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**REENTRY COMMISSION**  
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**REENTRY COMMISSION**  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 9, 2013

**Department of Public Safety**

Present: Kat Brady  
Valentin Cisneros  
Blayne Hanagami  
Dr. Glenn Pang  
Thomas Foley  
Maile Kanemaru  
Gary Yabuta  
Ted Sakai

Absent: Carol Ignacio  
Wallace Maave

Staff: Garret Takahashi

Guests: Michael Hoffman  
Max Otani  
Frank Lopez  
Keapoi Namakaehu  
Lori Karan  
Tommy Johnson (HPA)  
Chas Williams, Worknet Inc.  
Will Espero, Senator  
Lina Aipopo

Meeting convened at 9:10 a.m.

- I. Welcome, Introductions, & Overview of Agenda
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - Deferred to allow guest speaker, Senator Wil Espero, to share
  - Upon revisiting, recommendation made to change format of minutes and use bullet points, as opposed to a narrative form



- Amendment indicated re: Access to programs;  
**\*Members moved to accept minutes, as amended to form.**

III. Guest Speaker: Sen. Will Espero

- Sponsored legislation and introduced '**Reentry Commission**'
- Hope of this commission is to organize 'what is working/what is not' & where resources should go.
- It's an important legacy for Gov. Abercrombies administration
- They have been dealing with a lot of other issues for years, but to not resolve, therefore..
- It's really about examining our resources; how we spend our money on them and prioritize the needs in working with offenders

IV. Guest Speaker: Chas Williams, Director of Worknet Inc.

- Explained his work and involvement with HI Corrections, since 1989
- Shared his recent experience and insight on the utilization of San Francisco's Reentry Council. As their legislation is somewhat similar to our current position. They have been dealing with issues of overcrowding and are faced with releasing 30K offenders.
  - Governor Brown implemented a "Realignment Act"
  - This affected movement of non-serious, non-violent, and sex offenders from prisons to county jails. However, it did not provide any funding for respective counties. Therefore, they utilized 'incentive funds.'
  - Thru JRI, four working groups were formed: Post Release Community Supervision, Flash Incarceration (similar to HOPE), Felony sentencing, and Parole Violations.
- In 2011, received 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Act Funding which started their "Reentry Council."
  - a. Funds to develop: Community Assessment Centers – i.e. One-stop shop that offenders are remanded to
    - Q: What role do Case Mgrs play? Probation takes lead
  - b. Used funds to develop a 'Resource Directory' – "Getting Out & Staying Out 2012/13"
  - c. How was it implemented? The 'role of Reentry Council' played a part in the release function. A team was set up to conduct a comprehensive assessment prior to release and information was provided to the Reentry Council.
- Q: Did they do anything that interfaced with the community?
- Comment: Could we learn the schedule of Worknet Inc. services and the various types of training being afforded to offenders?
- Q: Judges in San Francisco seem to have more discretion?

- Comment: (Tom) – I would like to get in contact with HI Judges on criminal docket to see the level of discretion they have on the bench. (i.e. Judge Perkins – Admin Judge)
- May be able to bring **Judge Perkins to our next Commission Mtg.**
- Comment: Interesting in how they serve the Jail population
- Comment: Re: Amendment to California law. It is not about releasing offender's earlier, but, it affected how they sentence offenders.

V. Examine Inventory of institutional programs:

- Information and handouts provided to members
- Majority of programs are volunteer and they are fluid. So, there isn't a clear picture of programs being afforded to our population. Maybe, the list needs to clearly reflect which programs are 'volunteer' and which are 'funded'?
  - Q: What we don't see from this list are the following:
    - a. How many people are enrolled in programs? How many completed program? How many are wait listed? What are the program requirements for Parole? Cost?
  - Q: Can we get a summary or presentation on community resources?
  - Q: What if we were to combine resources?
  - Q: We would like to know who is in our system? (i.e. % of Sex offenders, violent offenders, non-violent offenders)

Note: The department is moving away from defining inmates needs based on their crime. We are utilizing risk/need assessments to determine 'needs.'

- Comment: (Gary) This is beyond the scope of the Reentry Commission – "to define appropriate programming for offenders." We should look at clearly defining our mission/goals.

VI. Comments & Questions

- We should see the "big picture" before we can delve into the details.
- Building Strategic objectives will delineate our future actions
- Request to seek a good facilitator to help us clearly define our mission, vision, and goals. (i.e. Donna Ching, Janet S..)
- Then we can prioritize what we need to do...

VII. Appointing of a Chairperson

- Nomination for IDIR Ted Sakai made
- Nomination for Kat Brady – Members voted; Unanimous decision.



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Note:

We will send out an email for our next Reentry Commission meeting.

Adjournment – 11:15 a.m.