

PARTNERS IN CARE

Oahu's Continuum of Care

Our mission is to eliminate homelessness through open and inclusive participation and the coordination of integrated responses.

Advocacy Committee Agenda

October 26th, 2023

3:00pm – 4:00pm

- I. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Special Presentations
- II. Old Business
 - a. Open House
 - i. Invitees
 - ii. Programs
 - iii. Schedule
 - b. Homeless and Housing Briefing
 - i. Request to be involved
 - c. Keiki Caucus
 - d. Children & Youth Summit Priorities (see page 3)
 - e. 2024 Legislative Priorities
 - 1. Maintain and Perpetuate Proven Core Services
 - 2. Support Housing Stability Services
 - 3. Creation of Affordable Housing
 - f. Review of Bill Tracking
- III. City Council Updates
- IV. New Business
- V. Next Meeting: 10/26/2023, 2023 at 3PM via Teams
- VI. Adjournment

Additional documentation

--- State Homeless Services BUDGET ---

2015 BASE = \$15M (even prior, from 2005, no increase)

Shelters -- \$13M

Outreach -- \$2.2M

SHEG -- \$400K

> Housing first added later, and year to year

2022 BASE = \$15M

Shelters -- \$13M

Outreach -- \$2.2M

SHEG -- \$350K

2022 Additional = \$10.8M

- Housing First -- \$3.75M -- rent and utilities + services, harm reduction/no sobriety first

- Rapid Rehousing -- \$3.75M

- FACs -- \$1.55M

- Addl Outreach -- \$1.75M

- Civil Legal Svcs -- \$250K

- Housing Placement Program -- \$350K (goes to BESSD TANF)

Opioid Settlement

Allowable uses of funding: At least 70% of funding awarded to states and localities must be spent on “opioid remediation efforts” defined in the settlement agreement as “*Care, treatment, and other programs and expenditures (including reimbursement for past such programs or expenditures except where this Agreement restricts the use of funds solely to future Opioid Remediation) designed to (1) address the misuse and abuse of opioid products, (2) treat or mitigate opioid use or related disorders, or (3) mitigate other alleged effects of, including on those injured as a result of, the opioid epidemic.*”

HAWAII CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUMMIT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION 2023

ENVIRONMENT

1. Require companies & stores to use eco-friendly/biodegradable products.
2. Creating funding for restoration of ahupua'a and fishponds.

EDUCATION

1. More resources: tutors/ counselors to improve education and mental health resources in school.
2. Incorporate culture into classes offered in public schools.

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY, & INCLUSION

1. A lot of racial/ethnic inequalities occur due to a lack of understanding. We want to include AAPI history in history classes.
2. To have mandatory equity, diversity and inclusion workshops for teachers and how they can deal with racial violence.

HEALTHY BODY, HEALTHY MIND

1. Mental Health Awareness - schools in Hawai'i should have a class that educates students about the importance and seriousness of mental health issues.
2. Substance Abuse - schools in Hawai'i should provide better resources and improve hotlines dedicated to substance abuse to provide a safe place for students to cope with and discuss their problems.

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

1. The creation of a program through the University of Hawaii. Where students can get loan forgiveness if the work in statewide office on homelessness and housing solutions or any outreach program for 8 years. (4 of the years when they are in school and another 4 after they graduate)
2. Creating more outreach and direct service program for houseless peoples. Including offering classes for getting jobs and help to secure housing.

SAFETY & CRISIS MANAGEMENT

1. The State should update the current disaster protocols implemented in schools. To require at least 2 lockdown drills per quarter. And make sure school facilities such as roads are prepared for evacuation.
2. Make sure to have a proper number first responders in every town/city based on the community's population. This may also apply to making sure there is a police station, fire station, and "safety shelter" near every city.