

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

REENTRY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

July 19, 2019

Present: Tim Hansen – Co Chair Toni Bissen – Co Chair, Wendell Murakawa; Jodie Maesaka-Hirata, Deputy Director of Corrections (Dep-C); Gary Yabuta, Noriko Namiki, Bob Merce and William Bagasol (new) – Commission Members

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

Absent: Nolan Espinda, Director of Public Safety; Kimmy Taketa, Commission Member

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 9:00 am; absent members noted;
		Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attorney General Office (AG) - on standby for any questions;
		Welcome new Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senate President - appointed William Bagasol, introduced as newest Commission Member; is asked to tell attendees a little of himself;• States that he has been a lawyer with the Public Defender Office for about 32 years;

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most recently, held a position on the HCR 85 Task Force, focusing on work related to HPD;
		Approval of Minutes from February 25, 2019 meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommend only a few changes be made; • motion introduced to approve minutes; motion is seconded and approved;
Director's Report	Jodie Maesaka-Hirata, Dep C		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budgets have all been approved; • Currently working on the upcoming legislative session - a lot of which will hinge on what comes out of the recommendations from HB 1552; • (ACT 179-passed on July 5, 2019 – Part I): the creation of an independent, Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission, with an Oversight Coordinator; to repeal the Reentry and Population Management Commissions, effective 1/1/20; • Part II through IX: Implement certain recommendations of a Criminal Pretrial Task Force pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution No. 134 (HB1552 CD 1); • If Public Safety (PSD) is planning to respond to the new legislation, by prepping your legislative package, asks what does PSD see as the time line to address the different component parts?
	Toni Bissen – Co Chair	Question	

	Jodie Maesaka-Hirata, Dep C	Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If there are any big changes, PSD has not heard anything yet, but the time frame is always right away; PSD is probably realistically, looking at the end of August, early September; the goal is probably to complete as much as possible by the latest, November. • Thanked PSD for the final packet that was signed by the Governor on July 6, 2019; • Asks if there were any changes made to it from what was handed out to the Commission at the last meeting? • No, just that the packet was signed by the Governor
	Tim Hansen Co Chair	Question:	
	Jodie Maesaka-Hirata, Dep C	Response:	
Reentry Program Updates	Albert Diaz, CPS II- Reentry Office	Response:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reentry Office will be taking in a more proactive approach in monitoring its contractual obligations to provide Reentry Programs and Services; details to follow in upcoming meetings
	Tim Hansen, Co Chair Monica Lortz, CPDO	Act 56 Civil ID Response:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asked about any new updates to the Civil ID? • Social Security Office has made an announcement today that it has introduced an online application process for Hawaii, with in-person appointments to be reserved for individuals who have special needs

	<p>Jodie Maesaka-Hirata, DEP C</p> <p>Tim Hansen, Co-Chair</p> <p>Jodie Maesaka-Hirata, Dep-C</p> <p>Noriko Namiki; Commissioner</p>	<p>Response:</p> <p>Question:</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>Question:</p>	<p>or whose application requires special attention;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will still need to confirm with the Social Security office regarding suitability for offenders; • As for Birth Certificates (B/C); our office will pay for out-of-state offenders; • In-state will be covered by DOH-Hawaii; • Work continues on creating a Memorandum of Understanding with the City, and DOT - as the City oversees the process and issues the ID but the DOT is the overall, authority; • The pilot project will start at Halawa because majority of PSD inmates begin their sentence there; <p>• When is the next report on Act 212?</p> <p>• In the last PSD Annual Report; PSD hoped to set the machine up at the end of summer 2019, However, PSD is experiencing difficulties crossing jurisdictional boundaries with the City and DOT;</p> <p>• So, the City and State IT are working together?</p>
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	Monica Lortz, CPDO	Response:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently, PSD continues to experience on-going issues, purchasing the P/C - mainly due to State Procurement regulations; • Is the ID machine very expensive?
Noriko Namiki, Commission Member	Question:		
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Jodie Maesaka- Hirata, DEP C	Response:		
Gary Yabuta, Commissioner	Question:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, the PC overall, total cost is over \$15,000.00, creating a different set of issues, involving a different set of procurement regulations; • If this machine works, and it's portable, will PSD eventually purchase the machine for each facility? Will you have the budget? • No PSD will not have a machine at each site; Once the machine is at Halawa, the plan is to have offenders get their IDs before transitioning out to avoid the need to purchase a machine for each facility; • PSD is looking at the women's facility, once HCF is secured; however, since the population is small, thinking of setting aside twice a month so women's can get their IDs too; • Why doesn't PSD require a BC at the front end at the intake? It does two things: 1) It freezes PSD up at the Reentry end, 2) Indicates who the individual is that's incarcerated; 	

	Jodie Maesaka-Hirata, Dep C		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If we are mandating that every person has a BC, we should request it when they first get processed into our jurisdiction; • That is understandable; We just make it mandatory instead of just asking/telling the inmates;
Old Business	Tim Hansen, Co Chair	Recidivism Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inquired from Mr. Merce about specific highlights regarding recidivism information
	Bob Merce, Commissioner	Response:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unfortunately, was did not follow up on what was supposed to;
	Tim Hansen, Co Chair	Transition Planning to Oversight Commission (HB1552)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on specific issues that the Commissioners would like to prepare and pass it on. • As noted from last meeting, suggestions were that the ID process, Social Security cards be completed; • Also suggested would be for the new Oversight Committee to include a former inmate; • Suggests the Reentry Commissioners act as an advisory body to the Oversight Committee; • Perhaps, create an informal group, if an advisory body is not possible; Notes that PSD is doing well, and should continue to work on the remaining issues, offer information, concerns and recommendations so
	Bob Merce, Commissioner	Comment:	

