

CNMI Board of Parole

A report to the Citizens of the CNMI Calendar Year 2018



OUR GOAL is to continue to preserve the safety of our community by implementing programs needed to ensure proper placement of parolees in the community so they reintegrate back to society as law-abiding and contributing members.

MISSION: To protect public safety from the criminal elements of society, assist in offender rehabilitation so that offenders become law abiding and productive members of society and help reduce prison and jail overcrowding by preventing and possibly reducing recidivism within the parole community.

The Board's foremost goal is to ensure the safety of the public is protected at all times and to preserve the rights of inmates and parolees.

The Board of Parole office was able to reinstate, pursuant to Public Law 11-8, its Parole Officers into the Civil Service System except for the Chief Parole Officer position.

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There is a newly established Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that specifies the working relationship between the Office of the Governor's Substance Abuse, Addiction & Rehabilitation (SAAR) Program along with the Community Guidance Center (CGC) and the CNMI Board of Parole. This agreement provides the framework of cooperation between the SAAR Program's Hinemlu O'hala Para Enteramenti: H.O.P.E. Recovery Center, Community Guidance Center (CGC), and the CNMI Board of Parole to expand treatment services to the Parolees.



Executive Meeting conducted at The Department of Corrections Training Room

BOARD MEMBERS

Chairman:

Ramon B. Camacho

Vice Chairman:

Wally F. Villagomez

Saipan Board Member:

Cecilia K. Selepeo

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Jose C. Camacho

Tinian Board Member:

Vicente H. Borja

Rota Board Member:

Ignacio S. Mendiola

Rota Board Member:

Glenn Maratita

Chief Parole Officer:

Nick M. Reyes

Parole Officer II:

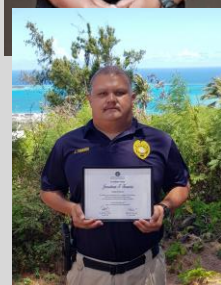
Jonathan T. Tenorio

Parole Officer I:

Jason A. Lizama

Administrative Assistant:

Shirlene C. Laniyo



2018 Activities and Accomplishments



The swearing in of the new and re-appointed board members

Parole Applicants	31
Ineligible	12
Eligible	18
Withdraw	01
Revocation Hearing	02
Preliminary Hearing	05



The swearing in of the new board member



Pretrial Probation and Parole Supervision Week

For year 2018 the CNMI Board of Parole attended the American Parole and Probation Association 43rd Annual Training Institute held at Philadelphia at the Marriott Downtown Hotel Conference Hall.



