

# Connecting on The Road to Home

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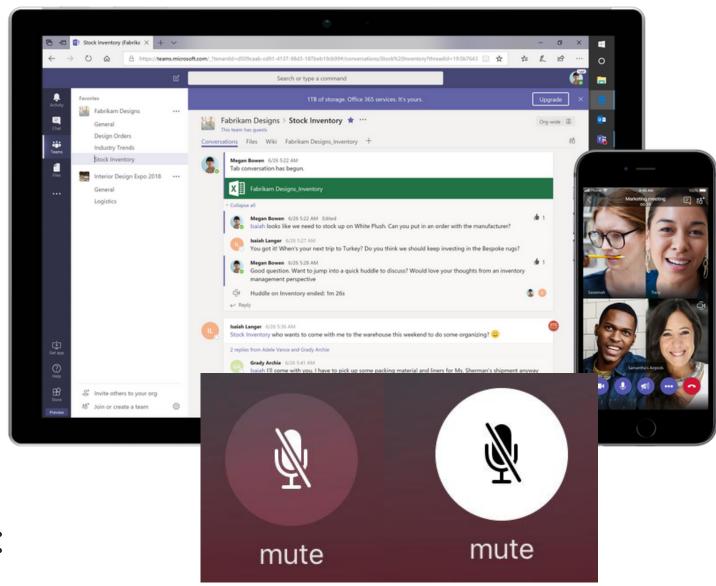




# Housekeeping Reminders

Please Mute Your Microphone. Enter Questions in the Chat Box or Raise Your Hand.

A recording of this webinar and copies of the presentation materials will be available online at:



https://homelessness.hawaii.gov/monthly-webinars/

# **Guest Speakers**



# **Ashton Varner**Kaua'i County Housing Agency

She will present on and provide updates on Kauai's Kealaula at Pua Loke, a long-term rental housing project for families transitioning out of homelessness.

# Connie Mitchell, MS, APRN I.H.S., institute for Human Services

She will provide updates and an overview on Kahauiki Village, a public/private partnership with the State of Hawaii, City & County of Honolulu and the aio Foundation

# General Updates

#### **New Online Resources:**

- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Minors Experiencing Homelessness or Unstable Housing: https://homelessness.hawaii.gov/minor-FAQs
- New Video Interviews for Landlord Engagement, including interviews with landlords, current tenants, and those actively searching for houisng: https://homelessness.hawaii.gov/landlord-engagement
- Updated data and fiscal map of homeless funding sources: https://homelessness.hawaii.gov/data

#### Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) still available in all four counties

- For more information, go to: <a href="https://homelessness.hawaii.gov/eviction-moratorium-resources">https://homelessness.hawaii.gov/eviction-moratorium-resources</a> for information about rental assistance programs statewide, legal assistance, and information about mediation services.
- The site inclues links to webinar presentations by the Mediation Center of the Pacific, Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, and Office of Consumer Protection, as well as links to other helpful resources in each county.

#### **New National Resources**

- Check out the new 'Housing and Services Resource Center' online at: <a href="https://acl.gov/HousingAndServices">https://acl.gov/HousingAndServices</a> The new Resource Center is a joint effort between the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services and HUD.
- The U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness recently released new guidance for communities implementing ARP funds for emergency rental assistance, emergency housing vouchers and health centers online at: https://www.usich.gov/resources/uploads/asset\_library/Getting\_It\_Done\_the\_American\_Rescue\_Plan\_Way.pdf.



#### 2022 Point in Time Count

- Surveyors Needed
- January 27, 2022
- 6am-llam

Go to: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HZWYXFW

#### Hygiene Kits:

- Donate Online
- Amazon Wishlist
- Donation Pick Up



To donate visit: https://partnersincareoahu.org/contribute/



To learn more, go to:

https://homelessness.hawaiigov/point-in-time-count

## HICH 2022 Legislative Policy Priorities

- Promote affordable rental housing for people transitioning from homelessness. This includes support for the Rental Housing Revolving Fund, Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund, and support for shallow rental subsidies and programs like the Ohana Zone pilot that pair funding for social services with capital funds to promote supportive housing projects, such Kamaoku, Kealaula at Pua Loke, and Huliau. In addition, this includes adoption of policies that facilitate the development of such projects.
- Support policies and programs that address upfront barriers to accessing existing rental housing inventory. This includes support policies that address source of income discrimination for rental housing, regulation of rental screening fees, and support for incentives to encourage landlords to participate in housing assistance programs.
- Support policies and programs that assist key homeless sub-populations such as youth, the severely mentally ill, and individuals with chronic substance use – to transition to stable, long-term settings.
   This includes support for diversion programs that seek to divert individuals from hospitalization or the criminal justice system by connecting them with appropriate services and housing supports.