	<p>Tim Hansen, Co Chair</p> <p>Bob Merce, Commissioner</p> <p>Jodie Maesaka- Hirata, Dep C</p> <p>Tim Hansen, Co Chair</p>	<p>Strategic Plan, Partnership</p> <p>Comment:</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>Comment:</p>	<p>the Oversight Commission does not have to start from scratch;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voiced concerns on how the Committee is going to work with the amount of funding and responsibility proposed; • Voiced concern for Commission’s Strategic plan, section 3D, Partnership • Is of the opinion that it will disappear and instead should focus on Reentry; anticipates that the community component will disappear unless Commission takes steps to prevent that from occurring; • PSD has been having discussions with Correctional Industries, to work with community partners, DLIR, and such, where partnering would occur between HCI and the reentry office; • Proposal would be to work together to make it our own meeting with the community; • Will save this discussion for our next meeting;
New Business	<p>Tim Hansen, Co-Chair</p> <p>Jodie Maesaka- Hirata, Dep C</p>	<p>Statewide Returning Home Conference, December 4, 2019</p> <p>Response:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opened discussions on the planning, guests to be invited, asking for a status update; • Main concern raised is the cost of the venue, experiencing difficulty in finding an available space due to

	<p>Tim Hansen, Co-Chair</p>	<p>Comment</p>	<p>the end of the year date and time frame; continue to work on plan;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A few places in mind but nothing definite and since Dep C is not a voting member, 2 Commission members would need to vote on the venue once a target is identified; • View this “conference” as more of a, “get together” as a summary presentation of our Strategic Plan, the Reentry Comprehensive Plan, and handing over our work to the new Committee; • At the next meeting, membership can brainstorm whom to invite, with the attendees taking care of their own meals; • PSD cannot be responsible for parking or food, but perhaps can provide coffee and such; • Materials could hand out could be the Commission Strategic Plan and the Comprehensive Offender Reentry Plan (CORP) • Ideas to present at this “gathering”: the Commission’s newest member William Bagasol can discuss the Public Defender’s Office and their role within the community; • Garret Takahashi, the program specialist managing the SAVIN system can talk about SAVIN and
	<p>Jodie Maesaka- Hirata, Dep C</p>	<p>Comment</p>	
	<p>Tim Hansen, Co Chair</p>	<p>Comment:</p>	

	<p>Jodie Maesaka-Hirata, Dep C Gary Yabuta, Commissioner</p>	<p>Comment:</p> <p>Question:</p>	<p>the bigger picture of what's out there in the community;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone could have something to talk about and it doesn't have to be elaborate, perhaps 2 hour tops • Questioned if anyone has generated a letter to the Governor, the Attorney General's, Senate, House, regarding the Commission's desire to participate with the Oversight Committee? • But if this is not possible, to inform that the parties involved are interested in continuing the Reentry's Commission mission plan; • Feels that it is imperative that those offices are made aware of what this office has accomplished; • Suggest to write a letter as soon as possible; • This Commission needs to figure out if there is an informal group; if we can still interact with Public Safety; • What would the relationship be? • The relationship could continue, and since would no longer be covered by statute, Sunshine laws would not apply;
	<p>Bob Merce, Commissioner</p>	<p>Comment and Question:</p>	
	<p>Jodie Maesaka-Hirata, Dep C</p>	<p>Response:</p>	

	Noriko Namiki, Commissioner	Comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a backup I could reserve the YWCA banquet room for that day; The banquet can hold about 120 – 140 people; • Since Legislative is not in session at that time, there would be parking at the Iolani Palace, Post Office, and Ali'i Place;
Closing	Tim Hansen, Co Chair		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will note down on the next Agenda: finalizing December 4 meeting; • Possible ongoing working relationships of some kind of group that might form around Reentry; • Toni and I will contact the AG's office and have a much better clarification in regards to the formation of the Oversight Committee; • To discuss how the Reentry Commissioners can fulfill the responsibilities and hand over the work to the Oversight Committee; • I want to include Gary's suggestion to formalize something in writing; • Talking with Toni Schwartz, we all have to agree if its coming out of the Commission; • Would have to be put on the Agenda, be approved and voted on; if not, then it comes out of the individual person, which is not necessarily representation of all of us;
	Toni Bissen, Co Chair	Comment:	

	<p>Tim Hansen, Co Chair</p> <p>Jodie Maesaka- Hirata, Dep C</p>	<p>Comment:</p> <p>Comment & Suggestion:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like to request a follow up on that? • We can add it to the October Agenda; and vote on it then; • You can create a template, send it out individual, they can send it back to you individual; • In October you could send the letter and discuss;
	<p>Tim Hansen, Co Chair</p> <p>Bob Merce, Commissioner</p> <p>Tim Hansen, Co Chair</p>	<p>Comment:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inquired if there were any additional comments or questions? • Ask G. Yabuta to send draft letter to T. Bissen for review; • Stated that he had lunch at the Waioli Tea room; and it is privately own, as another possible venue site; • Notes that business is run by Noriko's staff, and are all inmates; • If you all have time to go and have a lunch or dinner, you will be supporting an organization that's working really hard to help inmates transition back into the community; • Noted no attendance from the public, so no public testimonies given; • Thanked everyone for the information present today; • Meeting Adjourned at 12:10pm