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
Cisneros

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 9:10 a.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.