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Oversight Coordinator Monthly Report
Date of Report: June 15, 2023

In accordance with Chapter §353L-6, 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

The Oversight Coordinator monthly reports are released on the third Thursday of each month to align with monthly Commission meetings where this report is publicly discussed. The June 15, 2023, Commission meeting was canceled due to not meeting quorum. Therefore, this report, and the July Oversight Coordinator report, will be publicly discussed during the July 20, 2023, monthly Commission meeting.

In-Custody Death

On Saturday, May 30, 2023, a person in custody, male, 77 years old was transferred from the Halawa Correctional Facility (HCF) to a nearby hospital where he was admitted. On Thursday, June 1, 2023, HCF was notified that the individual was pronounced deceased at 2:15pm.

On Monday, June 5, 2023, a person in custody, male, 61 years old, was found unresponsive in the infirmary of the Halawa Correctional Facility. This individual was on hospice and pronounced deceased by a medical doctor at 2:18am.

New Staff

On May 22, 2023, Cara Compani started as the Commission's first Reentry and Diversion Oversight Specialist. Cara brings over a decade of experience in correctional oversight and reform on the local, national, and system-wide levels. Cara led the work of the D.C. Corrections Information Council in their inspection and monitoring of local and federal correctional facilities. Cara was also part of the Reimagining Prison Project work at the Vera Institute of Justice, which put forward a new, reimagined vision for the future of

corrections. Cara has now turned her attention to the Aloha State and is fiercely passionate about furthering the work of the Commission. Cara is a native New Yorker with a J.D. from the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University and an LL.M. from The George Washington University Law School.

Actions Taken

Facility Tours

Facilities Toured:

- Hawaii Community Correctional Center (HCCC) – May 11, 2023
- Maui Community Correctional Center (MCCC) – May 18, 2023
- Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC) – May 25, 2023
- Kauai Community Correctional Center (KCCC) – May 31, 2023
- Maui Community Correctional Center (MCCC) – June 6, 2023
- Hawaii Community Correctional Center (HCCC) – June 8, 2023
- Halawa Correctional Facility (HCF) – June 14, 2023

Additional facility tours have taken place to onboard the Reentry and Diversion Oversight Specialist. The Oversight Coordinator extends special thanks to all facility staff for their cooperation, expertise, and professionalism.

Justice-Involved Homeless Intergovernmental Collaboration

[Going Home Hawai'i](#) has taken the initiative to develop a strategy for intergovernmental collaboration meetings leading up to a Second Chance Summit in August 2023. The Summit will take place on August 23, 2023, in Kona. Registration opens in July. The Coordinator is on the Steering Committee for this event and the Commission will be an active part in the intergovernmental collaboration.

House Concurrent Resolution 23 Taskforce

[HCR23 HD1 SD1](#) requests the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission to convene a task force to examine and make recommendations regarding existing procedures of the Hawaii Paroling Authority setting the minimum terms of imprisonment. Mark Patterson, HCSOC Chair, will be chairing this task force and the Council of State Governments has agreed to assist with the planning and implementation of this taskforce. Members are currently being designated for this task force so scheduling can begin.

Legislative Symposium

The Commission, the Correctional Reform Working Group, the University of Hawaii Manoa School of Architecture, and the Department of Public Safety are collectively planning a legislative symposium to bring national and worldwide experts to Hawaii to examine the current correctional system and discuss the importance of culture and design when considering new jail or prison structures. The symposium is slated to happen sometime in October and the public will be updated as more information becomes available.

Access to Courts

On May 4, 2023, the Commission submitted a letter to the Hawaii Supreme Court Chief Justice regarding a lack of access to attorneys due to people in custody not knowing who their attorney is. The details of the letter can be found in the [May Oversight Coordinator](#)

[Monthly Report](#). The Oversight Coordinator has been working with the Judiciary to find potential solutions to curve this issue. This will continue to be reported on until resolved.

MCCC Commissioner Tour

On Thursday, May 18, 2023, directly following the HCSOC public meeting, the Commissioners and Oversight Coordinator toured the Maui Community Correctional Center (MCCC). Unfortunately, due to the Commission meeting running long, the tour was shorter than hoped and it was difficult to gain the meaningful information needed to produce an impactful report. Therefore, the Oversight Coordinator, Reentry and Diversion Oversight Specialist, Commissioner Sakai, and Commissioner Ibarra toured MCCC on June 6, 2023. A report regarding that tour will be available before the next Commission meeting scheduled for July 20, 2023.

Expenses for the Preceding Month

EXPENDITURE COSTS - May 2023

	Price/Item	Qty	Total	Notes
Office Equipment and Supplies			\$129	
General Office Supplies			\$0	
Staff and Commission Badges			\$0	
Staff and Commission Badge Holders			\$0	
Cell Phone			\$0	
Cell Phone Monthly Plan	\$129	1.00	\$129	
Wifi Hotspot			\$0	
Inter-Island Correctional Facility Travel			\$1,373.19	
Airfare	\$925	1.00	\$925	5/11, 5/18, 5/31, 6/6, 6/8, 6/19
Car Rental	\$200	1.00	\$200	5/11, 5/18
Daily Per Diem	\$20	8.00	\$160	5/11, 5/18, 5/31
Lodging+Tax			\$0	
Ground Transportation			\$0	
Airport Parking	\$22	4.00	\$88	5/11, 5/18, 5/31
Mainland Correctional Facility Travel			\$0.00	
Airfare			\$0	
Car Rental			\$0	
Daily Per Diem			\$0	
Lodging+Tax			\$0	
Ground Transportation			\$0	
Airport Parking			\$0	
Memberships + Conferences			\$0.00	
NACOLE (National Assoc. for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement)			\$0	
Airfare			\$0	
Car Rental			\$0	
Daily Per Diem			\$0	
Lodging+Tax			\$0	
Ground Transportation			\$0	
Airport Parking			\$0	
TOTAL			\$1,502	

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Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission Monthly Meetings

This report will be discussed at the monthly Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission meeting held on July 20, 2023. The next monthly meeting is scheduled to occur on July 20, 2023, at the University of Hawaii at Hilo, 200 W Kawili Street, Hilo, Hawai'i 96720 and online via Zoom. More information can be found on the Commission's webpage here: <https://hcsoc.hawaii.gov/information/>.