



# 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: 10-26-2023 | Time: 3PM  
 Location: MS Teams  
 See attendance list below.

Topic	Discussion	Outcome/Action
<b>Call to Order</b>	Call to order at 3:02PM	Minutes approved as written.
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	Review of Minutes	
<b>Continuing Business</b>	<p><b>Open House</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Showed invites to committee</li> <li>- Laura reviewed what the objective of the Open House is</li> <li>- Cheryl commenting that the providers should try to remind legislators what we'd like to see in this year's Legislative Session; Laura letting Cheryl know that each agency will be provided our 2024 priorities.</li> </ul> <p><b>Children &amp; Youth Summit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reviewed priorities</li> <li>- Sara reminding everyone to have their youth (if applicable) vote on the priorities (should be getting those emails from Judith requesting votes).</li> </ul> <p><b>2024 Legislative Priorities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hawaii Appleseed (Arjuna) requesting support as well regarding the conveyance tax policy brief.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <a href="https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:b33de610-d93f-3365-a7b2-83633269d828">https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:b33de610-d93f-3365-a7b2-83633269d828</a></li> <li>o Hawaii Appleseed (Christy) having "Boot Camp" for Empty Homes Tax discussion as well, requesting participation.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- True Cost Coalition has hired a lobbyist &amp; is starting to work on what their Legislative Session will look like, possibly some bills.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Reminder that the TCC is advocating for proper financial support for non-profits; they are doing the same amount of work (or more) for the same amount of money with no regard for inflation.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>City Council Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PIC requesting that Councilmember Tupola's PIT Count resolution be dropped</li> </ul>	
<b>New Business</b>	<b>Mike N. – Medquest 1115 waiver renewal:</b> Proposing new benefits for MedQuest enrollees including an expansion of CIS to offer up to 6 months of rental assistance, pre-release services, etc.	
<b>Meeting Adjourn</b>	Meeting adjourned at 3:39pm	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 14th at 3pm	

**Attendance** (PIC - Laura, Sara, Jillian)

Mike Nyugen – AlohaCare  
Danielle Arias – Waimanalo Health Center  
Vanessa Khachik – SOHHS  
Angie Knight – HIS  
Arjuna – Hawaii Appleseed  
Cheryl Bellisario – Mayor's Office of Housing  
Aura Reyes – KpoK  
Christy MacPherson – Hawaii Appleseed  
Grant Nakaya – OHA  
Keanan Kamaka – WIN  
Mike Goodman – Unaffiliated  
Ryan Catalani – FPH  
Nikos Leverenze – HHHRC  
Ailina Laborte – City & County