August 11, 2016

Department of Public Safety (PSD)  
Reentry Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
AAFES Building, Room 400  
Thursday, August 11, 2016  
10:00 – 12:00 PM

Reentry Commission Members:

Present: Wendell Murakawa, Chair  
Tim Hansen  
Blayne Hanagami  
Maile Kanemaru  
Toni Bissen  
Kimmy Takata  
Nolan P. Espinda, Director

Attendees: Jodie F. Maesaka-Hirata, Deputy Director for Corrections (DEP-C)  
Nona Lawrence, Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) Coordinator  
Monica Lortz, Acting Re-Entry Coordinator  
Fred Hyun, Chair, Hawaii Paroling Authority  
Chris Lansford, Correctional Industries Administrator  
Tommy Johnson, Administrator, Hawaii Paroling Authority  
George King, Research Statistician  
Ryan Toyomura, Staff to Senator Espero  
Robert Agres, Consultant

Absent: Gary Yabuta  
Glen Hisashima  
Timothy Ho

Opening
Meeting called to order by Chair Murakawa at 10:00am

1. Approval of Minutes

2. Mr. Murakawa main objective from last meeting is the ten important programs to monitor and review. Director Espinda staff to come up with programs that we should monitor.

3. Director’s Report

Statistics:

Director Espinda suggested how successful we are in positively impacting the Recidivism rate.

Possible Performance Measures

Data shows in regards to recidivism if we meet every three months will be looking at three month period prior January - March 2016. Numbers show who have been released and rearrested and what the rate is. January to July 31 who got rearrested. If we adopted this next meeting will be looking at April – June 2016.

Director Espinda Recidivism is measured based on a National definition. The definition which the Department of Public Safety use and how ICIS collects their data is a National Model. Means getting rearrested for a new crime.

Coming back to prison does not entail getting arrested for a new crime. Getting arrested for a new crime does not entail coming back to prison.

January going forward 23% rate represents those rearrested. Does not include every person that was re-incarcerated. Many were not rearrested, they were pulled back for parole and probation violation. If we include when a person comes back to prison we will have to use a different matrix to measure.

Mr. Murakawa, asked if all released are sentenced felons from all facilities

Ms. Lawrence and Director explains all released are sentenced felons and parole violators

Mr. Hansen ask for clarification regarding attachment Sentenced Felons & Parole Violators. Month of January if the 14 rearrested is from the 61 released.

Director Espinda clarifies it is 14 of the 61. From the Month of January 14 was rearrested from time of release to July 31st.

ICIS is a three year cohort. Next cohort report will be out in January.

Question asked if 61 people of the cohort gets rearrested, is it part of the stats.

Mr. King replied new cohort is every three months, we look at the re-arrest for the next three months.
Director Espinda stated if the Commission would like to see cohort continuous that goes to a calendar year.

Ms. Lawrence refers to the handout. ICIS numbers who actually gets re-convicted. ICIS takes the cohort and get everyone that’s rearrested. Criminal Reconviction rate for Parolee is 20.8% and for Max Out is 44.5%. Three year cohort we don’t see, until end of ICIS Study. Director Espinda says it don’t mean re-incarceration or another conviction. Means arrested for a new crime.

Ms. Lawrence refers to pg. 7 figure 8, 25 % are not guilty 20% are guilty.

Director states the measurements and definitions of recidivism across the country is widely varied.

Mr. Murakawa asking for any ideas.

Ms. Bissen: We are focusing on monitoring the Reentry Plan. Statistic show upon released and re arrest. Reentry support intervention could have prevented the re-arrest.

Mr. Murakawa: Do we want to go every three months?

Director will be updating all data that is previous.

Ms. Lawrence at the next meeting will be looking at Jan – June, Jan – March Data will be updated.

Ms. Bissen asked for clarification on data about the cohort.

Mr. King explained that the cohort is every year. Look at the re arrest rate for the next three years.

Ms. Lawrence data shows 2015 recidivism update for the 2012 cohort. This year they will do another update three years prior.

Director Espinda Correctional Industry Program. Inmates participated in programs and gained skills that are useable on the outside when they get released. Statewide numbers based on Jan-March.

Data shows inmate working numbers and hourly wage numbers going up for both Male & Female.

