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Oahu's Continuum of Care

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

PIC Communications Committee Meeting

Thursday, 3/15/18, 1-2 p.m.

State Capitol, Room 415

MINUTES

Attendees: Jillian Okamoto, David Sayre, Betty Lou Larson, Scott Morishige,
Jason Kasamoto, Keopu Reelitz, Marc Alexander

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Outcome/Action
I. Meeting called to order	1:03 p.m.	
II. Introductions		
III. Continuing Business	There are no new items to add to the Communications calendar this month	
IV. New Business		
A. Rollout of 2018 Point in Time Count results	<p>The committee came up with questions to ask of Jen Stasch:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How far in advance will the Communications Committee get the data?<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Enough lead time is necessary to plan a proper media strategy.- In the past, people involved with the release did not know the results until the last minute.• Is it possible for PIC and Bridging the Gap (BTG) to release the results together?<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Indications are that BTG plans to release Neighbor Island results in April, while PIC says a May release for Oahu data is likely.	Jason will follow up with PIC on these questions

B. Legislative Concerns

- **The Communications Committee prefers both Continua of Care to release the results at a joint news conference**
 - Perhaps it could be held at of the City's permanent housing sites?
 - Can we involve community members aside from service providers (i.e. – HPD), especially those who helped with the PIT Count?
 - Can providers provide a list of highlights/successes over the past year? We can provide those in a media kit for the release of the PIT results.

- **Does PIC need more help in compiling the data from surveys?**
 - The City has offered its assistance, if necessary.

Scott flagged several items in the House Budget Worksheets that are of concern to the PIC Advocacy and Communications committees. (Link to worksheets: www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2018/worksheets/HB1900-EXEC-HD1-Worksheets.pdf)

- **Page 252, Program ID HMS222, Seq. # 101-001 and 1000-001; Page 248, Program ID HMS211, Seq. # 1000-001:**
 - House does not concur with Governor's request for \$1,551,577 for the State Rent Supplement. The request was zeroed out in the HD1 version of the budget.
 - House transfers out

	<p>\$1,069,494 in funding from HPHA for the State Rent Supplement and transfers in funding at the same amount to DHS/BESSD and the Financial Assistance Program.</p> <p>The concern is that DHS/BESSD does not have the capacity (e.g. staff, administrative rules, eligibility and payment system, procedures, etc.) to administer the rent supplement. Because the rent supplement is an existing program that is currently serving at-risk households, any disruption in the program could have adverse impact on the beneficiaries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pages 254 to 256, Program ID HMS224, Seq. #100-001, 101-001, 102-001, 103-001 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - House does not concur with Governor’s requests for the Housing First (\$3M), Rapid Rehousing (\$3M), Family Assessment Center (\$680k), and Homeless Outreach and Civil Legal Services (\$1.75M). The requests were zeroed out in the HD1 because the committee stated there are still appropriations bills moving through the Legislature. - The FIN committee made a point of noting the total amount of funding currently going to homeless programs in the base budget. - The Housing First, Rapid 	
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	<p>Rehousing, FAC, and outreach funding is to sustain existing programs that are already contracted out. If funding for these items are not included in the budget, this will mean a reduction of services. The loss of funding for Housing First in particular may mean that more than 200 individuals who are chronically homeless will lose their housing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Page 348, Program ID HTH440, Seq. #103-001<ul style="list-style-type: none">- House does not concur with Governor’s request for \$800,000 for outreach and counseling services for chronically homeless individuals and families with severe substance abuse disorders. The requests were zeroed out in the HD1 because the committee stated there are still appropriations bills moving through the Legislature.- This appropriation includes funding for the LEAD Pilot, which was recently contracted out to the CHOW Project and is a partnership with HPD, Sheriff Division, and the City Prosecutor’s Office. The loss of funding for this program may mean that LEAD will not be able to continue beyond one year.● The CIP budget also reduced the amounts that the Governor had requested for	
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	<p>the Rental Housing Revolving Fund and for the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RHRF – Governor’s request was \$50M, and HD1 shows \$25M. - DURF – Governor’s request was \$25M, and HD1 shows \$10M. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collectively, the amounts the Governor had requested for RHRF/DURF were reduced by \$40M. The House then added in \$30M for Ohana Zones in the budget. It appears that the CIP amounts that RHRF/DURF were reduced by allowed for the \$30M for Ohana Zones to be put in. The administration supports the Ohana Zone concept, but there is a need both for the Ohana Zone concept and for affordable rental housing. 	
<p>V. Next Steps</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service providers, agencies and organizations need to let their lawmakers know that their actions as described above could have dire consequences on at-risk households, the chronically homeless, the LEAD project, and the Rental Housing Revolving Fund and Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund. Time is of the essence. • Follow up on questions regarding PIT Count rollout 	
<p>VI. Adjournment</p>	<p>2:02 p.m.</p>	
<p>VII. Next Meeting</p>	<p>Thursday, April 19 at 1 p.m. at State Capitol, Room 415</p>	