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MISSION STATEMENT
As public servants, the Public Defender Service Corporation ensures equal access to justice and the protection of individual rights by providing legal representations and services to persons who cannot afford a private attorney.

VISION STATEMENT
The Public Defender Service Corporation provides the best legal representation and services to those in need. Our professional and dedicated staff are outstanding advocates for our clients, people in need of legal services, and a just society.

CORE VALUES
☐ Respectful ☐ Responsive ☐ Efficient ☐ Innovative ☐ Collaborative

ABOUT US
The Corporation was created through the Public Defender Service Corporation Act of 1975. The office was established to provide effective legal aid and assistance to those persons in Guam who are unable to afford counsel. It is the duty of the Corporation to defend indigent persons charged in criminal cases before the courts of Guam. The determination of whether a defendant is indigent and whether his case is to be referred to the Corporation shall be at the discretion of the judge before whom such defendant is appearing.

CLIENT DEMOGRAPHICS
For FY2017, we 1,753 clients. Of this number, 494 or 28% of these clients were from the outer islands of Micronesia—Chuuk, Pohnpei, Yap, Kosrae, Palau and the Marshall Islands. The remainder of the clients we served, 1,259 or 72%, were either Chamorro, Asians or Caucasians. With a diverse clientele, we work to ensure that they were provided equal representation and that their rights were protected through the judicial process.

YOUR OPINION MATTERS!
We care about what you think or want to know about the services we provide in our community. Please feel free to visit or contact us through the information provided below.

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In Fiscal Year 2017, the PDSC provided legal services in adult criminal, juvenile and civil cases. There was slightly fewer number of cases, 1,753, compared to the previous year of 1,798. The difference of 45 fewer cases is attributed to fewer cases being charged or filed through the judicial system during this particular fiscal year. From the total number of cases received, seventy-four percent (74%) of the cases were criminal in nature. The attorneys and administrative support staff employed by the office render legal services to individuals who are accused of public offenses, and who cannot afford to retain the services of a private attorney. PDSC also represents any person under the age of 18 who is facing juvenile delinquency proceedings, or whom the court has instituted wardship proceedings because of habitual truancy or incorrigibility.

PDSC was able to close 1,238 cases in FY2017, compared to FY2016’s numbers at 465 cases. This significant case closure (64%) is attributed to judicial time standards and the implementation of PDSC’s Standard Operating Procedure for Records & Retention. As a major accomplishment for the Corporation, the office cleared and destroyed hundreds of boxes that contained closed cases based the PDSC’s retention policy.
PDSC Operations are included in the Government-wide annual audit. For FY2017, the Corporation received a clean audit with no material weakness. Complete financial information can be found at www.guampdsc.net/pdsc/category/financials/

### Appropriations & Other Sources

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<th>Funding Source</th>
<th>FY2015</th>
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<th>FY2017</th>
<th>% Change</th>
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<td>General Fund</td>
<td>$4,156,223</td>
<td>$3,735,122</td>
<td>$3,447,562</td>
<td>(7.70%)</td>
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<td>Judiciary of Guam</td>
<td>918,412</td>
<td>1,107,730</td>
<td>1,057,942</td>
<td>(4.49%)</td>
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<td>Federal Grant</td>
<td>56,263</td>
<td>73,671</td>
<td>38,086</td>
<td>(48.30%)</td>
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<td>Other Sources</td>
<td>70,309</td>
<td>89,188</td>
<td>0.00</td>
<td>(100.00%)</td>
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<td><strong>Total Appropriations &amp; Other Sources</strong></td>
<td><strong>$5,201,207</strong></td>
<td><strong>$5,005,712</strong></td>
<td><strong>$4,543,590</strong></td>
<td><strong>(9.23%)</strong></td>
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### Expenditures & Encumbrances

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<td>PDSC Operations</td>
<td>$4,846,61</td>
<td>$4,055,88</td>
<td>$4,148,347</td>
<td>2.28%</td>
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<td>Domestic Violence Pro.</td>
<td>56,364</td>
<td>73,768</td>
<td>38,086</td>
<td>(48.37%)</td>
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<td>Alternate Public Def.</td>
<td>1,162,931</td>
<td>1,044,397</td>
<td>1,091,432</td>
<td>4.50%</td>
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<td><strong>Total Expenditures &amp; Encumbrances</strong></td>
<td><strong>$6,065,913</strong></td>
<td><strong>$5,174,045</strong></td>
<td><strong>$5,277,865</strong></td>
<td><strong>2.01%</strong></td>
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### With a reduction of funding in FY2017, the PDSC attorneys and staff continued to do more with less. We worked diligently to provide quality legal services to our clients to yield better client outcomes. We advocated for trying to understand what is at the root of our clients’ incarceration as opposed to the penal system we have today that does not address the complex set of core issues that our community faces particularly with drug addiction, criminal sexual conduct and alcohol abuse. Ideally, we would like to see our clients have the tools necessary to lead crime free lives and to fit into society as productive members for a better Guam. As we work to address some of these issues within our penal system, we need to understand if public safety is better served by incarcerating clients convicted of these types of cases, or would a community-based solution, that includes treatment and prevention programs, be more efficient and effective at curbing cases of abuse and promoting public safety? PDSC is committed to being a part of the solution for treatment, which is a less expensive option than incarceration for offenders within these three categories of crimes that we deal with at our office.

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The Sixth Amendment guarantees anyone facing criminal charges the right to a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury and legal counsel. Consequently, with its 1963 decision in Gideon v. Wainwright, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled anyone charged with a serious crime had a “fundamental” right to counsel, no matter their ability to pay. However, with this fundamental right left to the Legislature to provide PDSC with adequate funding, we are looking at other avenues to bring in funds, outside of GovGuam, so that PDSC can better manage its criminal cases as well as lift the moratorium on civil matters. While we have requested for funding for a Civil Division since FY2015, we are now exploring other funding options that will allow us to lift the civil moratorium that has been in effect since 2005.

In today’s climate, we continue to pay close attention to activities at the Legislature, and do believe that funding challenges will continue beyond FY2017. We know that we need to continue to do more with less, and that this has become a way of life at your Public Defender office with a commitment to provide quality client-centered services.

Our Outlook for FY2018

- Seek additional funding sources and programs, outside of GovGuam, to improve service delivery and eventually lift the civil moratorium that has been in effect since 2005.
- Recruit a Program Coordinator to help seek grants for the Corporation as well as assist management in enhancing processes at PDSC that influence positive client outcomes.
- Implement empirical research, that includes data collection programs that address relevant issues concerning public defense and ways to improve internal as well as external processes throughout PDSC.
- Sustain the Strategic Planning momentum that includes Strategic Focus Area (SFA) projects that were developed in FY2015 and will continue into FY2018.
- Continue to invest in and educate our team by providing training opportunities on Guam. We brought off-island defense attorneys, Laurie Shanks and Terry Kindlon, to train our team of 51 employees. We also encouraged our managers to train within their respective divisions to improve PDSC services.
- Maintain collaboration with PDSC partners for community based solutions to address the problems our penal system currently faces.
- Refine internal processes that take advantage of the “Second Chance Initiative” that assists clients with dismissals and expungements if they served their sentence, and are not guilty of sex crimes, murder, domestic violence, or aggravated assault.