



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.

PIC Advocacy Meeting September 5th, 2017 MINUTES

Attendees: Marya Grambs, Stephanie Kendrick, Theresa Lonetti, Judith Clark, Natalie Okeson, JR Dowd, Carla Houser, Greg Payton, Thelma Kealoha, Anna Stone, Larry Chun, Hilda (HYSN intern)

Agenda Topic		Outcome/Action
Call to Order	Marya Grambs called the meeting to order at 12:01pm	
Approval of Minutes	Minutes of the July 11 th and August 1 st meetings were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented.	Motion Passed
Presentation	<p>Stephanie Kendrick from the Humane Society presented how the organization interfaces with those experiencing homelessness to increase collaborations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Humane Society takes in pets when certain areas are enforced, to care for the animals when the owners are displaced. • The organization has been working closely with IHS to create a pet friendly shelter, and they want to have more pet friendly resources (housing). • The Humane Society gives community presentations on such topics as responsible pet ownership and would be happy to speak at any event or training on a number of topics. • Judith Clark indicated that there are a number of unaccompanied youth that have pet dogs and are in need of collars. The Humane Societies field services provides collars, etc. for those experiencing homelessness in Kakaako, etc. and can do it for youth. They have a pet food bank, as well. • If an animal is a certified service pet then shelters are federally required to accept it. Shelters are not required to accept emotional support pets. However, if a physician can write a note that the person has a disability and that the pet alleviates a symptom, then it would then have to be accepted. • The Humane Society can help the shelters develop protocols and procedures. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judith will include the info in her next newsletter 	
PIC Legislative Priorities Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marya discussed key legislators that the core group will need to speak with regarding the priorities: Baker, Green, Au Belatti, Brower, Mizuno, Espero, Luke, Dela Cruz, as well as the House Speaker and the Senate President. • Materials that need to be developed are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One-page on PIC Priorities and then a one-page on each priority ○ Marya will do LEAD ○ Judith will help with youth for the outreach piece ○ Natalie will help on the affordable housing • Natalie gave update on affordable housing. We need to decide as a group what legislation is needed to impact affordable housing. • Carla indicated that the survey results were great because other support items can be folded into the broad priority issues. • Marya inquired as to whom would like to join core group? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anna, Carla, Judith would like to be notified of meetings with legislators and attend when they can • The group agreed that it would be best to meet with Scott first, as well as try to get our spending priorities into the budget 	<p>Next step: Gavin to take Priorities to Executive Committee for discussion/approval.</p> <p>Then: materials to be developed</p> <p>Meeting with Scott and Core Group to be set up</p>
Landlord Interested in Partnership	Greg Payton indicated that two separate investors are interested in acquiring apartment buildings (10-15 units each; studios and one bedrooms) where they can serve individuals who have experienced homelessness. They are looking to partner with organizations that have rental subsidies such as housing first or rapid rehousing contracts, but that also provide case management so that there is a support system around the tenants.	Greg will create an email and Natalie will send to list-serve
Announcements	Judith reminded everyone about the Children and Youth Summit on October 13 th . At this meeting, legislative priorities for the Keiki Caucus will be decided for the 2018 session.	
Next meeting	October 3 rd at Noon at AUW	
Meeting adjourned	Marya Grambs adjourned the meeting 12:45	
Meetings Minutes	Natalie Okeson	