## For more information, contact:





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# County of Kauai Housing Agency Ohana Zone – Kealaula on Pua Loke

ASHTON VARNER, HOMELESS COORDINATOR







## DEVELOPMENT

- Governor's Emergency Homeless Proclamation
- Construction was funded by \$2 million in 'Ohana Zone funds and \$2.15 million in County funds.
- Location: Lihue "South Central"
- Total of 28-units
  - 22 one-bedroom units (\$700/month)
  - 3 studio units (\$500/month)
  - Unit rent includes utilities (electric/water/WiFi)
  - Units partially furnished
  - Management/laundry building
  - One additional studio duplex for additional social services





## RESIDENCY STATISTICS

- From November 2020 to December 2021, Kealaula has served 38 households, a total of 96 individuals, 48 adults & 48 keiki.
- 58% of households have come from the County's Shelter-In-Place beach parks.
- Since opening, 12 households have graduated into permanent housing, 24 individuals.
- 11 households are approaching their 1-year anniversary at Kealaula.



#### CASE MANAGEMENT

- Wrap around supportive services and oversight of the project are being provided by Women In Need under a \$2.3 million three-year funding agreement via DHS.
- Case management stands apart.
- Funding goes toward Property Management, Security,
   Outreach and Case Management.
- Partnerships with other agencies:
  - Legal Aid Society of Hawaii for Vital Documents
  - Hawaii Community Assets for financial education
  - Kauai County Housing Agency for voucher outreach
  - Salvation Army for holiday toy donation



## PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

- Taba Realty, LLC
- Provide all Property Management Services
- Separation of Services and Property Management

## RECREATION AREA





## PROJECT SUPPORT





State of Hawaii
Chan Zuckerberg Foundation
Kauai Independent Food Bank
Garden Isle Courier

County of Kauai

CoC, Kauai Community Alliance

Hawaii Community Foundation

Private Community Partners and Individual Donors

## LOOKING FORWARD

- The County has allocated \$4.2 million to construct a second "Kealaula Model" supportive housing project in southwest Kaua'i and aspires to place similar projects in west and east Kaua'i.
- New affordable housing apartments right next door to Kealaula began leasing up in September and 7 households moved into those units from Kealaula.

### Kahauiki Village: Breaking the Cycle Of Homelessess

#### **GCH Meeting**

The Institute for Human Services Inc. Monday, June 14, 2021





# Affordable plantation-style community

Public-private partnership with the State of Hawaii, City and County of Honolulu & aio Foundation



#### Mission

- Ending a generation of family homelessness
  - Support the keiki through to young adulthood
- Empower individuals and Families, young and old
- Provide opportunities that residents might not otherwise receive
- Support development of social capital as a model for economic advancement

#### Kahauiki Village Milestones

- July 2017: Official groundbreaking ceremony
- January 2018: First 30 families move in
- Fall 2018: PACT opens Day-care, preschool
- Summer 2019: Second wave of occupancy begins, including some kupuna
- Fall 2019: 2nd Daycare/Preschool Classroom added to KV; another added at Puuhale School
- May 2020 COVID 19 Outbreak
- Eviction Moratorium
- September 2020 100th family moves in.
- October 2020: Opening of multipurpose building
- December 2020: Community gardens installed







- For Families with children, or Kupuna
- Modest modular units
  - \$775\* for a 1-Bedroom unit
  - \$950\* for a 2-Bedroom unit
    - \* Rent inclusive of utilities, Internet, cable, landscape maintenance
- Each unit has modest size full bathroom, full kitchen
- Units used in Japan after earthquake
- Off-the-grid, bus stops right in front of entrance
- NOT Public Housing, NOT Section 8

