



PARTNERS IN CARE

Oahu's Continuum of Care

Our mission is to eliminate homelessness through open and inclusive participation and the coordination of integrated responses.

Minutes of the Meeting of Board of Directors

January 3, 2019

Partners in Care Offices,

Board Members Present: Connie Mitchell, Heather Lusk, Carla Houser, Gavin Thornton, Anne Chipchase, Justin Phillips, Jere Kalima, Bill Hanrahan, Marya Grambs, Jason Kasamoto and Robert Boyack.

Guests Present: The Honorable Lieutenant Governor Josh Green, Jeremy Lakin, Marc Alexander, Ramon Meraz, Norm Baker, Jay King, Anna Stone, Harold Brackeen, Emma Grochowsky.

Staff Present: Sam Millington and Sharon Baillie.

Topic	Discussion	Outcome/Action
LG Josh Green	"I am here to listen and support" the LG said. He reported that the Governor has told him to create what he wants to work on. His purpose is to all value to the projects of the committee. His interests and commitment are to reducing homelessness and making it easier for homeless individuals to move into permanent housing, and to reduce the shortage of healthcare professionals in Hawai'i.	
	He would like to see a commitment on chronic homelessness and addiction/behavioral health. His goal and hope is that by diving deeply into this difficult subject, and approaching it holistically, together we will be able to reduce the 10% of homeless individuals in this category by half.	
	Monthly on the 3 rd Thursday of the month, the LG is convening an open door conclave where all can contribute and learn about these vital subjects and all the elements which affect them.	
	LG hopes to awaken the legislature, empower the ombudsman and utilize the full power of his office.	
	Eddie Mersereau has a new position in charge of overseeing all Mental Health Departments. Bruce Anderson is the DOH director and Eddie is his chief subordinate.	
	Additional elements of the issues that are of concern: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Right to treatment versus civil rights issues. He is discussing this with ACLU 2. LG state that he believes that it is currently permissible to psychiatric practitioners to prescribe medications after a telehealth appointment with the patient. 3. There is no medical detox in Hawai'i. Is it possible that Leahi can be used to provide residential services to homeless individuals? It was suggested that a good start would be 10 individuals in a reimbursable medical detox program. 	

ED Report		
Vision	Sam's vision is for PIC to be an honest broker espousing appropriate values with a spirit of servant leadership. We should look to advocate and be a catalyst for best practices. Be the source and hub for responsive, impactful resource allocation, data collection, generation, analysis and dissemination.	
	Board development leading to a true governing board which is required under 501(c)3 mandate is a pressing issue. Areas needing upgrade include our accounting processes which will need to be altered. Further, we need to recognize that we don't know a lot about each other and what we do. We need to get to know each other – both people on the board, as well as all members. We need to earn trust and recognition from within our own community and within the greater Hawai'i community. The board needs to be more of a resource for organizational development. The purpose and benefits of PIC need to be made clear.	
CES Update	Shelter of Wisdom is an emergency shelter, not permanent housing. Tom talked with Carolyn and they are not looking to go under CES.	
	Jay King will be testing version 8.0 of the program Caseworthy during mid-January. He should have it up and running as of 02.01.	
Point in Time Count	PIT is being run 01.22-25.2019. Please encourage volunteers. In addition, PIC needs \$5 gift cards, toilette packs, etc. Being able to give these small gifts when conducting interviews makes for a much more effective PIT.	
	Training for trainers begins on 01.104.2019 from 9-10:30a at Salvation Army. From there it goes to the regions for training of field workers.	
	Materials and giveaways will be ready for pick up at PIC on 01.18.	
	Donations are being made for this effort and PIC has not had to put any of our own dollars into the effort.	
	Enforcement by the City has been pulled back beginning 01.14 through the end of the month to facilitate the PIT.	
	All shelters are doing their own counts.	
New Business		
Bridging the Gap	On Bridging the Gap, Sam said that he and Maude communicate regularly. He thinks that the issues maybe the result of misinterpretation or style. BTG is top of mind for many of our Neighbor Island friends and associates. We need to bear this in mind. Sam also said that he didn't think Carlos had been properly treated, but that he didn't know the whole story.	
Uprising Media	Upspring Media charges \$800/year for website maintenance. Upgrades are extra. We need to make the website easier to navigate and to amend. It has to be designed so that Sharon can make changes without additional charge	

HMIS Advisory Council & Communications	It is important to remember that Carlos is our new collaborative partner. Communications issues are being addressed. The group is working on what they want, including more short videos for the telling of success stories. Needed, as well, is a data piece, i.e., your outreach dollars do Cost per service is also important. Finally, materials should be arranged geographically as well.	
Formation	We need to connect and share information among ourselves.	
	Dr. Chang and Connie Mitchell received a grant for webinars, etc. and have a great deal of information to help people share information.	
Police Initiative	The police are working to train up to 20% of the HPD force to effectively deal with homeless individuals and their myriad issues and problems.	