Ms. Bissen asked if the data can be separated by Male and Female.

Ms. Lawrence will separate by Male and Female.

Director Espinda HCF Learning Center Programs. We are showing one Facility as an example. If we choose to look at all facilities we will have all nine facilities listed.

Director Espinda Sex Offender and Substance Abuse is treatment programs. The parole board required you to complete prior before being eligible.
Director Espinda Chair to set when someone met all the requirements for parole except for an exception of a single one acceptance to a program or acceptable residence.

Ms. Lawrence Refer to hand out Act 8 (2007) Reentry Act. Senate Bill 932. Shows the main task required by Legislation. Attachments show reentry plan. Model programs to reduce recidivism. Hand out shows all programs and education programs that are in all the facilities. Establish policies and rules that take the best interest of the child into account. Policy included in the Transfer of Adult Inmates taken in account 353H.

Ms. Lawrence points out that attachment four is the return of, out state inmates. Act (2008) Special Session, Return of Out-of-State Inmates. Eight reports generated to the Legislature. Table five shows that the Director of Public Safety made contract of services for Adult Reentry Programs.

Ms. Lawrence explains the Hawaii Paroling Authority was given the authority to parole committed person to the County that supports them the best. Chart shows how many people applied and how many granted.

Director will ask Commission support Legislative act introducing allowing the Department of Public Safety to issue State ID’S.

Question asked if the inmate Reentry plan will the inmate or case manager fill out.

Ms. Lortz clarifies that it starts with the case manager. Every inmate that comes in will fill out this form. Inmate that need to make changes will contact case manager. The file will have the form and envelope with ID that they came in with.

Ms. Lortz Reentry plan will be tied into our policy. Reentry office will train case managers at facilities. (Storing of documents, filling out forms.) 1st Plan prison inmate. Over 1 year. File updated every 6 months. 2nd Plan Jail inmate serving less than 1 year will have to fill out this form. Stream line Med- Quest and Medicaid to suspend service when they come in, not to terminate.

Ms. Lortz Volunteer Services interested in assisting. Feedback on restitution would like to see this more significant. Reminds them of the obligation to victims. The amount they owe. How much they paid.

Some of the things that we know make most impact to reduce recidivism. Should encouraged and require.

Last meeting Act 213 part III section 102 Comprehensible Offender Reentry Plan is this the plan that is looked at.

Ms. Lortz we look at several different sources including the forms that the Pre Parole Officers submit.

Deputy Director Maesaka-Hirata said to clarify that the Comprehensive Plan was written some time ago and is the base line. Feedback or thoughts send to Monica.
Ms. Lawrence recap: Recidivism continuation for the next month, separated by Male and Female for recidivism and Correctional Industries. Programs will show all facilities. Continue with Substance Abuse

Abuse chart for the next three months. Chair to set information and Sex Offender Treatment.

Robert Agres Professor at University of Hawaii. Urban Planning. A plan is a product of strategic planning the outcome you want is strategic thinking that leads to strategic action. Plan is for how to commission and focus on its work and mandate and best supports the Department in terms of Reentry.

Mr. Agres Planning conversation is about talking strategically and coming up with a plan. Creating product in terms of your work as a commission. Multiple products include preliminary findings, partnerships, Legislation.


Mr. Agres: asked if this process is what the Department is looking for. Is this feasible and what time frame we are looking at.

Director would like to have the process completed before meeting with the Legislature.

Ryan Toyomura Representing Senator Espero Would like to relay, from his perspective and thoughts the Commission would act as a checks and balance in what the Reentry Office is doing. Reentry Office sets the programs. Senator wants the Commission to look at the data and effectiveness of the programs that are in place and if the programs are working.

Chairman Murakawa Refer back to attachment. The Commission to effectively carry out the mandating, the Commission has to monitor and review the programs and to ensure the comprehensive entry plan is in place.

Meetings:

Thursday October 6, 2016
Time: 8:30am – 12:30pm
Location: Correctional Industries

Thursday November 10, 2016 (Strategic Planning)
Time: 8:30am – 12:30pm
Location: AAFES
Facilities Tours: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Thursday December 8, 2016 (Legislative Planning)
Time: 9:00am – 11:00am
Location: AAFES

Closing:
Meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm