

## Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness (HICH)

MS Teams Virtual Meeting and Teleconference

Monday, September 21, 2020

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

### Council Attendees:

Mr. Scott Morishige	Chair
Ms. Daisy Lynn Hartsfield for	Director of the Department of Human Services (DHS)
Mr. Harold Brackeen III	Administrator of the Homeless Programs Office of DHS
Ms. Shari Kimoto for	Director of the Department of Public Safety (PSD)
Ms. Cynthia Rezentes for	Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL)
Mr. Bruce Oliveira for	Adjutant General of the Department of Defense (DOD)
Ms. Jennifer Jenkins for	Chairperson of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Ms. Melissa Lewis for	Attorney General
Mr. Jimmy Hamada for	Hawaii State House of Representatives
Mr. Hakim Ousansafi	Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority
Mr. Marc Alexander for	Mayor of the City & County of Honolulu
Ms. Sharon Hirota for	Mayor of the County of Hawaii
Ms. Lori Tshako for	Mayor of the County of Maui
Ms. Ashton Varner for	Mayor of the County of Kauai
Ms. Laura Thielen	Continuum of Care for the County of Honolulu
Ms. Brandee Menino	Continuum of Care for the County of Hawaii
Ms. Makana Kamibayashi	Continuum of Care for the County of Kauai
Ms. Maude Cumming	Continuum of Care for the County of Maui
Mr. Andy Taylor	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
Mr. Mark Chandler	U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), Office of Community Planning & Development
Mr. Dave Rolf	Business Community Representative
Pastor Daniel Kaneshiro	Faith-Based Representative

### Absent:

Department of Health (DOH); Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT); Department of Education (DOE); Hawaii State Senate; U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

### Staff:

Mr. Justin Limasa, Homelessness Assistant; Mr. Jason Kasamoto, Homelessness Special Assistant and Public Affairs; Ms. Emma Grochowsky, Homelessness Community Development Specialist; Ms. Angela Gabriel, MSW Practicum Student; Mr. Jonah Saribay, BSW Practicum Student; Ms. Lili Young, Deputy Attorney General

### Special Guests:

Mr. Joshua Holmes, Department of Health, Behavioral Health Administration; Ms. Heather Henderson, Collaborative Quality Consulting.

- I. **Call to Order, Taking of the Roll.** Roll taken and there was a quorum established with 21 out of 27 members. The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by the Chair.

Chair Morishige welcomed everyone and thanked the Council and staff for their patience and flexibility. The Chair reviewed several general housekeeping items related to the virtual teleconference platform. Attendees were asked to keep their device on 'mute' unless speaking, and members were asked to notify staff when leaving the meeting. The Chair explained that voting will be conducted via a general voice vote unless otherwise specified, and members should vote verbally or using the chat feature.

- II. **Overview and Approval of Agenda.** The Chair presented the agenda for review and proposed moving item VII – General Announcements to immediately follow item IV – Public Testimony. Ms. Menino moved and Ms. Hartsfield seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

The Chair called the question. The motion passed unanimously.

- III. **Approval of Minutes.** The Chair reminded members that the July 13, 2020 meeting minutes were available electronically. The Chair provided time for members to review the minutes and asked if there were any additions or corrections.

Mr. Ouansafi moved and Ms. Hartsfield seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Seeing no additions or corrections at this time, the Chair called the question. The motion passed unanimously.

- IV. **Public Testimony.** Chair Morishige opened the floor to public testimony.

a. Ms. Jo Jordan

- Ms. Jordan commented on public news reports regarding a cluster of positive cases at the Institute for Human Services men’s shelter, and voiced concern that up to 17 individuals were reported to have left the facility after testing positive for COVID-19 or being exposed to others who had tested positive. Ms. Jordan asked whether it was possible to inform members of the public, including homeless outreach workers, about the positive individuals without violating HIPAA laws.

The Chair thanked Ms. Jordan and remarked that these questions will be addressed in one of the scheduled presentations.

b. Mr. David Herdrich

- Mr. Herdrich commented on his concerns for unsheltered homeless individuals along Nimitz Highway who look distressed and may have mental health issues. Mr. Herdrich has only been a Hawaii resident for the past year and is wondering if any outreach or wellness checks have been provided to these individuals.

