



# 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 Meeting  
 Minutes Tuesday,  
 Date: 8-17-2022 Time: 3pm  
 Location: MS Teams

Attendees: Cheryl Bellisario, Laura Thielen PIC, Bob Wardlaw PVH, Christy MacPherson PHOCUSED, Emma Grochowsky; Judith Clark HYSN, Marya Grambs, Melissa (Kinai Eha), Scott Morishige, Tanya Brown USVets

Topic	Discussion	Outcome/Action
<b>Call to Order, Approval of Minutes</b>	Call to order at 3:05 No minutes from July	
<b>Continuing Business</b>	<p>City Council Advocacy Updates:            PIC/BTG group will welcome staffer from Councilmember Calvin Say's office at the next joint PIC/BTG advocacy committee meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> of August.</p> <p>Potential Advocacy topics:            Empty Homes Tax: Bill 9 Vacant property tax. There are several exemptions for this bill and may be hard to enforce but we will work towards understanding the measure and supporting if it can be enforceable. If the measure doesn't push for enforcement, maybe talk to council to see what changes could be made to improve the measure.</p> <p>Ballot initiative: there will be a ballot question looking to increase the percentage of the property tax that goes to the Affordable housing fund from 0.5% to 1.0%. We need to support this initiative.</p> <p>City's Hale Ho'okele Series starts tonight. This is a new office that is focusing on community engagement regarding council work.</p> <p>Councilmember Esther Kia'aina may be able to meet with the Advocacy group in September. She is on vacation right now.</p> <p>Scott: Please include BTG and the Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions on discussions regarding legislation and advocacy once the new administration comes in.</p>	<p>Review measure and participate in council hearing to advocate.</p> <p>Support this initiative.</p> <p>Bob will work on setting up the meeting in September.</p>

<b>New Business</b>	<p>Cheryl: Supportive Housing Work Group, monthly meeting, next meeting 9/20/2022 at 10am.</p> <p>Movement of meeting: Bob will send out doodle for meetings to current committee members along with people that had committed to the committee through annual process.</p> <p>Looking towards 2023 State Legislature: Cheryl reminded us that the next Leg session is the first year of the next biennium. Scott – need to focus on core homeless funding (\$10.8 Million) since for the last couple of years, ARPA and CARES Act funding etc. has been covering many of the core services and that will soon be going away. Scott – can we do a poll to determine priorities for advocacy?</p> <p>Judith – Children’s summit is set for October 6,7. We need to get more lived experience youth and adults involved in planning.</p> <p>Christy – AHA Fellows is gaining traction and is going well. We need to continue to build up HIHAC – Hawaii Housing Affordability Coalition. Their next meeting is 9/7/2022 at 5:30.</p>	<p>Start talking to Legislators on their priorities and match up with ours whenever possible.</p>
<b>Meeting Adjourn</b>	Meeting ended at 4:14pm	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Next Meeting: September 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2022	