



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
Sept 26, 2018, 12:00-1:30
Aloha United Way
MINUTES

Attendees: Gavin Thornton, Marya Grambs, Betty Lou Larson, Judith Clark, Scott Morishige, Mario Avalle, Michael McNulty, Jason Kasamoto; Christy McPherson; Larry Chun
Phone: Lisa Kahaleauki, Cynthia Resentes, George Kaimiola, Lena Scaton, Natalie Okesun, Kathleen Algire

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Outcome/ Action
I. Meeting called to order	12:05	
II. Introductions		
III. Approval of August minutes		Approved
IV. Continuing business		
A. Next steps for priority setting		
Recap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the past PIC Advocacy has focused primarily on advocating for homeless services (outreach, Housing First/HF, and Rapid Rehousing/RRH) and affordable housing (Rental Housing Revolving Fund and Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund). • Last year we tried to gather input from PIC through a survey and got some input, which essentially confirmed that members liked the things we had been doing. • This year we had a couple of focus groups to get more ideas. Came up with the following priorities 	
Proposed Priorities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Let's address chronic homelessness (1,800 people) by developing complete package for Permanent Supportive Housing/PSH - fund 900 vouchers, fund more long-term case management services for PSH, build 900 new low-income units over 10 years. Cost \$720M. Cost savings (medical): over \$3B. 2. Include all other homeless services proposed by Gov. in base budget – (ask for more) 	

	<p>3. Homeless prevention - three approaches: <u>Coordinated Statewide Homeless Initiative – eviction prevention.</u> (AUW) One-time cash infusion for people about to be evicted. This program got \$1.5M this year.</p> <p><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, elderly, and youth 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><u>Rapid Rehousing</u> (RRH) 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) – court ordered treatment in the community for the most vulnerable (mental illness, substance abuse) homeless who do not respond to outreach and cycle between hospital, jail and streets. Several initiatives are being developed.</p>	
<p>What's Missing?</p>	<p>Michael: anger management, parenting classes, financial management, -- <u>soft skills</u> training needed.</p> <p>Scott: PIC Planning Comm developing fiscal map of all services. Will show where these soft skills services are being provided. Many people fall out of shelter for these reasons. Emma in his office drafting white paper – reviewing challenges to access to shelter – shelters must be low barrier but be safe and secure.</p> <p>Judith: focus on young adults 18-24 y/o to prevent them from being homeless. Need money for Street Outreach. Shallow Rent subsidies?</p> <p>Gavin: Re childcare priority: anything for us to put forward? Kathleen: Not right now. Probably not PIC involvement now.</p> <p>Cynthia: what if we advocate for a program or service or funding, get it passed, and then doesn't happen? Is that not our job? Do we need to track post-legislature?</p>	
<p>Report on last year's appropriations:</p>	<p>Scott M: what happened with money that got appropriated last year:</p> <p>Ohana Zone: Bill language very broad. Needed to clarify what legally allowed to do and not. Reaching out to all four counties to identify county and state land for Ohana Zones.</p>	

	<p>Interpretation of the funds allows to target land to create a facility that will create pathway to permanent housing. Can be used for operating or capital. Pair with existing structures. Have identified \$15M in projects on Oahu and potentially the remainder for each of the other islands. Can be used over a 3-year period. Concern about organized encampments – not best practices, security, difficult to be “government run.”</p> <p>Coordinated Statewide Homeless Initiative – AUW homeless prevention and diversion</p> <p>Core funding: \$15 for core, including \$5M for enforcement; transferred to DOT. Remaining \$10M went to outreach, RRH +, and HF + and civil/legal services. + = increase in funds</p> <p>Emergency Dept Assessment Pilot Program and Medical Respite Program (\$1M each with matching funds from Queens)</p> <p>Second Family Assessment Center funded; can be anywhere statewide. \$800K</p> <p>\$200K for each island for LEAD. Oahu’s started; other islands in startup.</p> <p>Affordable: \$200M for RHRF; \$130M has been committed.</p> <p>\$1M for Hawaii Tourism Auth.</p>	
	<p>--Scott suggestion: As we are advocating for programs/services, check with government agencies to see if they have the capacity to actually implement the proposed priorities. Engage state offices. Ask for positions in certain areas.</p>	
Next steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to nail down priorities: Flesh out from minutes; plus access to shelter, soft skills, ACT, and youth. Eliminate childcare. • Advoc Committee finalizes recommendations October 24 meeting • Get feedback from Bridging the Gap/BTG • Approval from Board Nov 1 <p>Note: as per Scott, if we decide by the December 17 Interagency Council, they could adopt PIC’s priorities.</p>	
Note	<p>FAITH Action is going to join us to engage service providers and their clients in advocacy.</p>	
Adjourned	<p>at 1:25</p>	

