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**NATIVE HAWAIIAN JUSTICE TASK FORCE**

DATE: August 14, 2012  
TIME: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Library, Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
711 Kapi`olani Boulevard Suite 500  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**MINUTES**

**I. Call to order**

Attending:

Michael F. Broderick, Chair (President, CEO YMCA of Honolulu) (Public member)  
Dr. Kamana`opono Crabbe, OHA  
Tricia Nakamatsu, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney City & County of Honolulu  
Jack Tonaki, Public Defender  
Honorable Richard K. Perkins, 1<sup>st</sup> Circuit Court Judge  
Martha Torney, Deputy Director of Administration, Public Safety  
Cheryl Marlow, Adult Client Services Branch Administrator  
Paul Perrone, Chief of Research & Statistics, Department of the Attorney General  
RaeDeen Karasuda, Ph.D. – Criminologist member selected by the Governor  
Her work here is not representative or associated with her position at Kamehameha Schools  
Bishop Estate

Lisa Watkins-Victorino, OHA, Research Director  
Jeff Kent, OHA, Public Policy Advocate III

Public:

Sonny Ganaden  
Kat Brady, Community Alliance on Prisons  
Lorraine Robinson, Ka Hale Ho' āla Hou Nā Wāhine  
Talia Cardines, Ka Hale Ho' āla Hou Nā Wāhine

**I. Minutes**

Minutes were approved with two minor changes from Martha Torney. They will be posted on the Hawaii ecal site along with the September 4 agenda.

## **II. Preliminary Analysis of Summit Testimony**

OHA's Research Director, Lisa Watkins-Victorino presented a draft analysis of the justice summits. The OHA research department transcribed and coded testimony to organize what was said at the summits. This is a work still in progress. Moloka'i, Lāna'i, Kaua'i, and written testimony were not part of the draft analysis.

Culture was a main theme. Disconnection from culture was a source of why Native Hawaiians are incarcerated. Reconnection to culture was also cited as a solution for Native Hawaiians seeking to prevent, reintegrate, and rehabilitate. Other categories included policies, procedures and laws; prevention; and sovereignty.

The analysis will also include a listing of programs mentioned and looking into how they are evaluated.

The Task Force discussed how to organize recidivism, sovereignty, community involvement. They also touched on how to capture the level of prison programs available in Arizona as compared to the facilities here in Hawai'i.

## **III. Legislative Report**

Sonny Ganaden discussed that he is reviewing his contract to draft the legislative report for the Task Force. He is currently doing background research and would be interested in interviewing each Task Force member. The Task Force would review and possibly adopt whatever is submitted.

Sonny would also look into adopting any reports or findings that come out of the sub-committees.

The Task Force discussed the report and wanted the overall tone of the report to be objective and neutral. For instance, it could point out that there was a negative perception of the criminal justice system among those that testified at the neighbor island summits. The tone would be similar to the draft analysis from OHA's research department. The report will be responsive to what is required from Act 170. OHA's 2010 report will simply be cited as a source of the legislation that created the Task Force.

## **IV. Professor MacDonald Contracting**

Jeff Kent reported that the procurement paperwork for Professor MacDonald is still being processed. There's a roughly 4-6 weeks still needed before the contract can be created.

The Task Force discussed the scope of the contract. Paul Perrone did a basic three point outline of what he believes the contract should cover:

1. Respond to the 2010 OHA report on what it does and does not prove. Many of the Task Force members indicated that this was not a priority for them and would rather focus Professor MacDonald's efforts elsewhere.
2. A summary of the status of disproportionate research. Look at what can and cannot be answered based on data availability. What is the state of the art in this area?
3. Design a methodology with a small, medium, and large scope. Outline what data would be necessary and estimated costs.

## **V. Sub-Committee Reports**

### **1. Training**

Cheryl Marlow reported that Eva Kishimoto the former Department of Health (DOH) lead on trauma informed care might be returning to Hawai'i. There is an opportunity to work with her on evidence based practices and possibly looking into how a cultural component would fit in. It would likely require a \$2,000-\$3,000 supplement to the DOH's budget.

Task Force discussed collaborating with Toni Bissen and creating a training for Adult Corrections Officers.

## **VI. Public Testimony**

Lorraine Robinson from Ka Hale Ho' āla Hou Nā Wāhine discussed how trauma informed care (TIC) is a key component to recovery. Her program is effective because it combines a cultural component with ongoing TIC and evidence based practices.

Kat Brady agreed that ongoing TIC is needed in the same way that substance abuse training for clients is a continual process.

Talia Cardines, an employment and life skills specialist at Ka Hale Ho' āla Hou Nā Wāhine commented that taking all the voices into consideration is how we evolve. If they can have a productive voice within the system then that will help them recover and help the staff. Solutions and buy in are more effective that way.

## **VII. Additional Legislative Report Discussion**

The Task Force readdressed the legislative report and discussed the scope of the report.

Paul Perrone commented that Rand's research over the past 30-40 years indicates that the source of these problems are sociological issues that can't be avoided

Mike Broderick commented that the report can address the major systemic issues (for example: poverty) but should be realistic on what we can actually solve.

Martha Torney pointed to pretrial release as an example of how research can create practical solutions. Would look into getting JRI info to Sonny.

Paul Perrone would like strengthening communities to be part of the solution.

### **VIII. Additional Public Comment**

None.

### **IX. Next Steps**

Meeting on September 4, 2012 from 2-4pm at OHA library.