



# 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.*

**PIC Communications Committee Meeting  
Thursday, 9/28/18, 10-11:30 a.m.  
State Capitol, Room 415  
MINUTES**

**Attendees: David Sayre, Morgan Esarey, Jason Kasamoto. BY PHONE: Jillian Okamoto**

<b>Agenda Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Outcome/Action</b>
I. Meeting called to order	10:18 a.m.	
II. Introductions	Morgan Esarey, AUW	
III. Approval of August 2018 minutes		Deferred until October meeting; too few people
IV. Continuing Business		
A. Homelessness Information Card	<p>Marc Alexander and Roberta Maldonado were unable to attend the meeting, but Marc sent an email outlining their work on the homeless information card:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- They've begun formatting the list of service providers into the new format</li> <li>- When that's done, committee should review it first before sending it out to PIC membership</li> <li>- Really need help with selecting and answering FAQs. Also need help with graphic design of information card</li> <li>- In the past, only government and PIC member organizations were included. The new, larger format allows for more info, but there is still limited space</li> <li>- Still targeting Homeless Awareness Conference (Nov. 16) for release of card</li> <li>- City will cover cost of printing</li> </ul>	<p>Prepare list of FAQs for next meeting, so committee can whittle down the list to a manageable amount</p> <p>Determine who will answer FAQs</p>

<p>B. PIC Communications Newsletter</p>	<p>and make digital versions available for all</p> <p>Because of objectivity concerns, Jillian suggested that a government entity (city or state) answer the FAQs instead of service providers</p> <p>Jason shared a rough draft of the newsletter, which is scheduled for publication around mid-October — about a month before the Homeless Awareness Conference — once the Communications Committee sees the final draft. Length of newsletter is likely to increase from 4 pages to 6 pages, to accommodate a photo page from Project Homeless Connect and/or Men’s March Against Violence, and a longer message from the PIC Board (Jon and Heather)</p> <p>Revisions need to be made and the newsletter still needs to be proofread before publishing.</p> <p><b>Suggested changes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jason fixed taglines on the Member Spotlight and Message from the PIC Board</li> <li>- Jillian suggested boldfacing “Faith Action” in the header for the Member Spotlight</li> <li>- Sharon Baille (PIC planning coordinator) suggested getting Jon involved in the PIC Board message</li> <li>- David suggested adding the Salvation Army Thanksgiving Dinner to the calendar on the last page</li> </ul> <p><b>Targets:</b> The newsletter is for PIC members, but there are other potential audiences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Elected officials</li> </ul>	<p><b>At next meeting:</b> discuss how many newsletters would be printed, if any. City &amp; County of Honolulu (Marc and Roberta) would handle the printing</p> <p><b>By next meeting:</b> Proofread newsletter and fill in last pukas</p> <p><b>At next meeting:</b> Determine whether we want to target these potential audiences now or later</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Neighborhood boards</li> <li>- Potential partners and other community stakeholders who might become PIC members at some point</li> <li>- The general public</li> </ul> <p>Reaching out to the Org Development Committee makes sense because the newsletter can be used as part of a welcome kit for new members, and as a recruiting tool.</p>	<p><b>Jason:</b> Share and discuss newsletter with Kim Cook, chair of PIC Organizational Development Committee</p>
<p>V. New Business</p>		
<p>A. CES Communications Plan</p>	<p>Morgan gave a presentation on the basics of the Coordinated Entry System. Some of the system’s highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinated entry processes help communities prioritize assistance based on vulnerability and severity of service needs to ensure that people who need assistance the most can receive it in a timely manner</li> <li>• Facilitates case conferencing by region (Honolulu, North Shore, Leeward, etc.) to discuss cases with providers to see what works for clients and what they need</li> <li>• There is a way to make a special request for prioritization in special cases</li> <li>• Offers support, monitoring, reporting and collaborating</li> </ul> <p>David asked what is the goal of the CES communications plan: Is it to inform the public? The homeless provider community?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Morgan said the providers (the ones that get federal funds) have all been trained in CES</li> <li>- Our community has created CES from scratch, as there</li> </ul>	

	<p>were no best practices to follow at the time. They get guidance from HomeBase to improve the system</p> <p>Morgan shared that since start of CES in August 2017:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CES system has provided 2,600 referrals across the families and singles systems</li> <li>- Healthcare providers are getting more involved with CES as they see the value of working collaboratively</li> </ul> <p>Working with Queen’s Care Coalition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Of 102 high ER utilizers, 75 percent are homeless</li> <li>- Since December, 75% reduction in ER usage</li> <li>- 20% reduction by homeless patients since November</li> <li>- Average length of stay is less for a homeless person than a non-homeless person</li> <li>- As of June, readmission rate hospitalwide is lower for homeless patients compared with non-homeless patients</li> <li>- In Native Hawaiian care coordination program, monthly recidivism dropped to 0%</li> <li>- Total recidivism since December dropped to 3%</li> </ul>	
Adjourned	11:38 a.m.	
Next Meeting	Thursday, Oct. 18 at 1 p.m. at State Capitol, Room 415	

Minutes prepared by Jason Kasamoto, Communications Committee chair