



# PARTNERS IN CARE

## Oahu Continuum of Care

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

**PIC Advocacy Committee Meeting  
February 27, 2019 12:00-1:30  
MINUTES**

**Attendees: Gavin Thornton, Marya Grambs, Paula Arcena, Jason Kasamoto, Christie MacPherson, Judith Clark, Larry Chun, Jenn Flores, Rebecca Yonamine, Sam Millington, Jay Purvis, Betty Lou Larson, Mike Goodman, Ashley Loa**  
**Phone: Greg Payton, Bryan Talisyan, Pedro Haro-Siruno**

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Outcome/ Action
I. Meeting called to order	12:00	
II. Introductions		
III. Approval of January minutes		Tabled
IV. Leg Update	<p><u>Bills:</u>  <u>SB471</u> just got scheduled yesterday – not a good sign. Nothing moved in the House. We will continue supporting this. Perhaps enlist Neighbor Island folks in advocating for this. Will not go into base budget            Kupuna pilot program: DOH says they can't do it.            Lesson learned: Need to work with Departments before session, in fall, to get their support; figure out capacity needs.</p> <p><u>HB476 and 636 (low income housing and PSH)</u> 1,600 chronically homeless. \$75M per year for 5 years could solve chronic homelessness. The concept of focusing on low-income housing and supportive housing are gaining traction. Major problem with getting money to Rental Housing Revolving Fund – appears to legislature to not be spending money. But most of money in their account is obligated – i.e., money allocated not spent (takes 3+ years for money to be spent). Developers' problem: need permanent guarantee of rent subsidies, i.e., vouchers. Could vouchers be attached to the units? Probably need to reevaluate our approach this</p>	Greg, BettyLou, Gavin, Sam,

	session – so just advocate for \$200M for low income housing. Maybe we ask for a study to figure out the details of this. Kresge?	Mike to discuss details to move forward.
Second half strategy	<p><u>Core group</u>: Wednesday noon meetings via phone Christy: get homeless to testify or just be present (for media) <u>Submitting testimony/Action Alerts</u>: Technical and timing difficulties. Gavin seeking help with generating Action Alert. Need to get alerts out to Common Good email system. <u>Media Communications</u>: got a nice Op-Ed by PIC. Jason: currently have written sign-on letter to attach to Op-Ed – take around hard copy. Try to get media coverage? Social media: call to action – call your legislator. Press conference – letter and signatories. Attach letter to PIC testimony Paula – get PR firm to pitch stories? Will look into it. Message to legislators – did a great job last year, please take it to the next step. Top of letter: Statewide Response to Homelessness Legislator visits: who to visit? Betty Lou: set up meetings end of March/early April. When go into conference.</p>	<p>Finalize sign-on letter, take to legislators</p> <p>Paula Arcena to look into getting PR firm pro bono</p> <p>Betty Lou to set up meetings with legislators</p>
Adjourned	1:34	

Minutes by Marya Grambs