Connecting on The Road to Home

JANUARY 24, 2022 - 12:00 P.M. TO 1:00 P.M. HST
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/
January 2022

Policy Priorities for 2022

Betty Lou Larson & Bob Wardlaw
Partners In Care - Advocacy Committee

They will present about Continuum of Care legislative priorities

Will White, Project Director
Hawaii Budget & Policy Center

He will present about recent data published on the nexus between health and housing, along with policy recommendations

Kristen Alice, Vice Chairperson
Community Alliance Partners

She will present about the importance for homeless service providers to advocate, and provide advocacy strategies
General Updates

Advocacy Resource Page:
- Helpful video resources, an outline of 2022 HICH Policy Priorities, and guidance on navigating the State Capitol website available at: https://homelessness.hawaii.gov/advocacy.
- In addition, bi-weekly joint advocacy meetings for statewide homeless providers and stakeholders are convened every other Friday at noon. For more information or to be added to these meetings, e-mail cheryl.a.bellisario@hawaii.gov.
- Partners in Care and the BTG island chapters also convene their own advocacy committee meetings – please reach out to your respective CoC lead for more information.

National Homeless & Housing Resources
- Check out the new ‘Housing and Services Resource Center’ online at: https://acl.gov/HousingAndServices – The new Resource Center is a joint effort between the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services and HUD. A webinar discussion on ‘Helping Individuals Who Are Experiencing Homelessness Obtain Identification Documents’ will be held on February 3, 2022, 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. HST (2:00-3:00 p.m. ET).

Partners in Care Lunch and Learn Session
- On Wednesday, January 26, 2022, 12-1 p.m. HST, PIC is hosting a Lunch and Learn with the Hawaiian Humane Society regarding dangerous dog laws. For more information, e-mail elliotw@partnersincareoahu.org.
PARTNERS IN CARE
2022 STATE
LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

PARTNERS IN CARE  Oahu’s Continuum of Care
Mission: To eliminate homelessness through open and inclusive participation and the coordination of integrated responses
Affordable rental housing stock

- Funding for more affordable units in general
  - Potentially through the Rental Housing Revolving Fund (RHRF), Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund (DURF), or other
- Expansion of shallow subsidies to keep units affordable
  - Hawaii Public Housing Authority subsidies up to $500/month/household
  - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and Other Needy Families (TANF/TAONF) housing subsidies for families with minor children
- Ohana Zones
Address upfront barriers to accessing existing rental housing

• Housing voucher discrimination (e.g. landlords refusing Section 8 or other subsidies)

• Rental application screening fees
Support policies and programs that assist transitions for key homeless sub-populations

• Supportive housing
• Mental health support
• Ohana Zones
The PIC Advocacy Committee meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 3pm.

To get involved, contact: laurat@partnersincareoahu.org
Any questions?

Thank you!
Good Health Depends on Decent Housing

Key Findings and Recommendations
Will White, Director Hawaii Budget and Policy Center
Housing Security as Social Determinant of Health
How Housing Impacts Health

• Neglected Neighborhoods

• Harmful Housing

• Economic Stress
Economic Stress and Chronic Conditions

- Chronic conditions found at higher levels in low-income communities
  - Asthma
  - Obesity
  - Hypertension
  - Diabetes
  - Stroke
  - Cancer

- Chronic Stress and ACEs
  - Poorer health and economic outcomes for children
  - Children who experience ACEs, more likely to experience homelessness
Harmful, expensive conditions linked to housing (income is a proxy)

- Asthma: 14% (≤ $25,000), 8% (> $75,000)
- Diabetes: 14% (≤ $25,000), 7% (> $75,000)
- High Blood Pressure: 32% (≤ $25,000), 26% (> $75,000)
- Stroke: 4% (≤ $25,000), 2% (> $75,000)
- Coronary Heart Disease: 3% (≤ $25,000), 2% (> $75,000)
- Mental Health Poor 14/30 days: 17% (≤ $25,000), 8% (> $75,000)