The Chair thanked Mr. Herdrich and added that concerns about homeless individuals needing outreach assistance can be reported to the Office of the Governor’s Coordinator on Homelessness by calling 586-0193. Staff will then connect the constituent or individual in need of services with the appropriate outreach team.

c. Ms. Iya Domen

- Ms. Domen introduced herself as a community advocate for homeless individuals and emphasized the need to focus resources on individuals who need help, citing a friend who is willing to work but cannot find housing placement assistance.

The Chair thanked Ms. Domen for her comments and noted that several of the upcoming presentations will address some of the resources available to people needing help during this time. The Chair added that the State has been receiving more inquiries from community members trying to assist their homeless friends and neighbors during the pandemic and encouraged anyone needing assistance to contact the Chair’s office or one of the programs operated by State, County, and non-profit partners.

V. **General Announcements**

**A. Chairperson and Staff Reports: July / August / September 2020**

The Chair shared the staff report for the period from July through September 2020 and noted that a copy of the full report is included in the meeting packet. The Chair noted that the System Performance Report reflects an overall 47 percent exit rate to permanent housing across all homeless programs, such as emergency shelters and outreach, statewide. The exit rate to permanent housing is approximately 41 percent on Oahu and 61 percent on the neighbor islands. On average, individuals are accessing homeless programs, excluding permanent housing programs, for approximately 147 days.

The Chair highlighted several additional updates from the Chair's Office, including the following:

- Increased coordination with State and County partners to streamline COVID-19 responses, including co-chairing the Behavioral Health and Homelessness Statewide Unified Response Group (BHHSURG)
- Review of new neighbor island Ohana Zone projects that have expanded to meet the growing needs of homeless individuals during the pandemic, highlighting key partnerships between the Counties and community members
- Website updates to <https://homelessness.hawaii.gov>, including daily shelter vacancy listings and homeless outreach providers
- Ongoing coordination efforts, such as peer-to-peer learning sessions hosted by the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness and Crisis Intervention Training for State law enforcement agencies

Mr. Alexander added that the Mayor's Office of Housing has added a map of homeless services and housing programs on Oahu and the updated Homeless Help Card to their website at <https://honolulu.gov/housing>.

**B. Written Reports from Council Members.**

The following written updates are provided for the Council's consideration and review (the full write-ups for each representative will be provided):

- *Department of Human Services, Homeless Programs Office*
- *Department of Health*
- *Department of Labor & Industrial Relations*
- *Department of Public Safety*
- *Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism*
- *Department of Hawaiian Home Lands*
- *Department of Defense*
- *Office of Hawaiian Affairs*

- *Department of the Attorney General*
- *Department of Education*
- *Hawaii State House of Representatives*
- *Hawaii State Senate*
- *Hawaii Public Housing Authority*
- *County of Hawaii*
- *County of Kauai*
- *County of Maui*
- *City & County of Honolulu*
- *Continuum of Care for Oahu, Partners in Care*
- *Continuum of Care for Hawaii Island*
- *Continuum of Care for Maui*
- *Continuum of Care for Kauai*
- *U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development*
- *U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs*
- *Faith-based community*
- *Business community*

The Chair highlighted several notable updates from Council members:

- *Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism* – State Rent Relief & Housing Assistance Program is now accepting applications. Individuals should visit <http://hihousinghelp.com> for information.
- *Department of Hawaiian Home Lands* – DHHL Rental Assistance Program (DRAP) has been expanded from 6 months to 12 months of assistance. Beneficiaries in need may call (808) 543-2219 for assistance.

Ms. Rezentes added that DHHL has been working with providers to explore how to best assist homeless beneficiaries without jeopardizing their homeless status.

- *Department of Defense* – Hawaii National Guard has been providing medical services to homeless individuals at the Provisional Outdoor Screening and Triage (POST) facility.
- *County of Hawaii* – the County has implemented its Financial Navigation Program to triage referrals to local resources. The County has also strategically utilized State Ohana Zone funds, CARES Act, and HUD CDBG funds to provide financial assistance to community members and temporary sheltering of vulnerable

individuals.

Ms. Hirota added that the County was able to reallocate Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) funds to support the HOPE Express program, a temporary motel sheltering program in partnership with HOPE Services and the Holiday Inn Express. In addition, the Hale Hanakahi and Ka Lamaku tiny home shelter programs are still operating.

