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### **Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness Progress Report (December 8, 2015)**

The following is a summary of key highlights, which occurred since the October meeting of the Interagency Council:

#### ***Immediate Efforts to Address Homelessness***

- **Selection of Kakaako Family Shelter Site**  
The State has selected a former HCDA maintenance shed located in Kakaako Makai as the site of a new temporary shelter for families:
  - The shelter will serve an estimated 15 families (60-persons) at a time, and an estimated 60 families (240-persons) over the course of a year.
  - Construction began in mid-November, and is expected to be completed by January 2016.
  - The shelter is anticipated to be completed and operational by February 2016.

#### ***Public-Private Partnerships***

- **Landlord Summit (November 17, 2015)**  
The State of Hawaii, City & County of Honolulu, Hawaii Association of Realtors and Partners in Care co-sponsored this event. Key highlights include:
  - Over-330 landlords, property managers, realtors, service providers, and other community members attended the event.
  - The event showcased programs that assisted with rental payment, including:
    - Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Section 8 and Rent Supplement
    - City & County of Honolulu, Section 8
    - VASH Program
    - Housing First
  - Within two days, the City and State received offers of 80 rental units for homeless individuals and families.

#### ***Statewide Outreach and Community Engagement***

- **Wahiawa Community Meeting (November 3, 2015)**  
The Governor's Coordinated attended and participated in a "Homeless in Wahiawa" Community meeting, which included participation from service providers, faith-based leaders, and government leaders.

- Visit to Maui County (November 16, 2015)

The Governor's Coordinator visited Maui and attended a series of meetings, which included:

- Meeting with Mayor Arakawa, County housing staff, and members of the County Council to discuss plans to address homelessness on the island.
- Meeting with service providers, including visits with outreach staff to homeless encampments in Wailuku, Kahalui, and Lahaina.
- Participating in a forum on homelessness convened in Lahaina by the West Maui Taxpayer's Association.

- Visit to Kauai County (November 23, 2015 and December 1, 2015)

The Governor's Coordinator visited Kauai and attended the Kauai Homeless Solutions Summit, which was hosted by the Mayor's office. Key highlights of the summit included:

- Discussions with faith-based leaders and service providers regarding a coordinated approach to homeless service provision.
- Discussions regarding a Kauai landlord summit, which would include participation from the Governor's office, Mayor's office, and Kauai realtors.
- Feedback received from key homeless leaders.

- Waianae Neighborhood Board Meeting (December 1 and December 3, 2015)

The Governor's Coordinator and staff attended a Neighborhood Board meeting and Neighborhood Board Housing Committee meeting in Waianae to listen to concerns from the community regarding homelessness, including receiving input from homeless individuals and service providers.

- Visit to Hawaii County (December 3, 2015)

The Governor's Coordinator visited Hawaii Island and attended a series of meetings, which included:

- Attending the Hawaii Island Joint Homeless Think-Tank meeting, which was hosted by the Mayor's Office and the Community Alliance Partners (CAP)
- Meeting with service providers, including visits with staff to homeless shelters and drop-in center locations located in Hilo.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness at **(808) 586-0193**.