Mean Expenditures by Condition (U.S. 2018):
- Asthma: $2,136
- Diabetes: $4,823
- High Blood Pressure: $717
- Stroke: $8,749
- Coronary Heart Disease: $4,938
- Mental Health Poor 14/30 days: $2,432
Housing Disparities for Native Hawaiians

- Below Poverty: 12.9% (Native Hawaiians), 6.4% (State of Hawai'i)
- Rent Home: 41.3% (Native Hawaiians), 39.8% (State of Hawai'i)
- More than 1 Occupant / BR: 14.3% (Native Hawaiians), 8.5% (State of Hawai'i)
- Pay ≥30% of Income on Rent: 67.3% (Native Hawaiians), 53.4% (State of Hawai'i)
## Health Disparities for Native Hawaiians

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- **Legend:**
  - Dark blue: Native Hawaiians
  - Light green: State of Hawai'i
Income & Health Outcomes not Shared Equally

• Difference in life expectancy lower for richest 1% vs. poorest 1%
  • 14.6 years for men
  • 10.1 years for women

• Adults in poverty 5 times more likely to report poor health compared to those above 400% FPL

• Lower Income individuals more likely to suffer from chronic conditions

• Rate of diabetes is twice as high among lower income adults
Houselessness is Even Worse for Health Outcomes, PIT survey results show

- 24% of adults indicate severe mental health challenges

- 18% suffered from substance use disorders

- 25% were chronically houseless

- 1,100 people surveyed were children in families
Houselessness and High Hospital Utilization

• Hawaii hospitals report 1,300 houseless users per month across 16 hospitals using ER and inpatient care

• Average monthly charges for care care $8.5 million

• 80% of patients were between ages of 25-64
Successful Interventions

• Integrating services: Queen’s Care Coalition
  • Patient navigators, social workers and nurses provide discharge support
  • Assist with locating housing and other safety net supports
  • Achieved savings of $5 million for 120 patients through reduced hospital utilization

• Permanent Supportive Housing: Pathways to Housing Initiative
  • Housed 134 individuals suffering from mental health or substance use disorders
  • Delivered range of services: housing support services, case management, health education
  • ER and inpatient use decreased, net savings of $51,000 per participant annually
Policy Recommendations

• Source of Income Legislation
• Ohana Zones
• Public investments in affordable housing

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HOW AND WHY TO ADVOCATE IN 2022

Kristen Alice, Community Alliance Partners Vice Chair and Chief Advocate
https://communityalliancepartners.org/
• WHAT'S CAP?
• LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
• HOW AND WHY TO ADVOCATE
COMMUNITY ALLIANCE PARTNERS (CAP) IS THE HAWAI‘I ISLAND SUBSIDIARY OF BRIDGING THE GAP (BTG).*

BTG IS THE NEIGHBOR ISLANDS CONTINUUM OF CARE.

*I speak on behalf of CAP only
See https://www.btghawaii.org/ for more on Bridging the Gap
CAP’S 2022 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
Community Alliance Partners acknowledges that we are on Hawaiian land, and that systemic discrimination has pushed a disproportionate number of Kānaka Maoli into homelessness. As a result, **CAP does not support legislation that seeks to take ceded lands away from intended beneficiaries.**
THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATION WILL HELP US CONTINUE TO MOVE TOWARD ENDING HOMELESSNESS
INCREASE FUNDING FOR HOMELESS PROGRAMS

FUND ‘OHANA ZONES
OUTLAW HOUSING VOUCHER DISCRIMINATION
ABOLISH SIT/LIE BANS & SWEEPS
RAISE THE MINIMUM WAGE TO $18 BY 2026
TAX VACANT HOMES
OUTLAW RENTAL APPLICATION FEES
AFFORDABLE FOR-SALE LEASEHOLD HOUSING ON COUNTY LANDS, FINANCED BY HHFDC
BRIDGING THE GAP LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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HOW AND WHY TO ADVOCATE
WAYS TO ADVOCATE

- JOIN A COALITION. EXAMPLE: COMMUNITYALLIANCEPARTNERS.ORG
- CREATE A STORYBANK. EXAMPLE: HOPESERVICESHAWAII.ORG/STORIES
- ONE ON ONE CONVERSATIONS WITH COLLEAGUES AND CLIENTS
- PUBLISH AN OP-ED OR LETTER TO THE EDITOR
- TESTIFY AT THE LEGISLATURE
PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE UNDERSTAND THE CAUSES OF HOUSING AND THE BARRIERS TO HOUSING
"I WASN'T EVEN GIVEN A CHANCE TO SHARE MY STORY; I AM NOT THE PERSON THEY THINK I AM."