- *County of Kauai* – the County’s Tenant-Based Rental Assistance program (TBRA) will be launching with approximately 30 vouchers in October, and the County expects to add 10 more vouchers. Five County parks are currently permitting indefinite camping for people experiencing homelessness.

Ms. Varner’s attendance was recognized at 10:40 a.m. Quorum was updated to reflect 22 out of 27 members present.

- *County of Maui* – the County has been working to improve Coordinated Entry System (CES) efficiency. The County’s Wahi Hoomalu O Wailuku pallet shelter program has been operating since May.
- *City & County of Honolulu* – the County has been focusing efforts on several key components of the pandemic response, including increasing access to hygiene and sanitation, supporting the Department of Health’s isolation and quarantine needs on the island of Oahu, establishing the Household Hardship Relief Fund, conducting the virtual Statewide Homeless Veterans Conference, and supporting emergency feeding efforts. In addition, the City & County hopes to open new affordable housing projects targeting households at 50-60 percent AMI and below.

Mr. Alexander added that the 2020 U.S. Census homeless enumeration is this week, and that the Statewide Homeless Awareness Conference is scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Materials from the Statewide Homeless Veterans Conference will be available on the Mayor’s Office of Housing website at <https://honolulu.gov/housing> shortly.

VI. **New Business**

- a. **Discussion regarding HICH recommendations regarding faith-based strategies to address homelessness, including the development of housing for individuals transitioning from homelessness.**

Presentation by Pastor Daniel Kaneshiro, First Assembly of God Church and The Shelter.

The Chair introduced Council member Pastor Daniel Kaneshiro, representing the First Assembly of God Church and The Shelter.

Pastor Kaneshiro began the presentation with a documentary video detailing the development and implementation of The Shelter, a faith-based shelter on the First Assembly of God campus for single women with minor children.

Pastor Kaneshiro summarized several key points that the faith-based community has learned from The Shelter project, including recommendations to address the governmental restrictions that prevent faith-based programs from receiving public funds or access to public lands without a memorandum in place to waive the mandatory faith-based program components. Pastor Kaneshiro asked the Council and the State to consider how faith-based programs are offered in State correctional facilities and the U.S. Military offers chaplaincy programs on military bases. To move forward, Pastor Kaneshiro suggests that the Council work with the Department of the

Attorney General to explore these points in order to better enable the faith-based community to participate in homeless services with public funding.

The Chair thanked Pastor Kaneshiro and noted that these recommendations will be addressed in a later presentation by the State's Ohana Zone evaluator with Collaborative Quality Consulting.

Pastor Kaneshiro encouraged council members and members of the public to contact him directly with further questions, and shared his phone number 808-372-3451 in the chat.

Ms. Perreira-Eustaquio left the meeting at 10:57 a.m. Quorum was updated to reflect 21 out of 27 members present.

Ms. Hirota left the meeting at 11:03 a.m. Quorum was updated to reflect 20 out of 27 members present.

**b. Discussion on strategies to address homelessness in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.**

Presentation by Mr. Joshua Holmes, Department of Health, Behavioral Health Administration.

The Chair introduced epidemiologist Mr. Joshua Holmes with the Department of Health, Behavioral Health Administration.

Mr. Holmes reviewed several key points related to DOH's COVID-19 isolation and quarantine response:

- Isolation vs. quarantine – isolation refers to separating a sick individual from others who are not sick, while quarantine refers to separating an individual who was exposed from others
- Safe isolation generally involves having a separate bedroom (separate bathroom is also preferable), avoiding close contact with other household members, and being able to do this for the entire duration of the isolation period.
- The incubation period of the virus that causes COVID-19 is approximately 2-14 days. However, a negative test within 14 days from the date of exposure does not confirm that the individual is negative.
- As more information has been learned more about COVID-19, both the CDC and DOH have moved away from a test-based clearance method to a time-based clearance method, as many individuals will continue to test positive for COVID-19 for weeks or months after they are no longer symptomatic or considered infectious. The infectious period is thought to be approximately 10 days after the onset of symptoms or a positive test result for mild-moderate cases. Thus, individuals can be time-cleared from isolation 10 days after symptom onset, provided their symptoms are improving and they have not had a fever for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.
- Oahu has several isolation and quarantine locations for people who are unable to safely isolate at home. These include the Temporary Quarantine and Isolation Center (TQIC), as well as approximately 300 hotel rooms. Referrals are triaged through Hawaii CARES. DOH is grateful for the partnerships with the City & County of Honolulu and non-profit and private sector groups to make these services available. DOH and the neighbor island counties are working closely on identifying additional isolation and quarantine sites on the neighbor islands.

