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PARTNERS IN CARE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
ALOHA UNITED WAY
May 4, 2017

Present: Betty Lou Larson, Catherine Graham, Gavin Thornton, Natalie Okeson, Larry Chun, Jay King, Greg Payton, Alisa Skelton, Rebecca Yonamine, Marya Grambs, Bob Nakata, Carla Houser, Bob Nakata
On phone: Scott Morishige and Tamah-Lani Noh

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1. Introductions		
2. Minutes of April meeting		Approved
3. Legislative report from State Office of Homeless Services	Scott M: we have gotten funding for HF (Housing First), RRH (Rapid Re-Housing) and some Homeless Outreach in both House and Senate versions. House only put appropriation for first year, but Senate put in both years of biennium. The Sen. added DOH outreach to SMI (Severe Mental Illness) and to sub. abuse, including LEAD, and civil legal services (DHS) which are important to get IDs; also put in \$15 M for Alder St. project. Left out: State Rent Supplement (but increased RRH slightly). Both funded Rental Housing Revolving Fund (reduced).	
4. Advocacy Report: Items not on Priority list:	Betty Lou: Reviewed items not on priority list: AUW bill (not heard); Work a Day (still there); Rental Application fees—heard on 4/14.	
5. Advocacy Report: Priority Bills heading for conference	Betty Lou: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House put in only \$1.5 for HF, thinking that we could use Medicaid funds for other \$1.5M, not true • RRH – a little was added to request; however, this is for short term rental subsidies- it can be used for those are 	



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	<p>imminent risk (5-day eviction)—so it's prevention. We need long term rental subsidies for those who are working but need an ongoing subsidy to pay the rent. Do we want to go in and advocate for this?</p>	<p>Yes: ask for \$2M for ongoing subsidies, and to have HF put into base budget.</p>
	<p>Q: What is our strategy? should we throw our weight behind the Senate budget—support WAM Chair, rather than asking her for additional monies as she goes into difficult conference?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggest: support SD1, and also talk to legislators and raise these points: possible to add \$2 M to RRH, or increase RHRF from \$25M? • Support the Senate budget with an impact statement modeled on Scott M's. • Meet with Chairs re RRH. Betty Lou and Natalie will make appointments. Rep Morikawa's support for \$2m extra RRH is critical. • Double check re the number of people to be served = 117= current live people in HF. Jay thought the count was wrong. • Who will do the impact statement for SD budget? To be done within next few days. Send to 2 \$ chairs and committee chairs. Greg will do Outreach/Hmsl services; Jay will help. BL to do Affordable housing creation.
6.	Adjourned 1:29	

Minutes by Marya Grambs.