

Transcript

July 24, 2025, 7:07PM

CG **Choe, George** 0:10
OK, you guys are good.

WP **warden patterson** 0:15
Good morning, fellow commissioners.
This is a special meeting that we put together in order to discuss and vote on a request to.
Hold a hold.
The name, the thing the term you use, George.

CG **Choe, George** 0:36
Limited meeting.

TM **Town, Mike** 0:36
Limited.

WP **warden patterson** 0:37
Limited meeting at the.
Hawaii State Hospital.
On August, give me a date.

CG **Choe, George** 0:48
August 14th, so right after the monthly Commission meeting.

WP **warden patterson** 0:50
I was working.
Right after the.
Monthly Commission meeting. Thank you guys.
Let's do a roll call real quick.
We need 3 for quorum, so Mike Town.

TM Town, Mike 1:04
Here.

WP warden patterson 1:05
Ronald Ibarra.

And Mark Patterson chair is here.

This particular time to discuss.

The topic at hand?

So.

To begin the discussion, I like to open up with the first motion and I just need someone to move and then someone to 2nd. The 1st motion will read.

I move to determine that it is necessary to hold a limited meeting at the Hawaii State Hospital because the on site inspection is necessary and public attendance is impractical due to it being a locked and secured facility.

Also, public attendance is not allowed without.

Any official reason due to facility specific policies?

And procedures.

TM Town, Mike 1:54
So move rock if that's OK.

WP warden patterson 1:56
OK.

IR Ibarra, Ronald 1:58
2nd.

WP warden patterson 1:59
Been moved by my town and seconded by Ronald Ibarra.
Any discussion?

TM Town, Mike 2:08
It speaks for itself.
It's locked and semi medical, semi incarceration facility and and it's there's a need to

go within our purview or cooliana our jurisdiction and it's high time we go.
So unless there's specific questions, I think, I think it.
What do they say in Latin race if some locator the thing speaks for itself.
Ron.

IR Ibarra, Ronald 2:34

Yeah, I I agree with Commissioner Town that certainly the people that maybe initially housed at.

The detention facilities that are under over under our oversight jurisdictions maybe sent to the state hospital for examination, mental exams or fit to proceed and things like that, and some of them may be returned to the facilities which we have oversight on. And so certainly.

I think we should go and look for ourselves, how they are being treated and what kind of resources they have there.

WP warden patterson 3:14

I think it even goes deeper than that, gentlemen, as you folks are looking at from the judicial perspective that you bring to the Commission, for me it's really understanding the oversights Commission's role in really helping to redefine reform, redevelop the the mental health journey of those Inc.

In our, in our jails and in our prison system, you know the state hospital is under the Department of Health.

However, the judiciary and DCR send individuals into the hospital for assessments and for evaluation and to be monitored and it's come to our attention that they have been overwhelmed with what they refer to as the forensic population that's coming from the courts in DCR, which is limiting their.

Ability to manage the community mental health issues.

So it's really upon ourselves to go there and see and hear from the line of the mental health staff what they are going through and really come to terms and advocate at a higher systemic level in the legislature as well.

To what kind of changes are needed within DCR to manage their own mental health population to relieve the department health of that specific population so they can focus on the community we need?

To really look and be systemic about how to manage the mental health issues throughout the state of Hawaii, yeah, and whether or not we can support the

Department of Health in their advocacy to say, hey, we're overwhelmed with forensic population that's coming from the courts and from the.

Prison system.

Yeah. When we talk about and we discuss a \$1 billion jail.

What's the mental health plan?

Yeah. Where are we going?

We're at a point in our systems like in other major cities across the nation or states where they have a mental health and medical facilities.

Yeah, our facilities.

I mean, halal was probably the only one that had was suited enough to have housing that could house them at various levels and various classifications.

Our jails don't have anything for mental health.

None of our jails, that's that's significant for the their treatment and their well-being, yeah.

So we really need to begin to look and assess from the oversights perspective.

