

State of Hawaii
Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission
Oversight Coordinator Monthly Report
Date of Report: August 18th, 2022

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In accordance with House Bill 1552, Act 179 of 2019, the Oversight Coordinator shall submit a monthly report to the commission, the Governor, and the Legislature. The monthly report shall include actions taken by the commission and expenses for the preceding month. In addition to the mandated parties this report must be shared with, the Oversight Coordinator will publicly post the monthly report to increase transparency and accountability. This report will also be shared with each individual who has the responsibility of appointing members of the Commission. This includes:

- 1) Governor of Hawaii
- 2) President of the Hawaii Senate
- 3) Speaker of the Hawaii House of Representatives
- 4) Hawaii Supreme Court Chief Justice
- 5) Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs

Actions Taken

Annual Budgeting

- Finalized and submitted expenditure plan to the Commission for FY 2022. Approved by the Commission on July 21st, 2022.
- Drafted and submitted biennium expenditure plan for FY 23-25. Review and approval by Commission is taking place on August 18th (date of report).

Facility Tours

Initiated and planned weekly facility tours:

- Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC) – July 25th
- Halawa Correctional Facility (HCF) – August 2nd
- Waiawa Correctional Facility (WCF) – July 10th
- Women’s Community Correctional Center (WCCC) – August 16th
- Kulani Correctional Facility (KCF) – August 25th (upcoming)
- Hawaii Community Correctional Center (HCCC) – August 25th (upcoming)
- Saguaro Correctional Center – CoreCivic private facility in Eloy, Arizona – September 8th and September 9th (upcoming)

The Oversight Coordinator wishes to extend special thanks to Max Otani, Department of Public Safety Director and Tommy Johnson, Deputy Director for Corrections for assisting in facilitating all orientations and facility tours. In addition, the Coordinator extends special thanks to all facility staff for their cooperation, expertise, and professionalism.

Initial Impressions of Facilities

Below are brief initial impressions gathered from each facility tour. Please note these are only *initial* impressions, and priority areas in each facility are subject to change. The goal of sharing these impressions is to increase transparency and begin to create strategies and how to best navigate the below systemic concerns and work with the Department of Public Safety on solutions that encompass a rehabilitative mindset. We appreciate the Department of Public Safety's cooperation throughout this process.

Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC)

- 1) Evident staffing shortages specifically affecting constant and direct observation of individuals on suicide watch and safety watch.
- 2) Evident Overcrowding
 - a. Individuals have mattresses on floor in dorm settings, or mattresses stored under bunk beds in cell settings.
 - b. Spaces where 4 individuals were housed in a cell designed for 1 or 2 individuals.
- 3) Healthcare Concerns
 - a. Infirmary is stationed in what appeared to be a designated hallway. Lack of privacy, space, and dignity.
 - b. Clinic space in general lacked privacy and was a small space for clinicians and patients potentially affecting HIPAA.

Halawa Correctional Facility (HCF)

- 1) Highly punitive design which creates concerns of lack of rehabilitative design and functionality.
 - a. Limited out of cell time due to limited staff, and limited accessible recreation yards.
 - b. Mental health patients housed in a punitive setting.

Waiawa Correctional Facility (WCF)

- 1) Evident staffing shortages potentially affecting opportunities for people in custody to work on work lines and become involved in job assignments and programming.
- 2) No cameras at WCF which creates concerns for investigative processes regarding drug use, contraband, PREA concerns, etc.
- 3) Lack of bed utilization in rehabilitative space.

Women's Community Correctional Center (WCCC)

- 1) Extremely old infrastructure
 - a. In-house air conditioner broke down causing high heat in cell areas.
- 2) Lack of working cameras which creates concerns for investigative processes regarding drug use, contraband, PREA concerns, etc.

Based on these initial tours, the Oversight Coordinator reasonably believes the following issues are present at all correctional facilities on island:

- 1) Evident staffing shortages
 - a. Mandatory overtime for 16- and 24-hour shifts potentially affecting officer safety and safety of incarcerated population.
 - b. Limits out-of-cell time for people in custody (in unit and outdoor recreation).
- 2) Down Electronic Medical Record (EMR)
 - a. The EMR has been out of commission since June 14th causing staff to rely on a paper/pen-based system with no clear indication of when the EMR will be back up for staff utilization.

Hiring Processes

The position for the Clerical Assistant was publicly posted on August 15th 2022. Interviews will be on a rolling basis until the position is filled. The position can be found here: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/hawaii/jobs/3681974/clerical-assistant>

Expenses for Preceding Month

			Total	Note
Inter-Island Correctional Facility Travel			\$250.43	
August Big Island Airfare	\$71	2.00	\$141	
August Big Island Car Rental	\$69	1.00	\$69	
August Big Island Daily Per Diem	\$20	2.00	\$40	
Lodging			\$0	
Airport Parking			\$0	
Mainland (AZ) Correctional Facility Travel			\$3,930	
September Trip Airfare	\$849	2.00	\$1,698	Airfare (CJ and MP) \$1,697.98 (\$848.99 ea). Airfare also encompasses NACOLE 2022 conference.
September Trip Daily Per Diem	\$145	8.00	\$1,160	4 days, 2 people
September Trip Lodging	\$440	2.00	\$880	2 people. (3 nights @ approx. \$146.60)
September Trip Car Rental	\$192	1.00	\$192	
Memberships + Conferences			\$7,716.84	
National Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) Annual Dues	\$500	1.00	\$500	
NACOLE Annual Conference	\$656	2.00	\$1,313	
Airfare	\$849	2.00	\$1,698	Airfare (CJ and MP) \$1,697.98 (\$848.99 ea). Airfare added into Mainland AZ visit as price encompasses both trips.
Daily Per Diem	\$145	12.00	\$1,740	6 days, 2 people
Lodging	\$1,233	2.00	\$2,466	2 people. (6 nights @ approx. \$205.50)