

REPORT TO THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE  
STATE OF HAWAII  
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PURSUANT TO S.C.R. NO. 117, H.D. 1  
REGARDING A PROGRESS REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE CONVENED  
TO EVALUATE AND RECOMMEND POSSIBLE PROCEDURAL, STATUTORY,  
AND PUBLIC POLICY CHANGES TO MINIMIZE THE CENSUS AT HAWAII  
STATE HOSPITAL AND PROMOTE COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH SERVICES  
FOR FORENSIC PATIENTS

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 117, H.D. 1  
2006 Progress Report of S.C.R. No. 117 Task Force

This progress report is written to satisfy a request in Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 117, H.D. 1 ("S.C.R. No. 117"). S.C.R. No. 117 requests that the Governor convene a task force to evaluate and recommend possible procedural, statutory, and public policy changes to minimize the census at Hawaii State Hospital and promote community-based health services for forensic patients. The Governor has convened a newly constituted Task Force pursuant to S.C.R. No. 117 ("Task Force"), which has met monthly since October 2006 and which remains committed to meeting or exceeding all requirements of the resolution.

At the time of this report, the SCR No. 117 Task Force has met on October 19, 2006, and November 16, 2006. The next two meetings are scheduled for December 14, 2006 and January 11, 2007. Subsequent meetings will occur monthly throughout 2007.

In the two meetings held thus far, the Task Force has focused primarily on setting the Task Force agenda and vision and on providing educational components regarding the forensic mental health systems and services in Hawaii. The Task Force has had a chance to introduce themselves and to set preliminary topics for discussion. We have also participated in two presentations from the State of Hawaii, Department of Health ("DOH"). The first presentation was co-led by the Hawaii State Hospital ("HSH") Administrator and Medical Director, and it focused on challenges faced at HSH regarding the census, patient mix, physical plant issues, and the increasing number of forensic patients at HSH. The second presentation was co-led by the DOH Adult Mental Health Division (AMHD) Forensic Services Director and the Deputy Attorney General assigned to provide advice and counsel to AMHD. This second presentation focused on highlighting the intersections of the mental health and criminal justice systems, including presentation of relevant statutes and case law. It is anticipated that the December 2006 meeting will include a presentation on current AMHD forensic services and programs as well as an "environmental scan" of national forensic norms and standards.

Following each of the above presentations Task Force members have had the opportunity for question and answer periods from Task Force members. More information regarding the Task Force's work, including agendas, minutes, or other related items, is available on AMHD's webpage at: <http://www.amhd.org/SCR117.html>.

The Task Force intends to continue meeting monthly, in conformity with the resolution. It is anticipated that the Task Force will continue making progress, encouraging frank discussions with all stakeholders, and giving careful

consideration to potential procedural, statutory, and public policy changes related to forensic mental health services and consumers in Hawaii.

A detailed list of the attendees of the previous Task Force meetings is attached as Appendix A.

## Appendix A

### Attendees of the S.C.R. No. 117 Task Force Meetings Held October 2006 and/or November 2006:

- The Honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker, State of Hawaii, (former) Chair of Senate Committee on Health
- Elizabeth Fletcher, Esq., Policy Analyst, Office of the Governor
- Lance Agena, Adult Mental Health Division News editor, Department of Health
- Mike Wylie, Ph.D., Director of Services, Research, Evaluation and Training, Adult Mental Health Division, Department of Health
- Michelle Hill, Deputy Director, Department of Health
- William Sheehan, M.D., Medical Director, Adult Mental Health Division, Department of Health
- Karen Krahn, Chief of Clinical Operations, Adult Mental Health Division, Department of Health
- Neil Gowensmith, Ph.D., Forensic Services Director, Adult Mental Health Division, Department of Health
- Sanford Chun, Hawaii Government Employees Association
- Larry Imada, Hawaii State Hospital Steward, Hawaii Government Employees Association
- Joan Takano, Hawaii Government Employees Association
- Mike Pablin, mental health consumer advocate
- Lani Tsuneishi, Hawaii State Hospital Steward, Hawaii Government Employees Association and Clinical Nurse Specialist at Hawaii State Hospital, Department of Health
- Margaret Sagaysay, SW, Adult Mental Health Steward, Hawaii Government Employees Association
- Mona Iwatani, SW, Adult Mental Health Division Steward, Hawaii Government Employees Association
- Rupert Goetz, M.D., Medical Director, Hawaii State Hospital, Department of Health and President, Hawaii Psychiatric Medical Association
- Mark Mitchell, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer, Kahi Mohala
- Karl Godsey, Assistant Chief, City and County of Honolulu
- Mark Fridovich, Ph.D., Administrator, Hawaii State Hospital, Department of Health
- Kim Meyer, Ph.D., Rehabilitation Director, Hawaii State Hospital
- Ann Andreas, Esq., Deputy Attorney General, Department of the Attorney General
- Iwalani White, Interim Director, Department of Public Safety
- Malia Manol, Department of Public Safety
- Louise Kim McCoy, Communications Director, Department of Public Safety

- June Tavares, Health Care Division Administrator, Department of Public Safety
- John “Drew” Lloyd, HCPS Jail Diversion, Adult Mental Health Division, Department of Health
- Malina Kaulukukui, LSW, National Association of Social Workers--Hawaii Chapter
- Leona Guest, RNCS, Acting Director of Nursing, Hawaii State Hospital, Department of Health
- David Friar, M.D., Chief of Psychiatry, Hawaii State Hospital, Department of Health
- Alex Lichten, Ph.D., Forensic Coordinator, Hawaii State Hospital, Department of Health
- Thomas Cunningham, Ph.D., Forensic Mental Examiner, Courts and Corrections, Adult Mental Health Division, Department of Health
- The Honorable Lawrence Mahuna, Chief of Police, County of Hawaii
- Dudley Akama, Deputy Attorney General, Department of the Attorney General
- Kevin Hashizaki, Esq., Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, County of Hawaii
- Wayne Law, Community Mental Health Center System Administrator, Adult Mental Health Division, Department of Health
- The Honorable Peter Carlisle, Esq., Prosecuting Attorney, City and County of Honolulu
- Susan Arnett, Esq. Office of the Public Defender
- Debra Loy, Office of the Public Defender
- Liesje Cattaneo, Supreme Court of Hawaii representative and Adult Client Services Branch supervisor
- David Sohmer, Communications Officer, Hawaii State Hospital, Department of Health
- Gayle Ogawa, Secretary to the Chief, Adult Mental Health Division, Department of Health
- Terie Toledo, Secretary to the Administrator, Hawaii State Hospital, Department of Health
- Charlene Yee, Secretary to the Medical Director, Hawaii State Hospital, Department of Health
- Thomas Hester, M.D., Chief, Adult Mental Health Division, Department of Health
- Lawrie Ignacio, Psy.D., Adult Mental Health Division, Department of Health
- James Hall,, Ph.D., Kauai CMHC, Department of Health
- Gary Smith, Hawaii Disability Rights Center
- Douglas Chin (for Peter Carlisle), Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County of Honolulu
- Klemen Urbanc, graduate assistant, Adult Mental Health Division, Department of Health