Orientation session for the all parolees



Parolees: Community Work Service at the Chalan Kanoa Chapel



Parolees: Community Work Service at William S. Reyes Elementary School

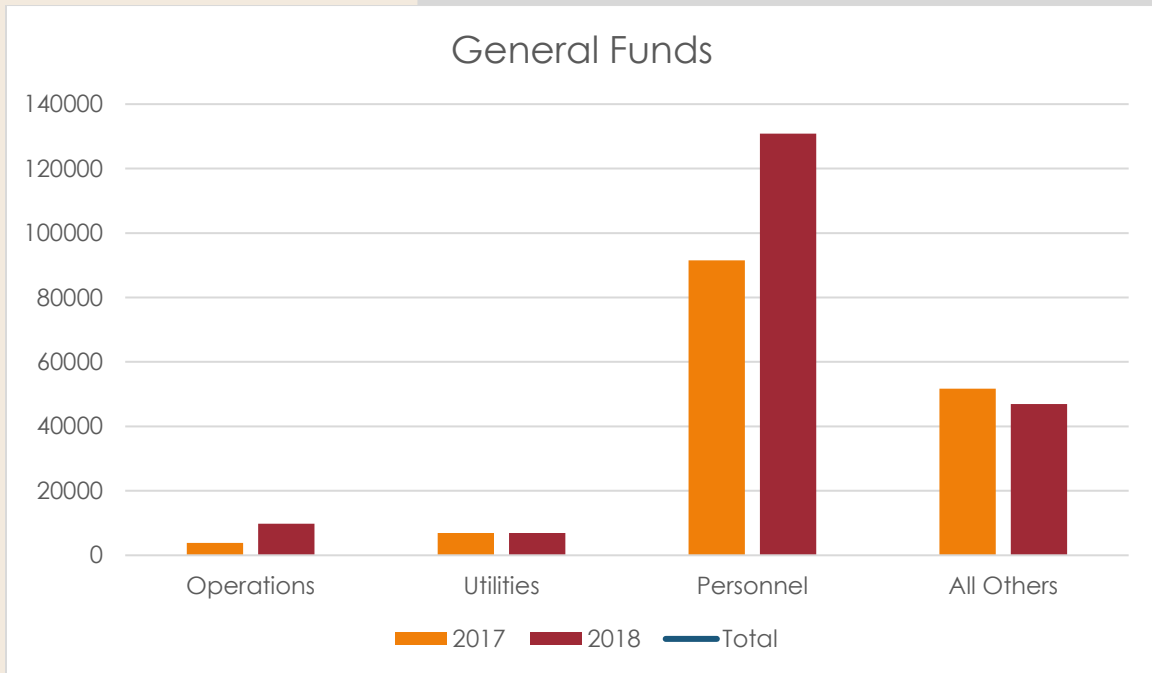
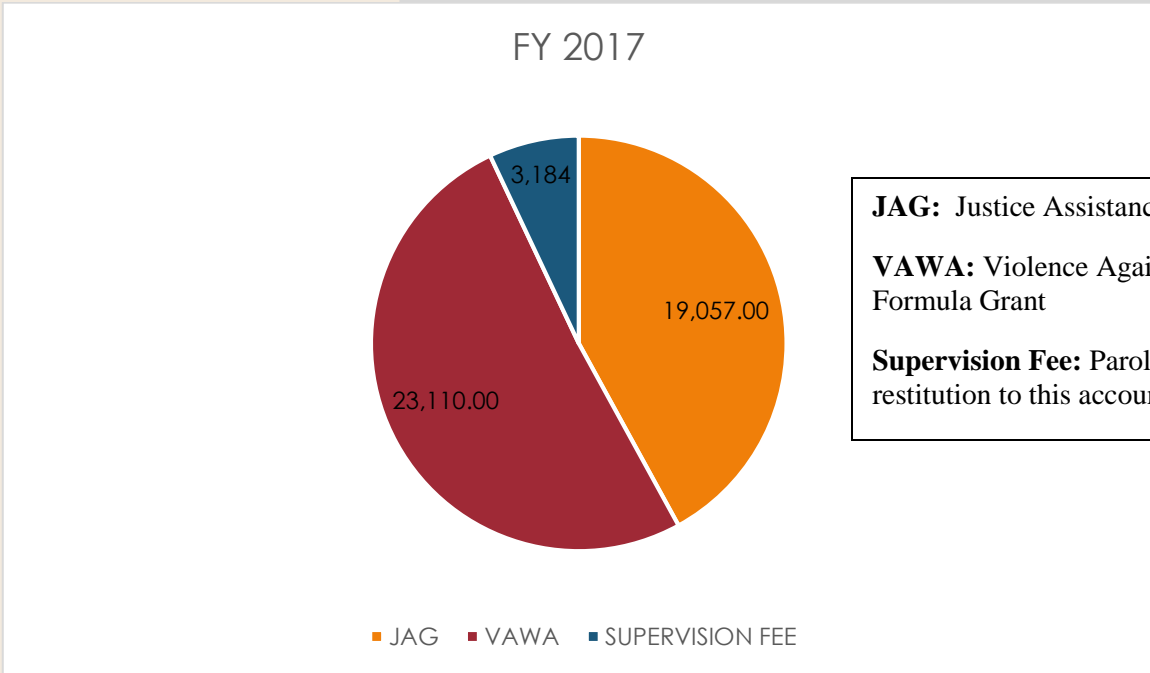
Parole Officers do monthly routine compliance check-up and surveillance on all parolees.

Parole Officers do weekly reports and investigations on all parolees for the Chief Parole Officers review.

COMMUNITY WORK SERVICES (CWS)

Parolees are given conditions and the opportunity to give back to the community through CWS. The parolees have maintained their work services by beautifying most of the offices on Capitol Hill, Saipan.

Expenditures



2018 Challenges

The Board requests to increase the number of FTEs to six (6) to employ two (2) additional officers, to include one (1) female officer. This will ensure female parolees are afforded the same-gender, parolee-parole officer interaction, to avoid any potential unwanted liability issue from arising due to gender differences when enforcing conditions of parole, especially, in arrests of female parolees.

Since 2017 to present the Board of Parole has been greatly anticipating for an increase in its budget request with no avail. The purpose of its needed budget is to improve its manpower and its overtime payment. It has greatly impacted our mission and to safely carry out its responsibilities to protect and serve the public. As of present time Board of Parole only have two male officers with a total of 32 parolees on its roster. The Board of Parole will continue to request to this administration for additional funding's.

Since the creation of this department it has left its employees in the blind when it comes to sharing information's with other local law enforcement and our local court. It has been a challenge and still when it comes to retrieving documents. Presently our department has to request in writing for a particular file. We have been requesting to upgrade our computer system and to integrate with local law enforcement and our local court for the purpose of sharing and retrieving files for our parole hearings.

Pre-Parole Investigation:

Applicant:

- Receive parole application from requesting inmate.
- Sixty days determination process for eligibility or ineligibility.
- Gather Institutional Conduct Report from Department of Corrections.
- Notify all concern agencies if requesting inmate has any pending criminal cases.
- Gather court documents on all cases from the requesting inmate.
- Gather investigation reports from Department of Public Safety.
- Interview requesting inmate with parole questionnaires.
- Interview requesting inmate sponsor and conduct home assessment to determined if the home placement is suitable.
- Advise the requesting inmate of the parole hearing date.
- Submit investigation report to concern agencies.

The process of Parole

Victim:

The Board of Parole notifies and serves all victims at the least of fourteen days with the victim or victim next of kin advisement form.

If the victim chooses to appear before the board, the Board of Parole Office notifies them of the scheduled time and date the requesting inmate will appear before the board.

If the victim chooses to write a written statement either to oppose or support the requesting inmate, the statement will be viewed by the Chief Parole Officer and if approved it will be attached to the investigation report provided to the Board Members on the parole hearing package.

If the board decides to grant or deny the requesting inmate. The Board of Parole Office notifies the victim or victim next of kin of the hearing results.