



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: Betty Lou Larson, Rev Bob Nakata, Rebecca Yonamine, Judith Clark, Kathleen Algire, Jillian Okamoto, Jason Kasamoto, Sharon Baillie

On phone: Natalie Okenson, Mike Goodman, Greg Payton, Eric Englin,

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Outcome/ Action
I. Meeting called to order	12:05	
II. Introductions		
III. Continuing business		
A. Results of 2018 Legislative Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What didn't get funded: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Housing Homeless Kids in SB 2401 ○ Taskforce for 30%AMI and below now a study by HHFDC • \$450K for HPHA rent supplemental program • Homeless services lump sum: all our programs continuing; can also be used to expand housing first or other services • DHS got \$1.5 million for extra services, no decision yet on how the money will be spent • \$1 million to HTA to address homeless in tourist areas • Money to start LEAD pilots on Maui and Hawaii Island <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scott's office to coordinate call between Honolulu LEAD and neighbor islands • \$30 million for Ohana zones; Gov still reviewing bill <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3 for neighboring counties, 2 for Oahu; stand land only; money is for construction and operations • \$800k for DOH in budget for LEAD and outreach counseling services 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$800k for a second assessment center, location TBA • \$1.5 million for coordinated statewide homeless initiative • Judith: SB 2791 establishes wellness center on juvenile facility ground; allows RYSE to open shelter and transitional living place for 18-24 	
<p>B. Evaluation of Session</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to include additional people for sending out alerts and work on getting more people into the system • Judith: look at midlevel staff, do a webinar on how to testify/advocate, people might now have experience and feel uncertain about what they're doing • Kathleen: record a 'how to testify' presentation and put on PIC website • Instead of breakfast, do a walk around with a group of 5-10 people and try to speak one-on-one with legislators • Judith: years ago got cardboard cutouts and had different agencies dress their doll and put a story on about a client who receives help through state funded program-went on for several years and invited legislators to adopt the cutouts • BL: it was very helpful to get data from Scott's office • Coordinated data is still an issue, so that we all have the same numbers and updat4es • Judith: good media coverage in Feb. • In Star Advertiser and Civil Beat, 69 stories on homelessness in 3 month period • Bob: this year media coverage was amazing • Jason: presenting a unified front from PIC members was good 	
<p>Brainstorm possible initiatives for 2019</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can we get PIC members to suggest issues from their community? Ex: youth • Addressing the gaps • Judith: ask legislator to do similar study for neighbor islands on youth homelessness • DOE homeless program director has only 21 unaccompanied homeless youth on their list officially, we know that is underreported • BL: what do we need to do for affordable housing? • Bob: Money for infrastructure, sewer 	

	<p>system. DURF money can go to infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BL: The infrastructure needs of this county are huge. It is impacting the sewer fees that local people pay and one of the driving costs of rental increases • Suggested to have surcharge on property tax for high-value properties • Conveyance tax for new buildings. Use money to support 30%AMI rents. • Bob: change the narrative from focusing on homeless to building affordable units • Jillian: can we make it illegal to discriminate against voucher holders? • BL: is the solution to build for specific populations? Have the agencies buy buildings? • Bob; BIA is talking to Appleseed and FACE about a housing summit later in the year • BL: Do we ask for more money targeted for gap groups? • Do we reintroduce Housing First units? • Need to reintroduce housing homeless kids bill • Do we break into smaller groups to work on specific issues? 	
Identify partners for summer work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to partner with Rep. Nakamura • HHFDC • Scott's office • Reach out to UH schools to see if they can assist on reports 	
Adjourned	1:30	

Minutes by Kathleen Algire