



# PARTNERS IN CARE

## Oahu Continuum of Care

*Partners in Care is a coalition of Oahu's homeless service providers, government representatives and community stakeholders working together in partnership to end homelessness.*

### PIC GM Meeting Minutes Thursday, January 18, 2022

Attendees via Zoom: Achieve Zero, Alternative Structures International, Catholic Charities Hawaii, Catholic Charities Housing Development Corporation, Child and Family Service, Community Empowerment Resources, EPIC Ohana Inc., Family Promise of Hawaii, Hale Kipa, Hawaii Health and Harm Reduction Center, Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Hawaiian Human Society, Institute for Human Services, Inc., Marya Grambs, Mental Health Kokua, Office of the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness, Project Vision Hawaii, The Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, The Radical Hale, Inc., The Salvation Army Hawaiian and Pacific Islands Division, US Vets, Waikiki Health Center, Women in Need

| Topic                            | Discussion   | Outcome/Action    |
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| <b>Call to Order,</b>            | Meeting called to order at 12:00pm   | Meeting starts    |
| <b>Approval of Minutes</b>       | Minutes needing approval – June, July, August, September, October and December. No quorum.   | Approval deferred |
| <b>ED Report</b>                 | <p><b>Please see attached report. Highlights:</b></p> <p><b><u>ED Report</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Point in Time Count postponed until March. Reflecting on March 9<sup>th</sup>, count happening on March 10<sup>th</sup>. BTG count will be happening on Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>. Reports still due on Apr 30<sup>th</sup>. Short of volunteers, so please sign up. Using Survey123.</li> <li>• HUD NOFO – have not heard anything regarding the award. Consolidated grant starting in Apr.</li> <li>• Strategic Planning – thank you to those that have been participating.</li> <li>• EHV – contract close to signing with the city for the 312 vouchers. Priority is elderly and youth with foster history, but will be wider than that as well. State vouchers are moving quickly. May need an extension because project started a little slow. Ramping up.</li> <li>• Dashboards included in ED report. HMIS monitoring dashboard color changed due to concerns about the red being too harsh.</li> <li>• Oahu Housing Now – over 280 households in the last 10 months. Some clients will be getting a subsidy extension. Also looking at creating a new project with OHN being the proof of concept.</li> </ul> |                   |
| <b>Community Partner Reports</b> | <p><b>Governor's Office on Homelessness (Emma)</b> – there's been a lot of questions about isolation and quarantine procedures given the rapid surge and availability at ISOQ. Shelters should try to separate people in house when possible. City and AUW taking down a waitlist or callback list, but no guarantee. IHS set up isolation tents. Some issues with SNAP benefits, but DHS is getting some waivers to skip interviews unless info is needed, which should help with continuity of benefits. Betty Lou mentioned that Chair Luke says departments have not really asked for more money. However, now there's a surge, so how is the Governor's Office addressing that and how can we partner on that funding? Cheryl responds that she can speak</p>   |                   |

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|   | <p>with Scott further on this topic and can report at the Friday meeting. Emma adds that DHS House Finance Budget Briefing was Friday and this topic will be an ongoing conversation. Cheryl notes that meeting is every other Friday, so please join the conversation. Focus needs to be on the human impact piece.</p> <p><b>HPO</b> – no report</p> <p><b>Mayor’s Office on Housing</b> – no report. Laura says Anton mentioned a new director is coming into the office since Anton is now the Director of DCS.</p> <p><b>DCS</b> – no report</p> <p><b>HUD (Mark)</b> – thanks to PIC, CFS, the state, US Vets, everyone who helped coordinate meetings with the T-HUD folks. Team was interested in domestic violence and youth programs. Looks like there’s work on legislation regarding DV programs. ESG CV, there’s a lot of pressure on the appropriator to take money back if it’s not spent, so please spend the money. Congress is pushing to get that money back. No word on the NOFO award yet.</p>   |  |
| <p><b>Committee Reports</b></p>         | <p><b>OYAB (Laura)</b> – continuing on. Laura mentioned Sharon Baillie is leaving PIC at the end of the week. Sharon has been a true leader and resource for this committee. Been working hard on the YHDP program, so PIC’s looking at what’s the next steps for OYAB since Sharon is moving on. Still trying to increase involvement and membership.</p> <p><b>Org Dev (Greg)</b> – strategic alignment has been an exciting process. What we’re going to do is delay the third convening from 1/20 until Friday, 2/4. Feb 4<sup>th</sup> was supposed to be 90 minutes, but will be changed to two hours.</p> <p><b>Awareness</b> – no report</p> <p><b>Advocacy (Bob)</b> – meeting is the third Wednesday of the month at three o’clock. Meeting on Thursday with Rep. Nakamura at three. Has legislative priorities in line thanks to Betty Lou, Marya and Cheryl. Laura mentions she has the legislative priorities for 2022 which are affordable rental housing stock, address upfront barriers to accessing existing rental housing, support policies and programs that assist transitions for key homeless subpopulations. Betty Lou says PIC has been working with Sen. San Buenaventura on the two bills – discrimination on housing vouchers and rental application screening fee. Needs a lot of support. Marya says the housing voucher discrimination bill will stop landlords from saying they won’t take Section 8 or other subsidies. Emma says to stay on top of the City Council as well regarding testimony.</p> <p><b>Communications (Laura)</b> – on hold</p> <p><b>Data (Claire)</b> – CORE team presented to the committee last month requesting access to HMIS. They were approved pending their tour. Laura says they also turned in their membership application. Colors were changed on the dashboards. Team does a good job of making things accessible. Meetings are the fourth Tuesday of the month.</p> <p><b>Planning (Jillian)</b> – waiting to hear on the NOFO. Point in Time has been moved to 3/10. Going to be discussing and implementing a training on Housing First for the sake of continuity of programs. Laura says monitoring and evaluation is ongoing. Combining HMIS and planning monitoring and evaluation.</p> <p><b>CES Oversight</b> – no report</p> |  |
| <p><b>Success Stories</b></p>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kara from Radical Hale says Target reached out and they’re working on employing those that are capable. Will be doing a pilot.</li> </ul>  |  |
| <p><b>Announcements and Updates</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laura says thank you for understanding about the postponement of the KPOK fair.</li> </ul>   |  |

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|                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jillian mentioned that Oahu Homeowners Assistance Program. Assistance for homeowners impacted by COVID to include association fees and utilities.</li> <li>• Emma says meetings happening every week regarding those facing eviction and/or possibly becoming homeless. Some rental assistance payments had not gone out or were late and Act 57 says as of 1/5, evictions can happen if one month of rent is owed. If someone is evicted but was approved for rental assistance, they could possibly apply for prospective rent instead.</li> <li>• PIC has masks and sanitizer if anyone needs it</li> </ul> |              |
| <b>Meeting Adjourn</b> | Meeting adjourned at 12:58pm  | Meeting ends |
| <b>Next Meeting</b>    | Next meeting is on Tuesday, February 15 <sup>th</sup> at 12pm.  |              |