



# 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

April 25, 2018, 12:00-1:30

Aloha United Way

#### MINUTES

**Attendees:** Gavin Thornton, Marya Grambs, Catherine Graham, Bob Nakata, Natalie Okeson, Kathline Algire, Scott Morishige, Carla Houser, Betty Lou Larson, Jason Kasamoto, Eric Englin, Larry Chun, Christy McPherson, Michael McNulty, Peter Mattoon, Rebecca Yonamine  
**Staff:** Sharon Baillie

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Outcome/ Action
I. Meeting called to order	12:05	
II. Introductions		
III. Approval of March 2018 minutes	Natalie did not attend meeting via phone, so remove her name	Approved as amended
IV. Continuing business		
A. Legislative Update		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BettyLou and Scott M: Celebrate: Rental Housing RF \$200M will be appropriated. Goal is 25,000 units by 2030. Need study on the need for low-income housing.</li> <li>• It's in the budget but for only one year-not recurring.</li> <li>• Public authority: \$1M short for maintaining rent subsidy to current people, so they will lose rent supplement.</li> <li>• Partnership with Queens to reduce revolving door of homeless individuals.</li> <li>• Housing homeless children – shallow rental subsidy plus financial case management. For one year. For working poor.</li> <li>• Ohana Zones: trying to make them more flexible, less restrictive, use different models. Will provide infrastructure monies. No tents. Flexible for each island. Cannot mandate that people go into Ohana Zone.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We were able to have input into Conference process – for first time.</li> <li>• Hawaii Home – totally free medical care – via R.V.; they go to 7 locations, with attending physician and medical students. Been operating for 11 years.</li> </ul>	
B. Planning Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to do thank yous to legislators</li> <li>• Factors in our success: great advocacy work – Bob Nakata, Betty Lou, Scott, Jason, Gavin and committee members stepped up to get messages out. There was an increased amount of testimony. Kathleen, Carla, Natalie (and Campbell), Betty Lou, and Gavin did many legislative visits. Gavin is drafting an email to PIC members thanking them for their advocacy. It was a banner year for housing and homelessness.</li> <li>• Next general meeting debrief after session, brainstorm advocacy priorities for next year.</li> <li>• Housing summit: Being put on by FACE, Appleseed, Habitat for Humanity.</li> <li>• Explore plan to train people experiencing homelessness and advocates at the Leg For next year.</li> <li>• Last year we sent a survey to PIC members to get priorities. Do we want to get more feedback?</li> <li>• Send out debrief of what happened last session, include a link with a dream list and narrative.</li> <li>• Debrief at next PIC general meeting.</li> <li>• City and County -- watching bills. Bill 58 created inclusionary zoning requirements, so whenever a developer builds a new building, a certain percent must be affordable. They may change the bills, weaken it. Changing low rise units for affordable units, but not enough set aside for very very low income – 30-60% of AMI.</li> <li>• Do an OpEd – thank you to legislators for this huge investment, but still not solving the issue – need to focus on 30% AMI and Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH).</li> </ul>	
Adjourned	1:20	

Minutes by Marya Grambs