Justice who shall appoint as Director of the Institute a researcher with a doctoral degree and experience in the criminal justice field; making the announcement to encourage people to apply; • Page 45 part 9 - Public Safety funding for pretrial services to extend their program – this has to do with 24-hour bail reports and to help with the releases; • Part 10 states when everything will take effect; • The new meetings- will be coordinated by the AGs office? • <u>Response</u>: Probably the last one will be at the AG’s office; but there will be 2 more Reentry Commission meetings here at PSD;
	Jodie Maesaka- Hirata Dep-C	New Commissioner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two applicants applied, however, one is now on the HPA board until the next session; • The other applicant, William Bagasol has since been appointed by the Senate President and will hopefully attend the next meeting;
	Tim Hansen, Co-Chair	Short Break	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:50am to 11:00am

	<p>Tim Hansen, Co-Chair</p> <p>Noriko Namiki, Commissioner</p> <p>Tim Hansen, Co-Chair</p> <p>Jodie Maesaka- Hirata; Dep-C</p> <p>Gary Yabuta, Commissioner</p> <p>Tim Hansen, Co-Chair</p>	<p>Question:</p> <p>Question:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission asked if they had any questions or reflections on the HB 1552 that will be signed next week from the Governor? • We only have 2 meetings left, What's the purpose/function or plan for the transition? • <u>Response:</u> As for now, we do not have a plan; we should read this bill a little more and figure out what's the next step; We don't have any equipment to hand over, but have lots of written reports; What should our goal be in the next 6 months? • <u>Response:</u> We can start talking about what kind of legislature changes or recommendations should be made by this commission; perhaps, draft a bill? • <u>Response:</u> Recommends that the new commission continues to work with the Reentry Office and their programs; • <u>Response:</u> Recommends Old commission and New commission meet in December 2019;
	<p>Tim Hansen, Co-Chair</p>	<p>Returning Home Conference</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kauai was not able to host the Returning Home Conference in

	<p>Jodie Maesaka-Hirata, Dep-C</p> <p>Tim Hansen, Co-Chair</p> <p>Jodie Maesaka-Hirata, Dep-C</p>		<p>2019; however, they may schedule one for June of 2020;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Response:</u> Maybe Oahu can host the Returning Home Conference in 2019; It could be this old commission's and the Reentry Office's legacy; but also, a new beginning for the Reentry Office at Department of Public Safety; • Let's think about hosting it around December 4 or 5th of 2019; • Big Island's Returning Home Conference had about 130 people; • <u>Response:</u> Let's discuss later on the venue, date, time, place, speakers, topics, funding sources, etc.;
	<p>Tim Hansen Co-Chair</p>	<p>Conclusion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will stick to the same dates of the Reentry Commission meeting; July 19 and Oct 18; with the final meeting be on December 4 (tentatively); • Meeting adjourned at 12:10pm