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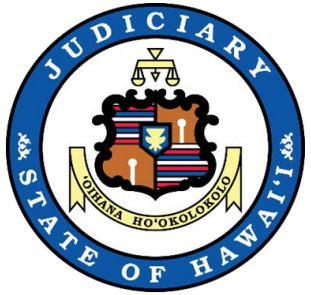
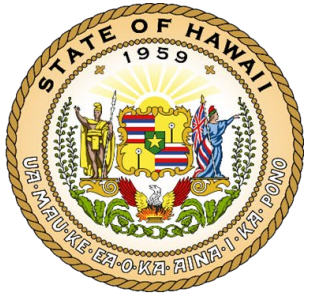
Honolulu Community Outreach Court





COC Mission

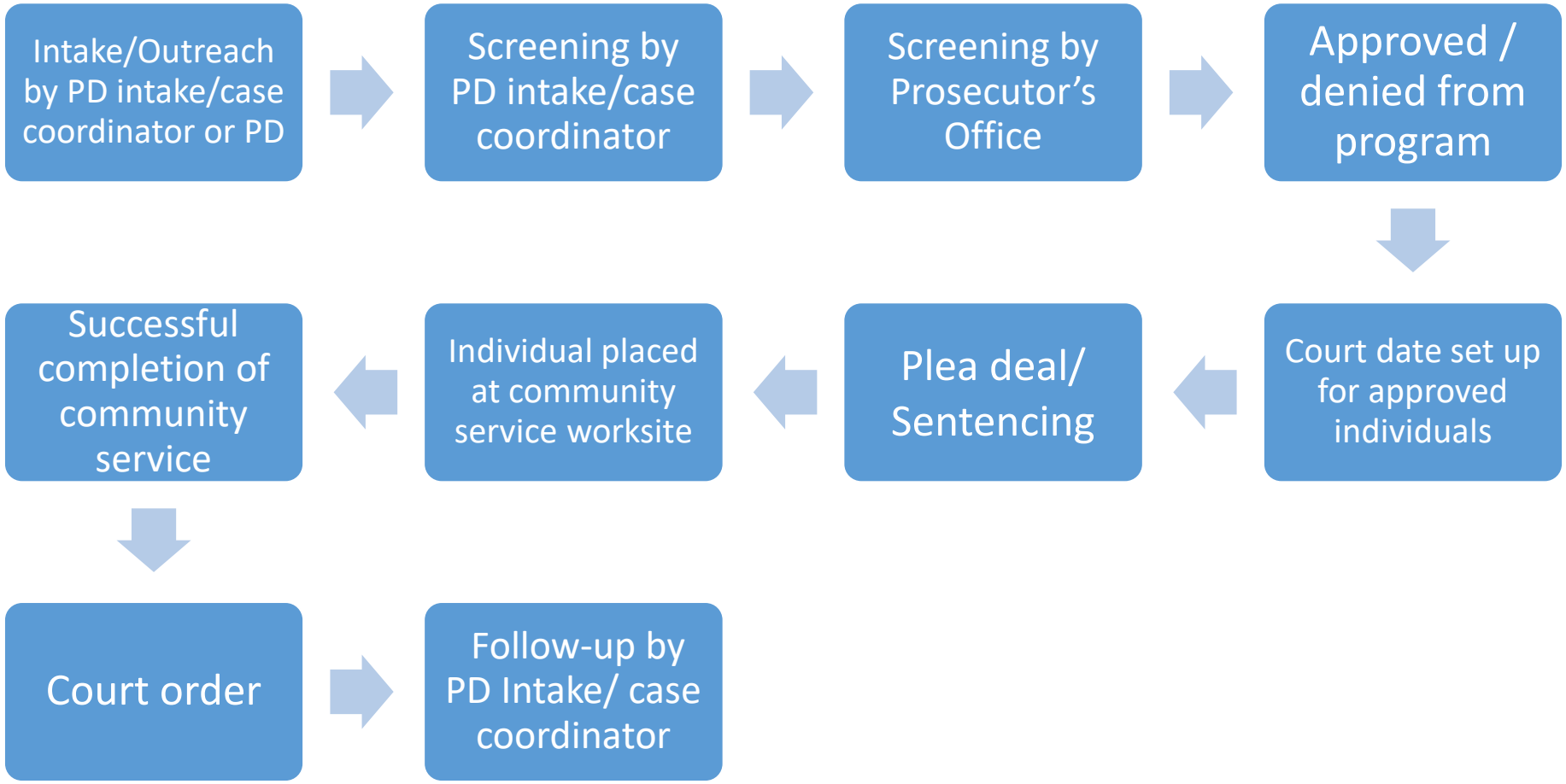
- The mission of the Honolulu COC is to reduce non-violent quality of life offenses committed in the City and County of Honolulu by holding offenders accountable and addressing their underlying needs to prevent reoffending.

