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**JUVENILE JUSTICE STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL
PREVENTION AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE**

August 30, 2012
11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Haseko Building
820 Mililani Street, 6th Floor
Conference Room #1
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

MINUTES

PRESENT: August Suehiro, Interim Chair
Wayde Lee
Tina Winqvist
Melinda Montgomery
Wally Lau
Marsha Yamada
Christina Andersson
Ted Daligdig

Staff: Ed Chargualaf, JJ Program Coordinator
Christopher Lum Lee, JJ Program Specialist
Bruce Shimoda, Corrections Program Specialist

I. Call to Order

Interim Chair August Suehiro called the meeting to order at 11:35.

II. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Suehiro introduced himself as the interim Chair of the Committee. All members of the Committee and OYS Juvenile Justice Program staff present introduced themselves.

V. Past History

A. Mayor Kusaka's Vision Recap

Agenda item number five was taken out of order. Suehiro discussed the activities of the past Prevention Committee under then-Chair Mayor Kusaka. At that time, grant reading and grant awarding was done but due to staff shortages, those activities were limited. Under Mayor Kusaka's vision, the Committee was to identify good programs.

1. Annual Report

An annual committee report was done which provided recommendations to the Governor about activities and areas of improvement. Currently, Ed Chargualaf is doing the reporting for Congress.

2. Strategic Plan

A strategic plan was also done by this committee in the past.

III. Interim Committee Chair and Vice-Chair Selection

Suehiro explained the time commitments and an additional four meeting attendance required of being the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Prevention Committee. Suehiro asked for volunteers to serve as the Chair of the Committee to encourage new voices and fresh ideas.

JJSAC Chair Lee stated that having two members from Maui and Kauai is an overrepresentation of island participants in this committee as opposed to other committees, therefore membership should be distributed to the other committees.

Suehiro resumed the meeting. Melinda Montgomery volunteered to serve as the committee's Chair. Suehiro asked for volunteers to serve as the committee's Vice-Chair. Suehiro explained that the role of the Vice-Chair of the Prevention Committee would be to attend the Executive Committee when the Committee Chair could not attend. Andersson inquired about the responsibilities of being the Prevention Committee Vice-Chair.

Discussion ensued regarding the representation of committee members on the other committees. Chargualaf explained the purpose and structure of the Compliance Committee and Lee discussed the role of other committees. Montgomery inquired about the current representation of members of the other committees. Lee informed Montgomery that the other committees have been defined but membership needs to be established. A retreat will be held later with all committees to align roles and vision.

Andersson volunteered to serve as Committee Vice-Chair.

Ted Daligid moved to nominate Montgomery as committee Chair and Lee seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, Montgomery was selected to be the new committee Chair. Daligid moved to nominate Andersson as committee Vice-Chair and Lee seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote and no discussion, Andersson was selected to be the new committee Vice-Chair.

IV. Committee Purpose

A. By-Laws

Christopher Lum Lee stated that by-laws were previously distributed at the JJSAC training and opened the floor to any questions. Lee informed the members that at the next full JJSAC meeting on September 26 the by-laws will be reviewed and any proposed changes will be voted on.

Chargualaf read the role of the Prevention Committee according to the JJSAC by-laws.

Wally Lau stated that it would be good to have the Chair of the Prevention Committee sit on the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Committee.

Chargualaf provided a clarification as to what the purpose of JDAI is with historical background from 2008 relating to the partnership of the JJSAC, the courts, the State Attorney General, and the Annie E. Casey foundation. The JJSAC committed to three years of funding for JDAI. The current contract with JDAI ends on September 30th and that continued funding support is recommended for the alternatives functions. Currently, OYS Executive Director David Hipp is working with the courts to now emphasize the alternatives.

B. Active Grant Summaries

Suehiro stated that Lum Lee has previously provided summaries of the current active grants and will provide the members of updates as needed.

VI. Committee Discussions

A. Involvement in awarding grants

Lum Lee stated that pursuant to the by-laws, the Committee is able to assist in the development of scope of services due to the expertise of the Committee and the members.

Montgomery inquired about the process for providers to get funding. Suehiro responded that the Committee and the JJSAC review and rate the grants when time permits. Chargualaf provided clarification that the JJSAC participated in the development of the State Juvenile Justice Plan where programs and services are identified. Once the application is approved and receives the approval of the JJSAC, then the OYS will begin the coordination activities.

Montgomery asked who gets approached about drafting an RFP for a new program. Chargualaf stated that the Committee is approached and they vote on the matter. Chargualaf provided descriptions of the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG), the Title II Formula Grant, and the Title V Community Prevention Grant.

B. Write-up great programs, yielding presentations

This discussion was covered in the "Involvement in awarding grants" discussion.

C. Visitations

Per Suehiro, this discussion can be done via e-mails.

D. Additional Discussion

Suehiro turned the discussion over to Lee. Lee stated that it would be good to align with the counties and the respective Mayor's offices because the programs and funding can be approached from different angles. Chargualaf also addressed that additional committees will need to be created pursuant to the respective grant requirements. Discussion ensued about various programs in the different counties.

Chargualaf emphasized the benefit of this discussion and the programs because the current direction is to make less use of the system and more use on the community-based programs.

Lee recommended that the Committee assist in the monitoring of programs and help to play a bigger role in keeping track of federal funds being returned. Lau recommended being proactive in identifying programs that would be more strategic in thinking about what programs will work in the communities.

Chargualaf stated that the from the Juvenile Crime Analysis that runaway and truancy are the top two offenses. In law violations and status offenses, in an eleven year period in the DMC study, 78,000 youth were arrested for status offenses and 76,000 were arrested for law violations.

Lee discussed the decision points: (1) arrest, (2) referral to courts, (3) diversion, (4) detention, (5) petition for courts, (6) adjudication, (7) confinement or probation, (8) waiver of juvenile rights. Diversion and probation are two points where more should be seen from. A concern is of why youth are being put on probation for longer terms. The DMC study is cited as a source of statistics for status offenses and law violations.

Lee stated that during the CJJ conference in Washington D.C. earlier in the year, the Hawaii congressional delegates were met and Senator Daniel Inouye stressed the concern that Hawaii has the highest rate of youth who cannot enter the armed services because of a juvenile arrest. If programs can be created to divert youth, Senator Inouye would support funding for these programs.

Chargualaf stated that he recently submitted a grant application for Juvenile Justice Reform and Reinvestment. Georgetown University will have evaluators come to Hawaii to conduct evaluations because only three state will given the grant award. System reform will be good to do with the neighbor islands by working with each circuit as a stepping stone to bring all stakeholders together and possibly to use JDAI as a platform to assist. Discussion ensued about the need to continue to bring the activities of the courts, probation, and community providers together throughout all circuits in the state.

VII. Next Meeting

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on September 6, the next full JJSAC meeting will be held on September 26, the next Prevention Committee meeting will be on December 6, and the JJSAC Annual Meeting will be held on December 19.

VIII. Adjournment

Suehiro adjourned the meeting at 1:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Christopher Lum Lee
Juvenile Justice Program Specialist