



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 COC General Membership
Meeting
Meeting Minutes Tuesday,
Date: February 21, 2023
Time: 12:00pm-1:40pm
Location: MS Teams

Attendees: See roster sheet

Topic	Discussion	Outcome/Action
Call to Order Roll Call	Meeting called to order: 1200 Called to order by Heather Lusk Chairperson Grounding Mission Statement read by: Cheryl Bellisario PIC Group Agreements Minutes review: Approved Motion Betty Lou Second Heather Lusk	
Program Presentation Department Human Services Scott Morishige	<p>SNAP Eligibility: SNAP was impacted by the Consolidated Appropriations Act in December, the Emergency Allotment which is an additional benefit which households have been receiving throughout the pandemic. Last emergency allotment payment or supplemental snap benefit would be on the February benefit issued March 14th.</p> <p>The backlog has been reduced, encouraged to applying online. Talking to a live person the wait maybe significant.</p> <p>Clients impacted by the loss of the emergency allotment funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a client has experienced an increase in their shelter expense or medical expenses and is reporting that to the department, we encourage them to, especially if they've seen significant increases in their rent, mortgage, or other shelter support-related expenses. • Clients aged 60 or older may have out-of-pocket medical expenses, and they're not currently reporting it to the department. We can use the shelter and medical expenses as a deduction against their income. <p>More information can be found on the website. Website: https://humanservices.hawaii.gov</p>	

<p>Med Quest Restart of Medical Renewals</p> <p>Meredith Nicolas Deputy Medicaid Director</p> <p>Crabbe Parker Head of Healthcare Outreach</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PowerPoint Presentation Statistics of enrollments from March of 2020. • The declaration by Health and Human services of a public health emergency does not counts for Medicaid anymore. The Consolidated Appropriations act of 2023 was passed and decoupled Medicaid renewals from the public health emergency. • At the end of March, we will begin we will begin to redetermine eligibility for everyone on Medicaid beginning in April of 2023 regardless of the public health emergency status. • Redeterminations will be divided over the full year. • May 11th is the end of the public health emergency but the Medicaid program restart eligibility determinations. <p>Campaign: Stay Well Stay Covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to the PowerPoint for Frequent Asked Questions. <p>In March letter will be sent to Medicaid Households telling them their specific month they are cover until. A Pink letter will be sent the month before when the renewal opens.</p> <p>Encourage people to update their information in the system.</p> <p>Temporary Special Enrollment Period for Consumers Losing Medicaid. Children's Health insurance program coverage due to the unwinding of the Medicaid continuous enrollment condition. From March 31st, 2023, through July 1st of 2024 anyone losing coverage can apply.</p> <p>Carla Houser: Will RGC need to do this for children in their care or will DHS do this automatically?</p> <p>Meredith Nicolas: DHS will do it</p>	
<p>Action Items</p>	<p>Refer to Action Attachment</p> <p>Creating a Networking Session. Panel Discussion involuntary mental health treatment. Job Fair in March 18, 2023 eLOCCS and e-snaps training</p>	
<p>Continuing Business</p>	<p>Governor's Office – James Koshiba</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hired a Team Member Lindsay Perchico • Calling back everyone to the table • Focusing on moving the five priorities of the five these two prioritize. • The Emergency Proclamation. • Legislation Session. Highlight. Ohana Zone Bills using the funding to fill critical gaps and direct more 	

	<p>to permanent solutions.</p> <p>Dr. Danny Chan requested that the Governor Office reach to the hospital system to work together on mental health and long term care.</p> <p>State Homeless Program Office – Harold Brackeen III Not Present</p> <p>Mayor’s Office on Housing – Ailina Laborte</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Administration Homeless Action Plan has been sent to City Counsel for Review • Working on the updates to the housing plan. <p>City Department of Community Services – Anton Krucky, Not Present</p> <p>HUD Local Field Office – Mark Chandler No word on the announcement on the HUD application for funding.</p> <p>Met with Adult Mental Health, they are working trying change the definition of the HUD homeless on the 90 day stay in the mental health hospitals and will approach Washington DC to see if they would not object to a change in the definition for an exception.</p> <p>VA – Lindsay Kaumeheiwa No updates</p> <p>Office of Hawaiian Affairs – Carla Hostetter No Updates</p>	
<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p>Advocacy- Betty Lou: Meetings with Representative Borlotti, chair of Human Services and Homelessness and scheduling other meetings. They are interested on how providers can work with Medicaid so that they would be able to tap into Federal funding source.</p> <p>Refer to 2023 Legislative Priorities Narrative for Bills.</p> <p>Awareness and Communications- Aura Reyes Conference Deposit placed and will need to pay in full in March. Networking Event for Service Providers, looking at locations. Public Awareness: Exploring using the Star Advertiser as a platform to raise awareness. Community Talk Story Experience.</p> <p>OYAB- Gabe Freitas</p>	

	<p>Last month meeting was moved to next week. Looking for guest speaker who are providing services for youth.</p> <p>Coordinated Entry System- Dr. Danny Chan Great Participants and Changes in policy Focus on Health Care.</p> <p>Data- Claire Fujita Giving HMIS team room. Please review emails from Josh Roach to coordinate trainings on the new system. There are trainings online.</p> <p>Planning and Housing- Sharon Baillie Job fair in March. Bridging the Gap got Funded. Waiting on the regular NOFO Award. Monitoring and Evaluation at site visits</p> <p>Member Relations- Greg Payton Review the attendance standards. Looking at scheduling member highlights presentation at the General Meeting.</p>	
E.D Report	<p>Refer to Handout.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership Providers are reenrolled. • HUD Grant Application • Disaster Management Red Cross is not involved as much, relaying on providers. • Committee Work • Vacancy Grid • AUW Consolidated Grant • Oahu Youth Action Board. • Emergency Housing Vouchers • Emergency Housing Vouchers • HMIS Transition from Case Worthy to Bitfocus 	
Program Success Stories	Debra Smith going to retiring, amazing advocate and outreach worker.	
New Business	Announcements Highlights and Updates: None	
Meeting Adjourn		
Next Meeting	Tuesday March 21 st at 1200	