

PARTNERS IN CARE

Oahu's Continuum of Care

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PIC CoC General Meeting, Tuesday, March 15th, 2022

12:00pm-1:30pm, Video Conference Meeting

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call & Introductions of Members and Special Participants
- III. Special Topics
 - a. Homelessness Definition Discussion (Break Out Discussion)
 - b. Action Item Review
 - Update on Cleaning of units where hoarding is occurring
 - c. Legislative Review
 - Updated priority narrative attached
- IV. VOTING Items
 - a. June, July and August, September, October, December, January, February Minutes
- V. Continuing Business –
 - a. CoC Partners
 - i. Executive Director Report – Laura
 - ii. Governor's Office – Scott Morishige
 - iii. State Homeless Program Office – Harold Brackeen III
 - iv. Mayors Office on Housing – Anton Krucky
 - v. City Department of Community Services – Darrell Young
 - vi. HUD Local Field Office – Mark Chandler
 - b. Committee Reports -
 - OYAB – Brandy Gouveia
 - Organizational Development – Greg Payton
 - Awareness – Jere Kalima
 - Advocacy – Bob Wardlaw
 - Communications – Kimo Carvalho – on pause
 - Data – Claire Fujita
 - Planning – Jillian Okamoto
 - CES Oversight – vacant
- VI. Presentation (s):
- VII. Program success stories
- VIII. Announcements and Updates
- IX. NEXT MEETING:, Tuesday, April 19th , noon, via TEAMS

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Partners In Care Mission: Partners In Care’s mission is to eliminate homelessness through open and inclusive participation, and the coordination of integrated responses.

Our Objectives:

- Build and maintain a community-based process that supports Oahu’s Continuum of Care for homeless persons.
- Develop a full continuum of services.
- Ensure that homeless persons are treated with dignity and care.
- Engage in planning and evaluation to maximize the use of existing resources.
- Advocate for policies that promote a comprehensive, long-term approach to solving homelessness.
- Work collaboratively with other agencies and groups throughout the state of Hawaii.

Group Agreements

1. **Inclusivity:** Everyone should participate, we will create space for all meeting participants to contribute with one person speaking at a time.

2. **Step up, step back:** If you are a person who normally talks a lot, then please try to ‘step up’ listening and ‘step back’ talking. If you are a person who normally stays quiet, then try to ‘step up’ speaking, and ‘step back’ listening.

3. **Stay on track:** The agenda will be utilized to keep the meeting targeted. When conversations linger on/tangents come up, participants will be redirected to the most appropriate place to continue to conversation (via committees, email correspondences, one-on-one conversations, or alternative meetings, etc.). The Chair will serve as a moderator to keep the meeting on track.

4. **Come prepared:** Anything that needs to get voted on will be provided a few days ahead of the meeting, members should come to the meeting prepared by pre-reading meeting materials.

5. **Stay engaged:** When possible, have your camera turned on and limit multi-tasking to honor everyone’s time.

PARTNERS IN CARE – 2022 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES NARRATIVE (updated 3/4/2022)

Affordable rental housing stock and Support Services:

Lack of affordable housing throughout Hawaii is one of the biggest issues that affect our entire community. Whether you are a teacher, a gas station attendant, food worker, janitor or literally homeless, there are few options for housing at any level. Partners In Care supports the creation of new affordable housing units in every community on Oahu as well as housing support programs such as Rapid Rehousing (providing short- and long-term rent to enable people to become self-sufficient), Permanent Supportive Housing (housing with wrap-around social services, such as Housing First) and rent supplement programs (Section 8, Rent To Work). Along with traditional housing, Kauhale and tiny homes bring a new type of housing to our citizens. Housing is also needed for special populations such as elderly and those in need of a higher level of care.

Rental Housing Revolving Fund, Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund (RHRF/DURF): **HB 1748**

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH): **HB 1744**

Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL): **HB 2511, SB3359**

Rent Supplement Program (RS)-general: **HB 1859**

Rental Assistance Pilot Program for Elders: **SB 2677**

Rent Subsidies for TANF/TAONF: **HB 2233; SB 2150**

Ohana Zones: **HB 2512; SB 3168**

Supportive Housing Task Force: **HB 1749**

Kauhale/Affordable Housing: **SB3169, SB2581**

Address up-front barriers to accessing existing rental housing:

Along with the actual creation of housing in our community, we need to address other barriers associated with housing. Many landlords refuse to rent to individuals who have Section 8 or other rental vouchers; Source of Income Discrimination would prohibit that discrimination. Additionally, the cost of application fees prevents many from even being considered for housing. We also have a responsibility to address landlord concerns about the timeliness of housing voucher programs and possible damage to their units. Landlord Incentives and Damage Mitigation funds will encourage more landlords to rent out properties to low-income families because their property will have support.

Source of Income Discrimination: **SB 206**

Landlord Incentives: **HB 1752; SB 2504**

Application Fee: **SB 2877; SB 3107**

Support for those with Mental Health Problems:

Some individuals experiencing homelessness suffer from severe mental illness. Providing additional behavioral health crisis stabilization beds are needed as an alternative to, and step-down from, the ER. Further, adding medical staff to AMHD's Crisis Mobile Outreach teams will further reduce need for ER visits. Finally, developing a long-term care facility, including treatment for those with both substance use disorder and mental illness, at Hawaii State Hospital's Guensberg Building, will free up critically needed HSH hospital beds.

Behavioral Health Crisis Stabilization beds: **SB2735**

Augmenting Statewide Crisis Outreach Program: **SB2736**

Long-term Care Facility at HSH: **SB2737**