

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

**REENTRY COMMISSION MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**January 13, 2017**

**Present:** Wendell Murakawa, Chairman, Nolan Espinda, Director, Blayne Hanagami, Timothy Ho, Tim Hansen, Glen Hisashima, Gary Yabuta, Maile Kanemura

**Attendees:** DeMont R.D. Conner, Rachel L. Kailianu, Gordon Fernandez, Representing Senator Wakai, Alec Ikeda, Representing Senator Nishihara, Robert Agres, Consultant, Will Simmons, Consultant, Jodie Maesaka-Hirata, Deputy Director for Corrections, Monica Lortz, Acting Reentry Coordinator

**Absent:** Toni Bissen, Kimmy Takata

<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>
Wendell Murakawa, Chairman	Old business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approval of minutes from prior meeting on 11/10/16</li><li>• Still waiting for A.G to report back with information from the Ethics Commission about Code of Conduct Guidelines re: Financial Disclosures</li></ul>
Wendel Murakawa, Chairman	New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Define goals of Commission regarding 3-year Strategic Plan</li></ul>
	Strategic Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Comprehensive Offender Reentry System is the Department's responsibility, not the commission</li></ul>

	Reentry and Public Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crisis management programs for inmates; need change of mindset</li> </ul>
	Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider doing changes in phases &amp; projecting how much each phase will cost</li> </ul>
Nolan Espinda, Director of Public Safety	Reentry Plan and Public Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addressed DeMont Conner's issues/points regarding language, inmate's appropriate reentry &amp; timely release, &amp; training for parole and probation office</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing policies &amp; procedures; how to implement procedures; checklist</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emphasize during training each staff's role in the Reentry for inmates within their job; Importance of change in culture &amp; mentality</li> </ul>
	Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specific monies set aside for Reentry &amp; JRI expenditures</li> </ul>
	Strategic Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roles, responsibilities, and objectives of Strategic Plan</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When reviewing &amp; advocating, it should be Evidence-Based</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kimmi's testimonial- powerful &amp; impactful which pointed to their failure to understand &amp; lack of having appropriate relationship models to prevent falling back into bad relationships</li> </ul>
	Justice Reinvestment Initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review Restitution Reports of this Act; identify its allocations for restitution</li> <li>• Since JRI's implementation, there's been a total of \$2.357 million collected in restitution, of that \$1.1 million is large payments, paid right at the court.</li> </ul>
	ACLU Complaint letter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written to the Dept. of Justice recommending investigation for Unconstitutional Conditions</li> </ul>
Robert Agres, Consultant	Strategic Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Structure of plan: 1<sup>st</sup> step-Background process, 2<sup>nd</sup> step- Detailed strategies for development of</li> </ul>

		process with comments; Strategic Priority areas are key- be specific, not just broad.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include in Background &amp; Process: Beginning of Legislative Authority; historical aspects, i.e. composition of people</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus on PSD's work with community vs directly through review &amp; monitoring</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A plan for Sections B1, B2, B3, &amp; B4 with more deliberate language; incorporate inmate stories/testimonies</li> </ul>
	Timeline/ Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intended to be about 3 years; goal maybe sooner than 2020; Written draft in a couple of weeks</li> </ul>
	Performance Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide examples under strategic priorities- #1 Regularly Monitor &amp; Evaluate Key Performance Measures</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define differences in custody, populations, jurisdiction, terminology</li> </ul>
	Comprehensive Reentry System Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Different acts established, reconstituted, amended and extended for the commission; Discuss mission/define programs within PSD</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pull out components of Chapter 353H; State the overall goal for reentry into the community; writing correctly the details/goals</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify that PSD &amp; the Commission are separate entities by clarifying</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a more Inmate-Centric Reentry Assessment Program</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarify commission's jurisdiction is public safety &amp; its relationship with PSD; what programs/systems the commission monitors</li> </ul>

	Neighbor island Consortiums	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hawaii taxpayers pay for this; massive reentry program on Oahu; lack of resources</li> </ul>
	Community Partnership Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review &amp; encourage PSD efforts to develop community opportunities to increase employment &amp; housing options for ex-offenders</li> </ul>
Maile Kanemura	Neighbor island Consortiums	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communities in smaller jurisdictions experiencing more success than main program because neighbor islands are different- more cultural &amp; they target family, ohana, &amp; forgiving</li> </ul>
Tim Hansen	Strategic Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus on the original formation of a program within Correctional facilities but in an expanded system which includes community (inside facility)</li> </ul>
	Reentry Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Going home consortium efforts for Hawaiian Island, Maui &amp; Honolulu</li> </ul>
Blayne Hanagami	Reentry Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider adding the restitution collection takers</li> </ul>
	Performance Measure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A measurement tool to benchmark where to start to see quantifiable inclusions, i.e. an initial pre-assessment &amp; later a follow-up questionnaire</li> </ul>