

**HCR85 HD2 SD1 (2016) Correctional Justice Task Force Minutes**  
**Monday, August 28, 2017**  
**10:00 AM**

**Members Present**

Dr. Meda Chesny-Lind, Chair and Professor of Women's Studies, University of Hawaii at Manoa  
James Hirano, Warden of Maui Community Correctional Center, Department of Public Safety  
Colette Machado, Chair, Officer of Hawaiian Affairs  
Robert Merce, Vice President, Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation  
Sidney Nakamoto, Administrator, Probation Administrator  
Edmund Fred Hyun, Chair of the Hawaii Paroling Authority, Department of Safety  
Matt Taufetee, Founder of First L.A.P. (Life After Prison)  
The Honorable Michael Wilson, Supreme Court Justice, HCR85 Task Force Chair  
Shayne Kukunaokalā Yoshimoto, Holomua Pu'uhonua

**Members Absent**

Keith Kaneshiro, Prosecutor, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, City and County of Honolulu  
The Honorable Gregg Takayama, Representative, Hawai'i State Legislature  
Chair of the House of Representatives Committee on Public Safety

**Other Attendees**

Sonny Ganaden  
Kamaile Maldonado  
Mark Tomaier

I. Call to order

Justice Wilson Called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and the requirements for public notice were made.

II. Approval of minutes

Justice Wilson thanked Erica Gustin for her work on the minutes of the last meeting. After Justice Wilson asked whether there were any changes to the minutes, and none were shared, the Task Force approved the minutes.

III. Report of August 23, 2017 meeting of medical providers

Sidney Nakamoto discussed meeting with treatment providers. He noted that the meeting went great and discussed the importance of private and public partnerships. He discussed the providers' various programs which included a day treatment program, a women in need program, a pre-trial program. Much of the discussion focused on post-treatment programs, such as housing, education, therapeutic care, and follow-up services.

#### IV. YWCA Fernhurst program

Robert Merce went to the open house and found it to be a great program and facility – organized, and well-run. He stressed that we need more programs like this one.

Shayne Kukunaokalā Yoshimoto mentioned that one critical feature was the cultural focus of the program and the fact that the visitations did not traumatize the families.

Dr. Meda Chesny-Lind mentioned that it would be helpful to get media coverage of programs like the Fernhurst program to stress that there is no public safety issue. Justice Wilson suggested that the media focus be added to the next agenda.

#### V. Vision Statement

Justice Wilson highlighted how everyone had been working hard on the vision statement, especially the Native Hawaiian subcommittee. The draft vision statement was passed around.

Shayne Kukunaokalā Yoshimoto shared the vision statement, which was the second draft. It took into account the last meeting's discussion that suggested developing a framework, it is open to feedback, and the goal is to have a vote on the statement for the next meeting.

Kamaile Maldonado spoke to the significant time that it took to create the vision statement and mentioned that the draft is still a living draft, so feedback was welcome.

#### VI. Reports from Subcommittees

**Program subcommittee:** Bob Merce shared that the last meeting the committee had spent the entire meeting on the vision statement. The program committee had several guest speakers relating to the sex offender treatment program, prison reform, and law enforcement assisted diversion.

**Design Subcommittee:** The subcommittee met with experts including Dr. Freedman, and shared the importance of making the correct recommendations on the upcoming second interim report. Bob Merce shared information for the task force to look at for prison system design and updated jail statistics. Dr. Meda Chesny-Lind, Edmund Fred Hyun, and Sidney Nakamoto discussed the Hope probation program.

**Hawaiian Subcommittee:** A speaker from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs outreach shared her experience teaching native Hawaiians who had been part of the prison system and stressed the importance of incorporating Hawaiian culture and language into such programs.

Shayne Kukunaokalā Yoshimoto passed out a breakdown of recommendations divided according to subcommittee for the subcommittees to consider and give feedback on.

## VII. Second Interim Report

Justice Wilson talked about putting other content and ideas into the suggested content for the second interim report. He also discussed having oversight included in the suggested content. Jail considerations and the lead program were suggested for content as well.

## VIII. Suicide Working Group

Justice Wilson discussed creating a group concerning prison suicide that could report back to the task force with information on the number of suicides and related information.

## IX. Closing Comments and Public Comments

- Steve discussed “Going Home Hawaii.”
- Sonny Ganaden talked about the recommendations from the Native Hawaiian Task Force. He also discussed whether more scrutiny from the press would be helpful to the task force.
- An attorney from Maui discussed problems with overcriminalization, mandatory minimums, bail, and the successes of wholistic programs.

## X. Adjournment

Justice Wilson adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.