



# 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 Data Committee Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, Sept 12, 2023 10:00AM  
Location: MS Teams

Attendees: Angel Heath Thelma (Mana Pono Holomua), Camille Simon (CCH), Carla Kahala (HCAP Kumuhonua), Connie Mitchell (IHS), Elizabeth Anderson (KPHC), Elizabeth Kataoka (CCH), Jessica Oda (CFS), Karina Mesta (GPD), Lindsey Kaumeheiwa (VA), Nancy Ruan (IHS), Robert Daley (RYSE), Roddy Marengo (UHC), Summer Pakele (ASI), Tristan Bones (GHP), Troy Moreno (WH), Vanessa Glio (OHP)

PIC Staff: Aubrey Pellicano, David Wilkie, Joshua Fuentes, Joshua Roach, Julia Wolfson, Laura Thielen, Michael Kleiber, Morgan Esarey, Pixel Richardi, Sara Ironhill

Guests: Public Defenders Darcia Forester, William Bento

Topic	Discussion
Opening Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Call to order 10:04am, Pixel taking minutes.</li><li>• Review of August minutes. Elizabeth Anderson moved to approve. Tristan Bones seconded the motion.</li></ul>
HMIS Access Requests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Office of Public Defenders request for HMIS access, presentation attached</li><li>• Provide another link in the continuum of care, as a part of a clients Care Team use HMIS information to help clients who are being represented by the OPD</li><li>• Vote yes pending OPD added as a PIC partner</li></ul>
HMIS Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Agency Analysis role launched, contact <a href="mailto:HMIS@partnersincareoahu.org">HMIS@partnersincareoahu.org</a> for assistance</li><li>• Dupes update: 7 dupes created since April. As opposed to</li><li>• PITC Sub-reports on website: <a href="https://www.partnersincareoahu.org/pit-reports">https://www.partnersincareoahu.org/pit-reports</a></li></ul>
Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discussion on how to view improvement, where the CoC can make the most impact</li><li>• Kupuna dashboard suggested</li></ul>
Meeting Adjourn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adjourned 11:04 am</li><li>• Next meeting 10am Oct 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023</li></ul>

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# Office of the Public Defender

State of Hawaii

HMIS – Homeless Management Information System

Partners In Care Presentation 2023

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## Office of the Public Defender

- The Office of the Public Defender is a State Agency

State Public Defender James Tabe

- We have offices located on Oahu, Kauai, Maui (includes Molokai and Lanai) and on the Big Island (Hilo and Kona)
- Statewide, we have approximately 75 attorneys – Deputy Public Defenders

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## Office of the Public Defender

- Our offices first opened in 1970
- We provide legal defense services to “indigent” clients who cannot afford to hire an attorney based on their financial circumstances
- We provide legal defense services to many clients who are houseless and who may also be receiving mental health services across the State
- Many of our clients experience periods of houselessness, periods of decompensation, and instability in our communities

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## Office of the Public Defender

- Our Mission is to provide excellent zealous defense to our clients facing criminal charges in the court systems Statewide
- We embrace a holistic view of our role – seeking to provide information and services to help clients maintain their mental health, a safe place to live, and to successfully navigate their criminal case(s), their trial(s), and/or their court supervision [probation and deferral]

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## How could access to HMIS help our clients?

### Quick Access to MH Team Information

Name of current case manager

Location of services or service providers (e.g., North Shore Mental Health or Care Hawaii)

### Quick Access to Updated Contact Information

Ability to find or enter updated contact information for a client

Including family or friends who we can leave messages with

### Ability to Schedule Appointments

Ability to schedule a legal appointment to speak with their attorney

Ability to facilitate scheduling of appointments with court doctors for fitness exams

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## How could access to HMIS help our clients?

### Quick Access to Documents to help clients access services

Ability to print out an ID card for client who may have lost or misplaced it

Ability to print out other documents needed at client's request

### Access to History Information

Ability to get information on prescriptions and other health information

Ability to see if client missed their last medication shot and may be in a period of decompensation or instability as a result

### Ability to Update on Custody Status of Client

Ability to update the system if a client is being held in custody and to alert the team of the client's custody status

Instant messaging with MH team

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## Confidentiality

- We are bound by the legal obligations established by the Courts, the American Bar Association, the Hawaii State Bar Association, and the Office of Disciplinary Counsel to maintain client confidentiality
- We consider all our communications with our clients to be confidential and any information shared or accessed would be with our client's **express** permission
- We will make a commitment to abide by any confidentiality and privacy rules required by HMIS and Partners in Care

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## Summary

The Office of the Public Defender is seeking permission to access some of the information available on the HMIS System for the sole purpose of helping our clients with mental health and housing challenges to be more successful in meeting their court obligations and to keep them connected with their team as a means of ongoing support with a commitment to client confidentiality and privacy.

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