

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: May 16th 2023

Time: 12:00pm-1:40pm

Location: MS Teams

Attendees: See roster sheet

Topic	Discussion	Outco me/Acti on
Call to Order Roll Call	Meeting called to order: 1200 Called to order by Heather Lusk Chairperson Grounding Mission Statement Vision Read by Betty Lou Larson PIC Group Agreements Read by Heather Lusk.	
	Minutes review: Approved Motion Betty Lou Second Heather Lusk	
Presentation DHS Med-Quest Jon Fujii	Slide Presentation: Introduced Team: Alana Souza, Contracts Cathy Makishima, Contracts Vic Tolentino, Quality and Member Relations Doug Forsell, Project Manager Theory is around permanent supportive housing and how that can improve health outcomes. Program Changes. • Removed pre-payment document submission requirement. • Primarily focused on Housing, reducing referral and consent to one page • Time Required removed and replaced by person-centered task requirement. • Process is streamlined.	
	Continue to monitor the process. Continue to engage with stakeholders	

TANF Catherine Scardino

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families is administered by the Department of Human Services under Benefit Employment and Support Services Division.

(Refer to PowerPoint)

- Hawaii receives Block Grants 98.5 million dollars. These benefits provided to qualified families with dependent children. The block grant is used to fund financial assistance benefits provided to qualified families with dependent children we are required to also provide the Frist to work program. Family participate in this program to be eligible for the grant funds.
- Allowed to transfer up to 30% of the block grant to the childcare Development Fund administered by our departments childcare subsidy program as well as to the social services.

Four Purposes of the TANF Program:

- 1. Assistance so that children can be cared in their own homes.
- 2. End government dependency by promoting Job preparation, work.
- 3. Prevent and reduce out-of-wedlock pregnancies.
- 4. Encourage and promote two-parent families.

Temporary Assistance for Other Needy Families: Designed to consistent to Hawaii State Constitution Title IX Section 3 for families who do not qualify for federal public funds.

Requirements to Expend Funds:

- 1. TANF State Plan and Work Verification Plan
- 2. Maintenance of Effort (to use the block grant the state has to use 75% to 80% of the Block Grant Amount)
- 3. Work Participation Rates
- 4. Complete and Submit Federal Reports

Project and Initiatives:

- 1. Awarded 24 Contracts to 20 community base organizations.
- 2. Support Program Services
- 3. Proposed Amendments to chapters 17-678, 17-656-1 and 17-794.1 in Hawaii Administration Rules.
- 4. Proposed New Chapter 17-796
- 5. Modification to Caseloads
- 6. Expand Pre-School Open Doors
- 7. RFPs
- 8. Current Projects
- 9. Evaluation of TANF Eligibility Policies

Questions:

Robert Daley: Inquired about the RFP postings.

Response: RFP will be posted on later this year in the state procurement website.

Betty Lou Larson: The rental subsidies in early 2024 is that still at \$500 a month and if so will you be evaluating if that's sufficient; and if it is raised does that require legislative action? Response: It does require legislative measure to be introduced. Set at \$500.00 dollars a month. Housing subsidy is established through the Hawaii revised statute section 346-261.

City and County Disaster Emergency Management Aviela Weltman

Refer to PowerPoint.

Hazards and Challenges on Oahu

- Hurricanes (Season Starts June 1st.)
- Tsunamis
- Flash Floods
- Isolated
- Post Disaster parts will be isolated.
- Limited Evacuation

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Disaster Sheltering, located mostly at schools.

38 Hurricane Refuse Areas

Role of Emergency Management Agency is to coordinate and connect resources within their jurisdiction. We are not designed to provide direct services.

Resources:

Potential Hurricane Refuge Area Link:

https://www.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=14fa d086020b4bc8acfcf2e3f79d4329

City and County of Honolulu Department of Emergency Management:

https://www.honolulu.gov/dem

Continuing Business

Governor's Office – James Koshiba

No Present

State Homeless Program Office – Harold Brackeen III Not Present

Mayor's Office on Housing – Ailina Laborte

Defer to Cheryl: Bill that is going through City Counsel, increase access to naloxone.

City Department of Community Services – Anton Krucky, Not Present

HUD Local Field Office – Mark Chandler

Inquired in there if there are problems accessing the housing choice vouchers. State of Hawaii elected not to receive the ESG funding. The money will go to the City and County of Honolulu. Laura Thielen: No, we are expected to use all the vouchers.

VA – Lindsay Kaumeheiwa

No updates

Office of Hawaiian Affairs – Carla Hostetter

No Updates

Committee Reports

Advocacy- Bob

Ohana Zone Bill got 15 million.

Rental Housing Bill got 280 million over the next couple years. Connie: reported that moneys were given to the AG office for mental health.

Awareness and Communications- Aura Reyes

Meeting with BTG, PIC and HIHAC regarding the conference and logistics. Focus on:

- Collaborations
- Finances scholarships
- Branding and advertising.

Partners in care is going to be handling or managing the finance, HIHAC is responsible for obtaining scholarships. BTG is going to be doing focusing on the neighbor island event.

OYAB- Gabe Freitas

Scheduled the meetings at the Lydia's house. Next meeting to discuss the RRH project also celebrate PRIDE and reviewing the mission statement.

Coordinated Entry System- Dr. Danny Chan

Assessment Workshop Please get involved.

Data- Robert Daley

Clarity is still getting up and running, encouraged reach out the HMIS team if having difficult. Ongoing trainings, reach out to Josh Roach.

Planning and Housing- Sharon Baillie

2023 PIT count released, good news coverage.

Help E_SNAPS Training June 3rd. The training is on the website, encourage that everyone look at it if they are applying.

Member Relations- Greg Payton

Laura reminder about the attendance in the committee. The attendance is monitored.

	Steadfast Presentation moved to next month due time constraints.	
E.D Report	Refer to Handout. Thank everyone help with getting the PIT Count.	
Program Success Stories	Not heard due to time constraints	
New Business	Look out for the NOFO	
Meeting Adjourn	1330	
Next Meeting	Tuesday June 13 th at 1200	