



# 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: 8/24/23 | Time: 3PM

Location: MS Teams

See attendance list below.

Topic	Discussion	Outcome/Action
<b>Call to Order/ Introductions/ Approval of Minutes</b>	Call to order at 3:01PM Introductions completed Minutes approved	Nikos motioned to approve, Aura seconded.
<b>Special Presentations</b>	<p><b>HIHAC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Current policy priority is Empty Homes Tax: Still a question of how to enforce.</li> <li>- Past priorities that did not pass, may bring back up: Conveyance Tax Reform, Rental Assistance &amp; LL/tenant Mediation, Rent Reporting Credit Building, Tenant Bill of Rights.</li> <li>- Action items for Advocacy Committee: HIHAC will need support once campaign has been mapped out. Laura requesting that we get the information from HIHAC <u>before</u> the legislative session.</li> </ul> <p><b>True Cost Coalition</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Many costs associated with providing services to people experiencing homelessness are not covered by the funders.</li> <li>- Currently focusing on how to ease the costs for non-profits across the board, not just homeless providers; working on getting some legislation to appropriately fund core costs of services.</li> <li>- Advocacy Committee members should seriously consider joining the coalition.</li> </ul>	
<b>Old Business</b>	<p><b>OHA/Kauhale meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- OHA's main takeaway was that it was not a "one and done" conversation. The conversation will be continued - James Koshiba &amp; OHA leadership decided to meet separately to discuss further. That meeting is still pending.</li> </ul> <p><b>Opioid Settlement Funds</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Challenging at this time to see how we may make use of the funds. Big Island has solid plan, all other islands unclear. PIC team to send out to committee the info on Big Island's plan to use funds, to see if it is helpful for us.</li> </ul>	

<b>Legislative Session 2024</b>	<p><b>Keiki Caucus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hawaii Children &amp; Youth Summit registration just opened up today. Encouraging youth providers to recommend that their youth attend and voice their priorities.</li> </ul> <p><b>Homeless and Housing Briefing – Request to be involved &amp; Open house tour</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pending follow-up from Bob on request to be involved</li> <li>- Committee likes the idea of “homeless services open house” as opposed to more formal tour; interest in participation from US Vets, FPH, IHS so far.</li> <li>- Ryan Catalani – Participating agencies should discuss what we all want to focus on with the attendees. Also potential to pull Bridging the Gap in, in future years.</li> <li>- PIC to send out participation request to providers to determine interest.</li> </ul> <p><b>Review of 2023 PIC Priorities – Maintain and Perpetuate Proven Core Services, Support Housing Stability Services, &amp; Creation of Affordable Housing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All in support of current priority narrative.</li> <li>- Laura shared State Homeless Services Budget from James Koshiba; to be addressed in more detail next meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Review of Bill Tracking</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PIC is going to continue to follow &amp; track the bills; will be checking in with HHHRC as they are also tracking bills.</li> </ul>	
<b>City Council Updates</b>	N/A	
<b>New Business</b>	N/A	
<b>Meeting Adjourn</b>	Meeting ended at 4:22PM	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Next Meeting: September 28th at 3pm	

**Attendees:** Tanya Brown (US Vets), Aura Reyes (KPoK), Sarielyn Curtis (SOHHS), Judith Clark (HYSN), Nikos Leverenz (HHHRC), Lydia Pavon (DVAC), Angie Knight (IHS), Dani Arias (Waimanalo Health Center), Chris Molina (Liliuokalani Trust), Mae’ole Quanan (Liliuokalani Trust), James Koshiba (Governor’s office, coordinator on homelessness), Arjuna Heim (Hawaii Appleseed), Grant Nakaya (OHA), Alaisa Skelton (YWCA), Melissa (Kinai Eha), Susan Le (HIHAC), Ryan Catalani (FPH)

Bob Wardlaw PVH  
 Laura Thielen PIC  
 Sara Ironhill PIC  
 Jillian Canova PIC