

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

between the
Department of Public Safety
Department of Health
Judiciary
Hawai'i Paroling Authority
Department of Human Services
and
Office of Youth Services

I. PURPOSE

This Cooperative Agreement between the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Health, the Judiciary, the Hawai'i Paroling Authority, the Department of Human Services, and the Office of Youth Services is entered into pursuant to §353E-2, Interagency Coordination. This coordinating body, now known as the Sex Offender Management Team (SOMT), was established in 1991 through H.R.S. 353E, to oversee the development and implementation of a statewide, integrated approach for the treatment of sex offenders and to ensure compliance with the intent of its Master Plan. The parties to this Agreement have oversight responsibilities of youth who have engaged in sexually abusive behavior in the Juvenile Justice/Mental Health system ("youth") and adult sex offenders in the Criminal Justice/Mental Health system ("adults").

Vision: Safe and healthy communities free from sexual victimization.

Mission: To serve stakeholders in the State of Hawaii as the central resource that promotes informed and effective policy and practice regarding adults and youth who have engaged in sexually abusive behavior.

II. OBJECTIVES

1. To develop and continually update, as necessary, a comprehensive statewide master plan for the management of youth and adults.
2. To develop and implement a statewide, standards-based, integrated system of intervention services for youth and adults as recommended in the Hawai'i Master Plan.
3. To identify and assess youth and adults who would benefit from treatment interventions.
3. To select and provide training to state and private service providers in the delivery of assessment, treatment, and supervision services.
4. To develop and implement standards for evidence-based assessment, treatment, and supervision of youth and adults.

5. To monitor and evaluate the development, implementation, and delivery of standards-based treatment services and programs to assure efficient and effective practices.

III. COMMON RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The parties (collectively “signatories”) shall assign a representative with delegated authority for decision making, except for system-wide policy changes, to the SOMT working group to meet and actively participate in SOMT’s efforts.
2. SOMT representatives, and the offices they represent, shall participate in selecting and implementing a standards-based assessment, treatment and supervision framework, based on evidence-based and best practice principles.
3. Signatories shall use funds appropriated for treatment and assessment by the Hawai`i Legislature and allocated by the Governor to further the objectives of this Agreement.
4. Signatories shall develop and establish standards-based common process and outcome evaluation protocols.
5. To the extent practicable, Signatories shall implement a common database within applicable federal and state statutory limitations for the purpose of evaluating and monitoring an integrated continuum of services for youth and adults.
6. Signatories shall ensure that Requests for Proposals (“RFP’s”) for sex offender assessment and treatment services shall align with SOMT’s standards, to the extent practicable, depending on each agency’s resources.
7. Signatories shall actively support the development and implementation of a new Master Plan.
8. Signatories shall actively support the development and implementation of a Strategic Plan.

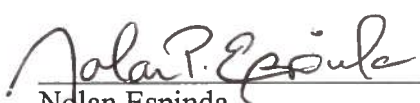
IV. DECISION MAKING

1. Each signatory or its delegated representative will have one vote.
2. Decision making will be by consensus and in accordance with the *SOMT Decision Making Protocol*.

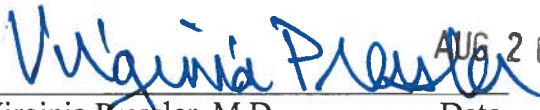
V. EFFECTIVE DATES OF AGREEMENT


This Cooperative Agreement will supercede the Agreement dated February 26, 2013.

Executed this 8 day of October, 2015.

 7/30/15
Nolan P. Espinda Date
Director
Department of Public Safety

 7-31-15
Bert Y. Matsuoka Date
Chair
Hawaii Paroling Authority

 AUG 20 2015
Virginia Pressler, M.D. Date
Director
Department of Health

 8/25/15
Rachael Wong, DrPH Date
Director
Department of Human Services

 SEP 25 2015
Rodney A. Maile Date
Administrative Director of Courts
The Judiciary

 08/04/15
David Hipp Date
Executive Director
Office of Youth Services