-T.A., HILO

LETTER TO SENATOR SCHATZ

T.A. and family, Hilo
PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE KNOW WHAT WORKS AND WHAT DOESN'T
"I FEEL GUILTY LIKE I DID SOMETHING WRONG, BUT ALL I DID WAS APPLY FOR HELP."

-T.N.

"Doesn't the realtor realize they get a guaranteed payment every month?"

-R.T.

LETTER TO SENATOR SCHATZ
OUR COLLEAGUES IN DIRECT SERVICE HAVE A GOOD IDEA TOO
For the owners of any rentals to be able to arbitrarily dismiss this population of people is wrong, and should not be allowed to stand. It is akin to being turned away because of the color of your skin. Some things are beyond a person’s control, and should not be held against them.

-CLARENCE COTTRELL, HOPE SERVICES COLLEAGUE

“I’ve had tenants with high credit ratings and exceptional rental references, that did more damage in six months than any Section 8 applicant that I’ve had,” said Ua. “It doesn’t matter about the funding. It matters on the person.”

-MATT UA, HOPE SERVICES COLLEAGUE AND PRIVATE LANDLORD

https://kawaiola.news/hookahuawaiwai/encouraging-landlords-on-hawaii-island-to-put-aside-section-8-stereotypes/
HOW TO SUBMIT TESTIMONY

TO THE HAWAI'I STATE LEGISLATURE

so easy a dog can do it!
GO TO CAPITOL.HAWAII.GOV

1. CLICK “REGISTER”
2. FILL OUT AND SUBMIT FORM
CHECK YOUR EMAIL AND CLICK THE LINK...
TYPE THE BILL NUMBER (WITHOUT SPACES)

CLICK "GO"...
CLICK "SUBMIT TESTIMONY" (AT LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE)
DOUBLE CHECK THE BILL NUMBER.

CLICK "CONTINUE"
ANSWER THE QUESTIONS...

Testifier's Full Name
(First and Last)
Your Name
*If planning on testifying via Zoom, this name must match your Zoom name exactly.

Your position on HB1147
- ☐ Support
- ☐ Oppose
- ☐ Comments Only

Testifying:
- ☐ As an individual citizen
- ☐ On behalf of an organization (name of government agency, organization, or business you are representing)

How will you be testifying? more info
- ☐ Remotely via Zoom during the hearing & submitting written testimony
- ☐ Written testimony only

(FOR ZOOM, REPEAT THE STEPS TO RETURN TO THIS PAGE THE DAY OF THE HEARING. CLICK THE "JOIN" BUTTON THAT WILL APPEAR ON THE LEFT.)
Aloha, I am writing in strong support of HB 257, which would allow the State to use lands for Ohana Zones. Currently, Ohana Zones must be located on state or county lands, which prevents us from finding efficient solutions for homelessness, especially in rural areas. HB 257 would allow the State to use land for Ohana Zones, which would mean that private landowners who would like to help and homelessness could participate. For example, Sacred Heart Shelter in Pahoa, micro-homes for lava evacuees, and other housing on privately held land, could be turned into an Ohana Zone, and provide badly needed homelessness resources for the Puna community. Therefore, I strongly support HB 257.

Mahalo for your consideration.
THAT'S IT!

...OR IS IT?
NOW WE END HOUSELESSNESS!

 WANT ALERTS WHEN YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU?

 SIGN UP RIGHT NOW!
COMMUNITYALLIANCEPARTNERS.ORG
Stay In Touch

If you have any questions regarding the webinars, or have suggestions for future topics, please contact our office.

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NEXT INSTALLMENT

FEB 28 2022

12:00 P.M. TO 1:00 P.M.