



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 Committee Meeting

January 24, 2018, 12:00-1:30

MINUTES

Attendees: Betty Lou Larson, Bob Nakata, Catherine Graham, Eric Englin, Raquel Curtis, Gavin Thornton, Sr. Rosita Aranita, Marya Grambs, Carla Houser, Scott Morishige

On phone: Lance Niimi, Carla Houser, Beth Murph, Deborah Deluis, Thelma Kealoha

| Agenda Topic | | Outcome/Action |
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| I. Call to Order | Chair Gavin Thornton called the meeting to order at 12:03pm | |
| II. Introductions | | |
| III. Approval of Minutes | | approved |
| IV Continuing business | | |
| A. Legislative Breakfast | <p>Thanks to Gladys and her team who did such a fabulous job.</p> <p>Debrief:</p> <p>It overlapped with many other events at the Leg so we didn't get large volume of folks. Takes a lot of work, hard to avoid conflicts like this. Concerned that volume of handouts was info overload: Should just have priority issues and homeless 101. Materials are too detailed, not user friendly.</p> <p>In evaluating the Breakfast, what is goal? If our goal is visibility, then walkarounds may be more effective - we can be more visible, we are guaranteed to get to everyone, leave materials behind, people remember you (maybe we would have colorful t-shirt?).</p> <p>Last couple of Leg breakfasts – even without conflict - were sparsely attended by</p> | <p>Interested in walkaround as alternative to Breakfast. Gavin to follow up with Gladys.</p> <p>Fact sheets by Greg -send out to email list.</p> |

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| | <p>legislators; their staff comes but may only come for pastry. If you do walkaround – do when there are no hearings. Do between opening day and second week of session when there are few hearings. So many groups do breakfasts, so we don't stand out.</p> | |
| <p>B. Updates on status of bills</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Omnibus bill includes almost all of first tier of PIC priorities. • We decided to ask for more than Admin budget, so we would move the needle and show that Admin is not at outer edge. • HB1756 omnibus is our bill; Mizuno • SB 2873 is same - Green/Espero? • PSH (Permanent Supportive Housing = Housing First) bill would create 1800 PSH units, half new construction, half vouchers. Bill drafted and submitted, Espero and Brower sponsors. \$350M over 10 years • Do vouchers work? Hard to find places to rent Section 8. Housing First vouchers are constantly in use, turnover rapid. This is why new construction needed. • Bills that cover our Priority issues are coming out: PSH, Omnibus, budget and RHRF and DURF. We will have testimony ready to go for all of these. | |
| <p>C. Testimony/Action Alerts</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web page has been set up to submit testimony. • Discussion about the overwhelming number of bills that fall under our Priority, Support and | |

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| | <p>Notification. Decided to send Action Alerts only for Priority bills; Core team will narrow priority bills. For Support bills – just identify bills and have people follow themselves. Same with Notify.</p> | |
| D. Advocacy Sign Ups. | <p>Mail Chimp account has been set up for PIC advocacy committee. Currently we have 138 people getting Action Alerts, smaller number get invites. Suggest sending link to sign up form with check boxes: Sign up to receive Advocacy Alerts and/or Meeting Notices. Suggest giving people choices under Advocacy Alerts – affordable housing or homeless services. Or there could be 4 categories: outreach and shelter services; affordable housing; legal issues (LEAD, civil/legal, decriminalization), and dental and mental health.</p> | |
| E. Rental Housing Revolving Fund (RHRF) | <p>Question: do we want to advocate for an additional amount for RHRF (in budget). Currently we're supporting \$50M. What about go up to \$75M.</p> | <p>Decide to support \$75M. Will change budget testimony</p> |
| F. Media | <p>Scott Morishige: Homelessness is getting a lot of media coverage. Jason convened first meeting of PIC's Communication Committee. They put out media calendar for 12-month period. First 4 months focus on legislature. Will sync up with Advocacy Committee, coordinate key messages. Could get some media coverage on issues we want. Need to educate general public, especially on affordable housing; need to elevate housing piece.</p> | |
| VI. Neighbor Islands | <p>Update on Kona Family</p> | |

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| | Assessment Center - Is Bill in County package? What about Kauai family assessment center? | |
| Next meeting: FOURTH WEDNESDAY 12-1:30, | Wednesday March 28. | |
| Adjourned | 1:15 | |

Minutes by Marya Grambs