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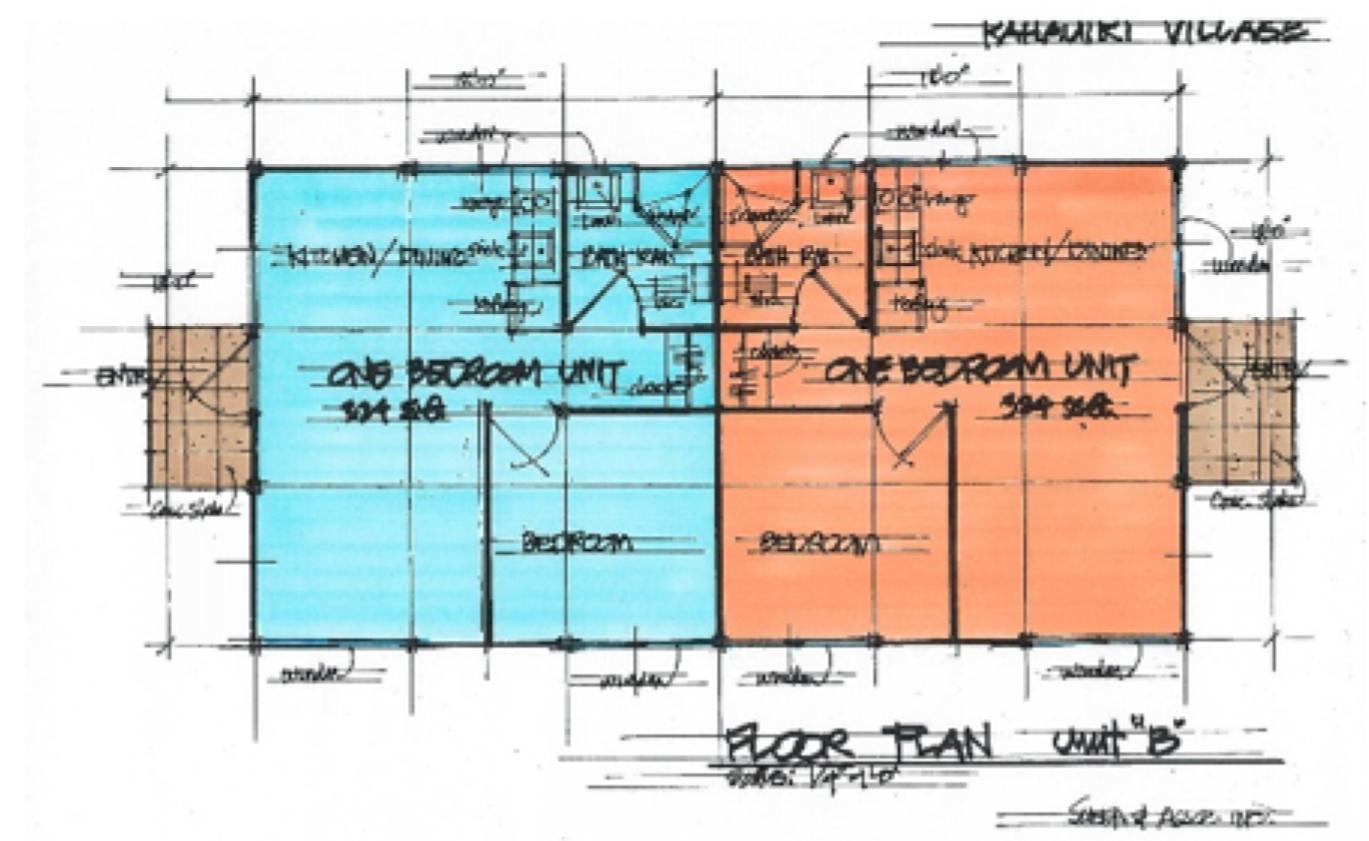


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126 of 140 units currently occupied



## Floor plan for one-bedroom units



#### Amenities on site include:

- . Convenience store
- . Post Office
- . community gardens
- . onsite pre-school and childcare
- . Community Center

#### **IHS Provides**



- Activities Coordination, Community Liaison
  - **Community Volunteer coordination**
  - Interface with aio Foundation
  - Health partnerships
     Hawaii Pacific Health

    - Kokua Kalihi Valley
    - **Project Vision**
- Children's Program
  - After school program
  - Summer Fun
  - Enrichment activities year round
- Landscape Maintenance: IHS New Leaf
- Case Management
- Facilitation of Resident Hui

## Coming Soon to Kahauiki Village

- Basketball court
- Children and Youth Center "Safe Place" w/ Computer Lab
- Engagement of more employment opportunities
- Deeper partnership with Puuhale Elementary
- Potential partnership to build lo'i down by the water.
- Long-term Evaluation focused on development of social capital funded by Weinberg Foundation

# Applications for Kahauiki Village



#### "To Stand Tall & Thrive"

#### **KEY PARTNERS**

- Lieutenant Governor Dr. Josh
   Green & Chief of Staff Brooke
   Wilson
- Hawaii Public Housing Authority Hakim Ouansafi
- HomeAid Hawai'i & Affiliates
- State of Hawai'i Homeless
   Programs Office (HPO) and Office of the Governor
- City & County of Honolulu
   Department of Community
   Services CBDD
- Weinberg Foundation & Hawai'i Community Foundation



# FROM CONCEPT TO REALITY

- Kama'oku is a small community consisting of 36 tiny homes (each 10x10), with communal restrooms and common areas.
- Planned, designed and built from a community-centered concept, this site offers a fresh new approach to housing our homeless neighbors with aloha and inclusion.





## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Single occupancy units only
- Must be homeless or chronically homeless
- ★ VISPDAT score of 8 or greater Income must be below 60%
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- Must not have a sex offense or arson conviction
- Must not have been convicted of violent crime within the past two years

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

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# Stay In Touch

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