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## Advocacy Committee Members

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Core Team Members

Gavin Thornton, Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice
Greg Payton, Mental Health Kokua
Marya Grambs, PHOCUSED and PIC
Betty Lou Larson and Jillian Okamoto, Catholic Charities of Hawaii
Kathleen Algire, YWCA
Natalie Okeson, PHOCUSED
Anna Stone, Salvation Army
Judith Clark, Hawaii Youth Services Network
Setting Priorities

- PIC Membership Survey
- Consideration of Other Factors
- Recommendation to PIC Board (Priority, Support, Notify)
- PIC Board Vote
- BTG Review and Support
Priority Issues

- Outreach
  - Serious and Persistent Mentally Ill
  - Youth
  - Adults
- LEAD and Substance Abuse
- Housing First
- Rapid Rehousing
- Funding for New Affordable Units
Priority Actions

- Develop Materials
- Meet with Legislators
- Send Action Alerts
- Provided Testimony
Support Issues

- Funding for Kona Family Assessment Center
- Civil Legal Services
- Safe Place for Youth
- Transitional Living Services for Youth
- Right to Shelter for Unaccompanied Youth
- Decriminalizing Status Offenses
- Include Dental Coverage in Medicaid
- Mobile Medical Units
- Rental Application Fees
- Funding for Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA)
Support Actions

- Send Action Alerts
- Provided Testimony
Notify

- Safe Zones
- Opposing Proliferation of Vacation Rentals
Notify Actions

- No Formal Position
- Send Notifications
We are all part of the solution to end homelessness.
Come join us in finding solutions!

Partners In Care (PIC) and Bridging the Gap (BTG) are service provider membership organizations throughout the State of Hawaii comprised of homeless service providers, government agencies, consumers, concerned professionals, and units of local and community representatives working to end homelessness across Hawaii. Please join us on January 22nd to enjoy continental breakfast while learning about the important work we are doing throughout our islands.
Core Team Efforts

- Created Handouts
- Drafted Priority Bills
- Met with Legislators
- Submitted Testimony

Hundreds of Hours Volunteered toward PIC and BTG Advocacy
Results: Homelessness Services Funding

$15m  Lump Sum (Housing First, Rapid Rehousing, etc.)

$800,000  Outreach & LEAD

$1.5m  CSHI
Results: New Homeless Programs Funding

$800,000 2nd Assessment Center

$400,000 LEAD Maui + Hawaii Island
Results: New Homeless Programs Funding

$30m Ohana Zones

$1m Emergency Department Assessment Pilot

$1m for a Medical Respite Pilot Program

$1m Hawaii Tourism Authority for Homelessness

Must Match
Results: Affordable Housing Funding

$200 million

Rental Housing Revolving Fund (RHRF) - affordable rental housing units for 60% AMI or below
Results: Affordable Housing Funding

$10m  Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund (DURF)

$2.5m  Kahului civic center/bus hub

$21.5m  HPHA Improvements

$450,000  HPHA State Rent Supplement Program
Results: Affordable Housing Funding

$50,000  Housing Needs Study (Functional Needs Population)

$30m   GET Exemptions for 140% of AMI Rentals (12yrs/$360m total)
2018 Homeless Point in Time Count Results
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9.6% Decrease

7,220 persons in 2017
6,530 persons in 2018
County by County Decreases

- Kauai - \( \downarrow 28.9\% \)
- Oahu - \( \downarrow 9.4\% \)
- Hawaii - \( \downarrow 8.8\% \)
- Maui - \( \downarrow 2.6\% \)
Unsheltered Homeless Decrease

8.6% Decrease

3,800 persons in 2017
3,475 persons in 2018
County by County Unsheltered Decreases

Kauai - ↓37%

Oahu - ↓7.7%

Maui - ↓5.4%

Hawaii - ↓1.3%
Sheltered Homeless Decrease

10.7% Decrease

3,055 persons in 2018
Results by Subpopulation

Family Homelessness: ↓10.6%
Children: ↓12.5%
Veterans: ↓13%
Chronic Homelessness: ↓4.8%
Families: ↓12.7%
Housing Focused Strategies Are Working

- Increased Fed Resources on Housing Focus
- Housing First and Rapid Rehousing Expanded
- More Homelessness – Focused Housing Inventory
Questions?

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