Discussion and Questions.

Ms. Cumming asked whether the DOH isolation and quarantine is statewide.

- The Chair responded that the local District Health Officer for Maui County has been in contact with the DOH Behavioral Health Administration team and a meeting with providers will be scheduled soon discuss next steps.

Mr. Alexander remarked that County governments are usually better equipped to offer building assets and allowing DOH to provide the wraparound services. The City & County of Honolulu is looking to lease another building for COVID-19 response and stabilization.

- The Chair thanked Mr. Alexander and added that each County's needs are different, especially with the inclusion of the local District Health Offices in the response process.

Presentation by Ms. Brandee Menino, Chair, Bridging the Gap.

Ms. Menino provided an overview of Bridging the Gap's response to COVID-19 and homeless services during the pandemic. From March through August, the CoC served 2,426 persons in homeless programs. Permanent housing exit rates are: 25 percent – street outreach; 40.5 percent – emergency shelters; 71.2 percent – transitional shelters; 92.8 percent – rapid rehousing. The CoC has prioritized working on permanent housing placements despite the challenges during the pandemic.

Ms. Menino shared about Bridging the Gap's new website <https://btghawaii.org>, and reviewed notable projects that have enhanced each County's COVID-19 response in relation to homelessness and homelessness prevention:

*Kauai*

- Kealaula on Pua Loke will provide 28 affordable housing unit for homeless families, using a combination of approximately \$2.3M State Ohana Zone funds and \$2.15M County general funds
- Five County parks are allowing permitted camping for people experiencing homelessness
- ESG-CV funds will be used to support additional outreach and prevention efforts
- CDBG funds will be used to support rent, mortgage, and utility assistance

*Maui*

- Huliau affordable housing project is expected to open in March 2021
- Wahi Hoomalu O Wailuku pallet home project continues to operate, providing safe sheltering for vulnerable homeless individuals

*Hawaii*

- Increase outreach, including street medicine, and emergency shelter capacity since the onset of the pandemic
- Partnership with Boys & Girls Club to support feeding, and distribution of USDA fresh produce boxes to individuals in need
- Outreach and education to homeless encampments, including a COVID-19 info card, partnership with Premier Medical Group for testing, providing handwashing stations and sanitation supplies to encampments, and partnerships with encampment leaders to increase communication and access to services
- CDBG funds will be used to support rent and mortgage assistance
- Approximately \$1,567,697 in ESG-CV1 funds allocated to Bridging the Gap

Presentation by Ms. Laura Thielen, Executive Director, Partners in Care.

Ms. Thielen shared a general timeline of key services and events related to Partners in Care's COVID-19 response, including:

- Rapid assessment of vulnerable individuals in congregate emergency shelters and coordination with CES and DHS Homeless Programs Office to expedite transition into transitional and permanent housing
- Transition of HONU to POST model to increase physical distancing and expanded sheltering capacity
- Weekly BHHSURG webinars in partnership with DOH, DHS, and GCH.
- PIC newsletters to streamline and share updates and resources to homeless service providers and advocates
- Hui Aloha Bathroom Brigades to maintain and monitor public bathrooms
- Hurricane Douglas preparation and response
- Partnership with Project Vision Hawaii for testing at homeless provider locations and encampments
- Identifying temporary gaps in feeding needs and working with the City & County of Honolulu to support feeding efforts

Ms. Thielen highlighted several key lessons learned as PIC and its providers have been navigating the changing COVID-19 environment.