The state hospital.

What it's doing and how can we be an advocate for their needs to be better services to the community?

And how can we recommend the DCR and the judiciary find other means for their forensic population?

That's my take on all of this, gentlemen.

TM **Town, Mike** 6:08
I agree.

IR **Ibarra, Ronald** 6:10
Babe.

WP **warden patterson** 6:11
So hearing no further discussion.
All in favor say aye.

TM **Town, Mike** 6:19
Aye.

IR **Ibarra, Ronald** 6:20

I.

WP **warden patterson** 6:21

Alright, all the polls say same.

Or any abstention motion carried.

Thank you, gentlemen.

That was that was the much needed discussion that needed to take place.

I know it was brief, but I think we got hit all the points.

That needed to be said. The second motion that I wanna present right now and again.

I just need someone to.

Move on it and a second is for the Hawaii State Hospital.

Is that we move to waive the fee waiving requirement because of confidentiality and privacy laws that are covered by federal and state regulations.

Hold on for those in the adult mental health hospital.

TM **Town, Mike** 7:04

I so moved.

IR **Ibarra, Ronald** 7:06

2nd.

WP **warden patterson** 7:07

Get moved by Mike Town, seconded by Ronald Ibarra.

Any discussion I don't.

I it's common sense.

We're not gonna go in there and film the patients.

Yeah, and and and and their confidences important we do.

We do the same thing when we go into the jails just bringing video equipment in there. We wanna keep the individuals who are incarcerated from being seen on camera, likewise with the.

The patients.

And the staff who are at the hospital at this time.
Mike.

TM Town, Mike 7:42

No, I think the same.

The same reason we have HIPAA and various laws and we need to get in there, but we need to get in there in a way that makes sense and videotaping to me is not the way.

WP warden patterson 7:56

Ronald.

IR Ibarra, Ronald 7:57

I agree.

Generally, medical issues are confidential.

Under many federal and state laws, and certainly.

We need to get in there, but certainly abide by the patients privacy.

Interests as well as the staff.

WP warden patterson 8:18

Thank you. We wanna be conscious of federal.

Regulations and law regarding these type of videotaping as well as the policies and procedures of the Department of Health gentleman, with no further discussion.

All in favor say aye.

All opposed same.

Any abstinence?

Hearing none, motion passed.

George, as far as our agenda, do we need to discuss anything else?

CG Choe, George 8:50

No, I don't believe there's anybody here that's from the public.

So the only thing you would just address is the next meeting, which is our monthly Commission meeting on August 14th and followed by the facility visit to the state hospital. Once OIP approves. And then you guys can adjourn.

WP warden patterson 9:07

So George, just real quick, there is no one on the except us that's on this.

CG Choe, George 9:16

That is correct.

Yep. So nobody in the room for public comment.

WP warden patterson 9:17

OK.

OK.

TM Town, Mike 9:22

Kristen's here I think.

WP warden patterson 9:24

Make sure you make sure you make a note of that. OK, George.

CG Choe, George 9:27

Yes.

WP warden patterson 9:27

There was one present from the public.

CG Choe, George 9:29

I'll put that in the Minutes.

WP warden patterson 9:31

So August 14 gentlemen will be our next meeting at the whole actually at the Weiner Community College.

For the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission.

And then soon after that, we'll be going into the hospital, the state hospital for a tour of that facility.

Thank you very much for your time today, gentlemen.

We'll see you guys soon.

Meeting adjourned.

TM **Town, Mike** 9:53

Thank you.

Thank you everybody.

IR **Ibarra, Ronald** 9:54

Thank you.

WP **warden patterson** 9:54

Big.

CG **Choe, George** 9:55

Thank you everyone.

JM **Johnson, Christin M** 9:55

Thanks everyone.

Have a great day.

CG **Choe, George** 9:58

Bye.

IR **Ibarra, Ronald** 9:58

Kristen has soon.

TM **Town, Mike** 9:58

Yeah.

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