



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
August 22, 2018, 12:00-1:30
Aloha United Way
MINUTES

Attendees: Jimmy Hamada, Gavin Thornton, Marya Grambs, Rebecca Yonamine, Larry Chun
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Agenda Topic	Discussion	Outcome/ Action
I. Meeting called to order	12:05	
II. Introductions		
III. Approval of April, May and June Minutes		Approved
IV. Continuing business		
A. Recap on Focus Groups		
	<p>Gavin: For the past few years we focused on supporting homeless services as well as affordable housing. We particularly focused on Housing First last year – didn't fly. But the Leg allocated more than requested for affordable housing. An array of homeless services was funded.</p> <p>To identify advocacy priorities: Last year we did a survey of members; this year we held some focus groups to get input into legislative priorities. Last meeting of this Committee was a focus group.</p> <p>The following ideas came up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding for services in Ohana Zones (need to check: services not funded in bill? Also need to check what Governor's office is planning to do with the money – how many actual Ohana Zones will be created) • Job training – increasing availability of apprenticeships and educational opportunities (KCC' s community health program for example) 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put main homeless services (HF, RRH, outreach) into base budget • Funding for landlord damages for HF programs • Post-shelter case management for HF • Funding for transportation • Increase childcare subsidies • Prevent discrimination against income source (landlords won't rent for section 8 subsidies) • Increase diversion – ways to get people out of homelessness, i.e., LEAD • Address difficulty in getting state I.D. • Change developer requirements from including affordable units as a certain % of units to creating spaces like Kahiuiiki Village. [Opposing position: it is good to have mixed incomes in a residential building which means developers should include a % of affordable units; Village segregates poor people • Assisted Community Treatment – revive/modify HB 2021 • Change work activity definition for Childcare Connections Hawaii • Increase PSH vouchers (check into details – amount, how allocated etc.) • Increase low income housing • Shallow rent subsidies to help with rent and utilities 	
<p>B. Proposed priorities</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop complete package for PSH: i.e., let's address chronic homelessness in full: fund more vouchers, fund more long term case management services for PSH, build new low-income units. We could develop this proposal in conjunction with Scott's office. 2. Include all other homeless services proposed by Gov. in base budget – coordinate with Scott 3. Homeless prevention - Three approaches: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) <u>Coordinated Statewide Homeless Initiative – eviction prevention</u>. One-time cash infusion for people about to be evicted. (Ask Harold and Scott how much of our system that is and how many really need only one 	<p>Coordinate with Scott.</p> <p>Coordinate with Scott.</p>

	<p>month. Are there too many resources for this population rather than for chronic? Chronically homeless have a larger impact on generating costs throughout – ER, jail, etc – but preventing eviction also reduces related costs. This program got \$1.5M this year.</p> <p>(2) <u>Rental assistance pilot program</u> = Shallow rent subsidy – this diminishes over 12 months w/o ongoing CM, but at the end financial case management is provided to improve their financial stability. This is for working poor who don't make enough money to pay rent: these people are economically challenged, rather than being vulnerable in terms of mental illness and/or substance abuse. This concept was included in SB2989, and HB 2751.</p> <p>(3) <u>Rapid Rehousing (RRH)</u> goes up to 24 months and is tied with intensive case management – a different group of more vulnerable people who need ongoing case management.</p> <p>4. Subsidized child care</p> <p>5. Assisted Case Management (ACT) – Marya to explore.</p>	<p>Marya to explore what can be done here.</p>
<p>C. Next steps</p>		<p>Send out this list to “frequent attendees” to get their input. Gavin will do.</p>
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>at 1:25</p>	

Minutes by Marya Grambs