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**The Northern Mariana Islands Advisory Committee
to the United States Commission on Civil Rights
to Hold In-Person Briefing on September 1, 2023 (ChST)**

The Northern Mariana Islands Advisory Committee (“Committee”) to the United States Commission on Civil Rights (“Commission”) will hold its first in-person briefing on Friday, September 1, 2023 (ChST). The purpose of this meeting is to collect testimony from various stakeholders and the public on the Committee’s selected project topic, “Access to Adequate Health Care for Incarcerated Individuals Within the Northern Mariana Islands’ Justice System.” The testimony received will help inform the Committee when drafting the findings and recommendations in their report, which will be submitted to the Commission.

Committee Chair Catherine Cachero states, “This issue has been a serious ongoing problem in the Northern Mariana Islands for decades. The Committee is highly interested in hearing directly from impacted individuals about their experiences related to access to adequate medical care for those within the Northern Mariana Islands’ Justice System. The Committee is also looking forward to the testimony of experts, advocates, and government officials. We hope to hear from a diverse, cross-section of our community in order to provide as much relevant information and practical recommendations to federal and CNMI authorities to ensure equal and adequate healthcare to all members of our community.”

Briefing Date and Time:

Friday, September 1, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ChST
(Thursday, August 31, 2023, from 4:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. PST)

Meeting Location:

Northern Marianas College, Pod Y–10
Finasisu Lane, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950

All advisory committee meetings are open to the public. Members of the public are encouraged to participate and will be invited to speak during an open comment period. Members of the public may also submit written comment for the Northern Mariana Islands Advisory Committee to consider in its discussion of potential civil rights topics and should submit those to Liliana Schiller, Support Services Specialist, at lschiller@usccr.gov. Individuals requiring additional accommodations should contact lschiller@usccr.gov at least 10 business days prior to the meeting to make the request.

If members of the public would like to receive notices of meetings, reports, etc. please join our mailing list: <https://tinyurl.com/529nyxz8>. Details on upcoming meetings will also be made available at <https://www.federalregister.gov/>.

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