



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 Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
 Thursday, February 2nd, 2023
 Time: 10:00-11:30AM
 Location: MS Teams

Attendees: Lindsay Pacheco, James Koshiba, Ailina C7C HNL, Laura Thielen, Heather Lusk, Heather Nakao, Cheryl Bellisario, Emma Grochowsky, Jillan Okamoto , Morgan Barrett, Clair Fujita , Jenny Neal, Mellisa-Kinai'Eha, Marya Grambs, Bob Wardlaw , Elliot Woods, Sharon Ballie, George Martin

Topic	Discussion	Outcome/Action
Call to Order, Approval of Minutes	<p>Introduction</p> <p>Opening ice breaker: What is your superpower?</p> <p>Review and Approval of September Minutes</p>	Meeting began: 10:01AM
New Business	<p>Heather Lusk: Med Quest Waiver: Laura has been facilitating meetings with providers on both a Oahu and the neighbor islands about the community integration services and the challenges that would allow Medicaid plans to provide reimbursement for pre tenancy and tenancy.</p> <p>Laura Thielen : CIS The integration the health plans for those who have signed up to contract for the services it's a fee for service can get authorization from Med Quist to be able to provide direct services to clients. The intent is to not have as many case managers in the system and allowing it to be a layering of the care team for individuals. It has been a challenge administratively and for billing.</p> <p>PIC meet with HIS as they have been doing this for a couple of months now and it has not been going well. We would like to bring as many people as possible together to discuss what the challenges would be.</p> <p>Connie from HIS has set up a meeting with Med quest and took a lot of those concerns to that meeting with the director and the Deputy Jody Peterson. They willing to try to make it easier and better for all providers.</p> <p>Heather Lusk: Encourage people to attend the meeting</p> <p>Jillian Okamoto: Agreed, trying to connect and has not been approved for over a year.</p> <p>Laura Thielen : Encouraged Participation of agencies using CIS and PIC is looking at including Bitt Focus in this discussion because there is the ability to bill for services through bit focus so through</p>	

our HMIS and this help with this billing process, avoiding duplication of entries.

Heather Lusk: Explained that each plan has a separate process. First must become a Medicaid certified provider then you need have a Medicaid contract with each of the plans before you sign up for CIS then you need to apply to Med quest to become a CIS provider. Then you will need a contract with each other individual Medicaid plans for CIS. It took about two and half years.

Laura Thielen: Discuss the number of hours allowed to be authorized. Four hours of direct services to a person over a month. Some may need 1/2 an hour or one month then we lose them.

Laura Thielen: Building a new relationship with Medicaid that we haven't necessarily had before but they are at the table they're willing to work with us and that's the most important thing.

Heather Lusk: Point In Time Count. Praised PIC for a glitch free point in time and ask if there is any evidence of sweeps to let her know. There was an agreement with city and county not to have any sweeps 2 weeks before point in time.

Laura Thielen: Point in Time Count Wallace and Elliot and Josh did a great job, with the App able to immediately contact any volunteer or provider that was out there if they wrote something incorrectly. We were able to get more surveys like completed surveys with all the information then we have in the past. We got feedback from Castro that he likes the methodology. HUD will be due April 30th and that will just be numbers and the housing inventory count we have asked for all shelters to make sure that their information on Sunday night January 22nd is all in age HMIS so that they can pull those numbers for our housing inventory checklist.

Thanked all the providers and individuals who help with the count.

Heather Lusk mentioned for the first time in years we had the same night as Bridging the Gap so that's going to be even though there's with longer the same night so hopefully, we can also look at statewide.

Laura Thielen: Special NOFO Oahu was not awarded, Neighbor Islands were awarded. HUD was focusing on rural areas. Thank everyone for their efforts.

Laura Thielen: A Hawaii data program RFP from the homeless programs office and that is creating the database with case worthy. PIC will be applying. We are hoping that if we do receive that that we can do it at a very discounted amount based on what they are putting projecting it to cost and if we go through Bit Focus, they can collect information from Case Worthy, but Case Worthy can't collect information from Bit Focus. Due March 3rd.

<p>Committees</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications & Awareness Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No Updates Next meeting on the 7th • Advocacy Committee Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Last Meeting it was suggested to meet more often. ○ 70 Bills that are of interest to us. ○ Few bills that came up will pass because written by committee chairs. ○ Keeping in watch on bills regarding homelessness. • OYAB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No updates • CES Oversight <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Goal Setting for Hospitalized and incarcerated. ○ Coordinated Assessment Workgroup ○ February Meeting Review of roles and responsibility ○ New Assessment Review ○ Next Meeting February 16th ○ <p>Heather Lusk Requested updates on Housing First Ohana Zone Funding. .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Light Meeting, no new request • Planning & Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Looking to host e-snaps /elocs and sage training for providers in Spring ○ Meeting tomorrow between CES and Sharon ○ Working on HI-501 CoC PnPs ○ Job Fair looking at locking down a space. ○ Strategic Planning after the legislative Session ○ Tentative Contract with Ian Dajourn with Weinberg Foundation • Member Relations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Membership was due at the end of January. ○ 54 for Voting and 13 non-voting. <p>Heather Lusk: Asking this body allowing the 501-C using the Partners In Care name. Stipulation that gives someone else become CoC applicant that they will change their name.</p> <p>Sharon Ballie : Ask that we put it on the agenda for the March meeting for a vote.</p> <p>Heather Lusk: Wants to bring it up at the General Meeting for discussion before voting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair – no updates • Vice chair: no updates • Secretary: no updates • Treasurer: Refer to ED report for grant reports. All are in good standing. No update from Apple Seed for the cost of conference. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lived Experience: Lindsay/Kim: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No Update • State Government: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Emergency Proclamation • City Government: Continue to look at resumes for new director. 	
ED Report	<p>Action List readed panel discussion on mental health to get some feedback on mental health issues related to the community. To make some solid mental health measures to help the homeless.</p> <p>Maybe hiring someone to fill Wallace’s position</p> <p>Happy Birthday Laura!</p>	
Meeting Adjourn		Meeting ended at 11:36AM
Next Meeting	Thursday, March 2nd, 2023. 10-11:30AM	