



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.

Advocacy Committee Minutes
 Date: 10-19-2022 | Time: 3PM
 Location: MS Teams

Attendees: Cheryl Bellisario, Bob Wardlaw PVH, Emma Grochowsky; Marya Grambs, Melissa (Kinai Eha), Scott Morishige, Annie Anderson, Christy MacPherson(HI Appleseed), Elliot Woods, Ailina Laborte, Keanan Kamaka (WIN), Kristen Anderson, Stacy (HI Appleseed), Vanessa Corwin, Lydia Pavon, Aura Reyes.

Topic	Discussion	Outcome/Action
Call to Order Approval of Minutes	Call to order at 3:03PM No minutes from September	
Continuing Business	Introductions 1. Legislative Session Updates (via Cheryl) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Discussion with PIC/BTG group to find needs and goals for next session. b. Increase housing stock c. Core homeless services new funding (usually through ARA, but not federally funded anymore) d. True Costs group – to get involved reach out to Christy MacPherson 2. Reaching out to legislatures – timeline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Between now – start of November: figure out priorities b. Post-election results – set up meetings with those in leaderships (some may remain the same, but some new) c. New governor's administration may have new bills – try to set up meetings with JG / Chief of Staff now rather than after d. Meet with Kathy Bates(?) from DHS – she will probably be staying in her spot 3. Priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Rental Assistance and Mediation Bill <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Separate? Rental will take a lot of money to pass, but separating might be more advantageous 4. City Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Met with Esther Kia'aina – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. New director of homelessness hired and will begin January ii. Send testimony in support of Bill 9 (Empty Homes Tax) Main purposes: higher tax on vacant home which would 	

	<p>be allocated for affordable housing and homelessness programs. Would also sway people to sell these homes to help our inventory stock. If this doesn't go through this year, it may be a good idea to have this up for discussion at their last Budget Committee Meeting in November.</p> <p>iii. Draft of support letter – email suggestions to Bob. Goal is to send by end of week</p>	Bob to email out draft letter to committee
New Business	<p>1. Meeting time/date – change?</p> <p>2. Legislative Breakfast? Press Conference?</p>	Bob to send out Doodle Poll
Meeting Adjourn	Meeting ended at 3:54PM	
Next Meeting	Next Meeting: November 23rd, 2022, at 3PM	