



STATE OF HAWAII  
REENTRY COMMISSION

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REENTRY COMMISSION  
Meeting Minutes  
November 14, 2014

Department of Public Safety

Present:

Kat Brady  
Blayne a nagami  
Maile Kanemaru  
Gary Yabuta  
Ted Sakai

Absent:

Dr. Glenn Pang  
Carol Ignacio  
Wallace Maave  
Thomas Foley  
Valentin  
C i s n e r o s

Staff:

Lina Aipopo

Guests:

Michael Hoffman  
Max Otani  
Henry Curtis  
Keapoi Namakaehu  
Will Espero, Senator  
Wendel Yoda  
George King  
Nona Lawrence  
Dan Purcell

Meeting convened at 9:10a.m.

- I. Welcome, Introductions, & Overview of Agenda  
Kat Brady, Co-chair introduced herself. Noted that Val Cisneros, member of the Commission, had passed away since the last meeting. Tom Foley resigned.
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - Deferred because of absence of a quorum

- III. Guest Speaker: Dr. George King, Research Statistician PSD
- Recidivism study, decrease in property and violent crimes
  - New admissions into jail increased and into prison decreased
  - Decrease in convicted felons but increase in parole violators
  - Jail has an increase in PBV and pre-trial felons
  - Length of stay has increased over the past 4 fiscal years
  - Overall population – slight decrease in numbers
  - Parole and probation have both increased
  - Recidivism rate has not changed, parolees do best of all groups
  - Questions regarding the longest stay for a PTF without a conviction, types of crimes are shifting, more are property crimes?

- III. Reopening of KCF, IDA Michael Hoffman
- \*reopened in July, 45 inmates
  - \*programs being re-implemented (mechanics, USDA agriculture field 33, biofuel, aquaculture, livestock, piggery, culinary arts, SOTP, IP/IOP, Hawaiian cultural program, college offerings.
  - \*Housing opened in Kona
  - \*question about SOTP if they are the same folks as previously because we were the “best” program in the nation.
  - \*question about how they get there – minimum custody, behavior, program compliance, medical screening, ability to work.
  - \*questions about community service that inmates will do -- rebuilding

- IV. Wendel Yoda – Furlough
- \*PSD is trying to eliminate the silos we work in, StratOp
  - \*Collaboration for long-term changes

- V. Max Otani – ISC
- \*approximately 30% of pretrial admissions have to permanent housing
  - \*Big island taking the initiative and applied for grant
  - \*Contracted case management in Hilo
  - \*question about how the Commission can help PSD
  - \*comment that community court works
  - \*question about asking for the extra JRI funding, RFP to purchase furlough beds
  - \*questions about how many furlough folks are ready to go but no place to live
  - \*stigma of sex offenders/compassionate release
  - \*questions about who assists inmates to find a job at KCF
  - \*Commission can help by sharing with the public that re-entry is a necessary element of incarceration – bad press regarding furlough walkaways
  - \*questions about mentally ill

- VI. Kat Brady suggests a press conference that the Commission will call to tell the public how reentry works
- Questions regarding legislative assistance
  - Comment about dilapidated institutions, not conducive to rehabilitation
  - Need to do a study to see who is incarcerated and figure out which folks would be better served in community-based programs
  - We need to maintain our facilities (the State) and be cost-conscious

VII. Comments & Questions

- o Why are the numbers the way they are – probation revocation?
- o Ask George to find out what is driving the numbers
- Then we can prioritize what we need to do...
- Request for Nona to send George's presentation electronically
- Next meeting to be set after the new administration

Adjournment- 11:15 a.m.