Community Outreach Court: Overview

January 26, 2017 – March 16, 2020

- Honolulu District Court
  - Court held 2x per month
  - Started 1/26/2017 – 71 sessions/131 different participants
- Wahiawa District Court
  - Court held 1x per month
  - Started December 18, 2017 – 27 sessions/47 different participants
- Waianae Public Library
  - Court held 1x per month
  - Started September 21, 2018 – 18 sessions/69 participants
  - Includes November 13, 2020 court session
- Kaneohe District Court
  - Court held 1x per month
  - Started June 10, 2019 – 11 session/22 participant

Procedure


Intake/Outreach by PD intake/case coordinator or PD
Screening by PD intake/case coordinator
Screening by Prosecutor's Office
Approved / denied from program
Court date set up for approved individuals
Plea deal/ Sentencing
Individual placed at community service worksite
Successful completion of community service
Court order
Follow-up by PD Intake/ case coordinator

Pre-screening

- Completion of COC application
  - Referrals to the Public Defenders Office
  - Outreach events
  - Referrals through service providers
- Info sent to Prosecutors Office
  - Review of all active, inactive and pending cases
  - Review all arrest reports past and current
- Contact accepted participants

Eligibility

- Non-felony, non violent quality of life offenses
- Eligible for services with the Office of the Public Defenders
- Willing to work with service providers
- Willing to do community service
- Minimal mental health issues
- Has eligible offenses
  - Closed park
  - Criminal Trespass/Simple Trespass
  - Theft
  - Driving without License
  - Sit/Lie
  - Camping in public

Alternative Programs

- Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii (VLSH)
  - Re-Employment and Community Service (RACS)
- Legal Aid Hawaii
- Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion
- Various specialty courts
  - Veterans Court
  - Mental Health Court
  - Drug Court
  - DWI Court
  - Jail Diversion
- Office of the Public Defenders

Courtroom Procedures

- Calendaring for Court
- Disposition
  - Plea and sentencing
  - Recalling fines and fees from Collections
  - Recalling warrants and penal summons
  - Clearing license stoppers
- One-Stop Shop
  - Service providers
  - Community Service Branch
  - Intake

Community Outreach Court: Courtroom Accomplishments

January 26, 2017 – March 22, 2020

- 215 graduates – completed sentence
- 2946 cases cleared
- 4656 hours of community service performed
- 533 bench warrants cleared
- 1584 driver’s license stoppers removed

Community Outreach Court: Social Service Accomplishments

January 26, 2017 – March 22, 2020

- 64 permanent housing
- 33 relocated to shelters
- 43 living with family or friends
- 50 obtained job placement
- 21 completed substance abuse assessment/treatment
- 33 obtained drivers license and/or permit

Issues

- Communication and lack of trust
- Jurisdiction Issues
  - Neighbor Island Cases
  - Attorney General Cases
  - Mainland Cases
- Limited shelter and permanent housing
- Limited Community Court sites
- Limited funding and resources

Goals

- Expanding the amount of courts in the community
- Increasing community service sites
- Expand the network of service providers
- Increase cooperation with other departments
- Increase City and State funding
- Expansion to the Neighbor Islands

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COVID-19 Isolation and Quarantine Updates

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Updated Quarantine Guidelines

Quarantine vs Isolation Review

Isolation: Separating those who are infected away from those who are not infected.

Quarantine: Separating those who have been exposed away from those who have not to monitor for symptoms/infection.

Updated CDC Guidelines - Rationale

- Previous 14-day quarantine was based on estimates of upper bounds of the COVID-19 incubation period and **maximally reduces risk of transmission.**
- 14-day quarantine may affect physical and mental health as well as cause economic hardship.
- Lowering quarantine duration could balance reducing personal burden against “small” possibility of increasing the spread
- There is still a 1% - 10% chance someone could develop their infection and spread to others from days 11 – 14.

Hawaii Recommendations based on New CDC Guidance

- CDC gave three options:
  1. Test at day 5 and if negative could leave quarantine at day 7 (1-12% potential additional transmission vs 14 day)
  2. 10 day quarantine (1-10% potential additional transmission vs 14 day)
  3. Keep 14 day quarantine

- Hawaii chose option 2 with several caveats (see next slide)

Who does the 10-day quarantine NOT apply to? DOH Recommendations

1. Due to possible risk of transmission from 11-14 days after exposure, there are exemptions for certain high-risk settings/populations:

   - Shelters (eg, homeless, domestic violence)
   - Long-term care facilities
   - Group care homes
   - Residential rehabilitation and treatment settings (clean and sober home, behavioral health group homes)
   - Military recruit housing
   - Other crowded housing (such as those where bedroom must be shared)

CDC and Hawaii recommends that the person continues to wear a mask for the last 4 days after 10 day quarantine

2. Anyone who develops symptoms during entire 10 days

What about staff who work in congregate settings?

- DOH recommends staff working in congregate settings should **NOT** return to work until 14 days after exposure
  - Can leave house:
    - After 10 days and remaining 4 days can be masked and infection control measures (if no symptoms)
- Staff to client exposure is a prominent exposure risk in congregate settings

Isolation and Quarantine on Oahu

Oahu Isolation and Quarantine Updates

- New sites:
  - Two new hotels/facilities
  - Stabilization pods
- TQIC is sunsetting within the month
- Continuing after New Year:
  - Number of sites: At least 4 (at this point)
    - All hotels have on-site CM
    - 1 facility with higher medical/behavioral staff (stabilization pods)

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Questions?

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