#### *Communication*

- New partnerships have been created and strengthened
- Meetings between outreach and shelter providers and funders have increased, creating a forum to address issues and troubleshoot common problems
- Increased testing with Project Vision Hawaii and ability to follow up with individuals through the use of 'flags' on client records in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

#### *Coordination*

- Restructuring of CES Touch Bases meetings to improve turnaround times and real-time problem-solving
- Increased Landlord Engagement Program activities to support placements into permanent housing

#### *Flexibility*

- Adapting to changing recommendations established by the CDC and DOH
- Working with providers to increase access to new resources and information

#### *Education*

- Partnership with DOH to increase knowledge of PPE guidelines and safe usage
- Development of mobile COVID-19 screening tool for outreach workers and other homeless service providers (over 1,000 assessments completed in the first four months of implementation)

#### *Testing*

- Partnerships with Project Vision Hawaii, AMR, and HOME Project to support testing for service providers and clients

While COVID-19 has presented many challenges for providers and clients, including the loss of a staff person at the Institute for Human Services (I.H.S.), Ms. Thielen remarked that PIC and its providers have made significant progress in improving communication, creating new partnerships, and responding and adapting quickly. This is evidence that success is possible, and despite the challenges, PIC can continue fulfilling its mission of ending homelessness.



The Chair thanked both Ms. Thielen and Ms. Menino for their leadership, as well as the chairs of the local community alliance chapters of Bridging the Gap – Ms. Kamibayashi, Ms. Cumming, Ms. Thelma Akita-Kealoha of Maui, and Mr. Paul Norman of Hawaii island - for the hard work of their respective continuums to address homelessness despite the many challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Chair raised the question posed earlier by public testifier Ms. Jordan regarding the identification of homeless individuals who test positive for COVID-19 and have left isolation or quarantine, particularly related to the cluster of cases at I.H.S. The Chair acknowledged the use of the HMIS to 'flag' records for homeless individuals in need of follow up, and the close coordination between Partners in Care and its member organizations that provide mobile testing for COVID-19.

- Ms. Thielen summarized the response to the situation at I.H.S. and how Partners in Care, the Department of Health, Department of Human Services, and the City pulled together to convene outreach workers the same afternoon that the conversion of I.H.S. to an isolation and quarantine occurred. Ms. Thielen mentioned that in less than 24-hours, outreach workers canvassed the area to identify individuals who may have been exposed to COVID-19 and encourage them to get tested. Ms. Thielen commended the courage and compassion of outreach workers who knowingly volunteered to canvass the Iwilei and downtown areas despite the possible exposure to COVID-19 and risk to their health. In addition, Ms. Thielen noted that a similar outreach effort is occurring today in the King St. and Dillingham Boulevard area where known COVID-19 positive cases were identified, and Partners in Care will continue to do so as needed.

## VII. Continuing Business

- a. **Discussion regarding revisions to the Hawaii State Framework to Address Homelessness and ten-year strategic plan to address homelessness, including specific strategies, tactics, and metrics and examining the intersection between local initiatives and federal initiatives to address homelessness. (Vote)**

Presentation by Ms. Heather Henderson, Collaborative Quality Consulting.

The Chair introduced Ms. Heather Henderson, principal of Collaborative Quality Consulting, and the lead evaluator for the State's Ohana Zone pilot program.

Ms. Henderson shared that she is a social worker by training. She is sharing the finding of the first year of the evaluation of Ohana Zone initiative and the shift from housing readiness to a housing first approach. The evaluation will answer two main questions:

1. How do Housing First and Ohana Zones impact people's access to permanent housing?
2. What is further required to increase access to permanent housing and end homelessness in Hawaii?

Ms. Henderson explained that the evaluation approach she is using is different from the typical evaluation approach, which has a specific focus and provides just a partial view of the overall system. In contrast, Ms. Henderson is utilizing an implementation science approach that evaluates the homelessness system as a whole and provides a more comprehensive view. Specifically, Ms. Henderson's evaluation is utilizing the Active Implementation Frameworks adopted by the National Implementation Research Network, which includes a focus on:

- *Implementation Stages* – Stage-appropriate activities necessary for successful systems change.
- *Implementation Drivers* – Core components that create an infrastructure that supports sustainable service delivery.

- *Policy-Practice Feedback Loops* – Connecting policy to practice to reduce barriers.
- *Implementation Support* – Whether it is external or internal, support achieves quicker, higher-quality results.

The first year of the evaluation will provide an initial assessment, the second year will provide a progress report, and the third year will provide findings and strategic guidance for further system improvements.

The data collected during the first year of the Ohana Zone evaluation (2019) included 56 stakeholder interviews, a literature review of over-80 journal articles and research, review of over-135 written materials, direct participation in Ohana Zone projects such as the Villages of Maili, observation of meetings and services, an analysis of HMIS data, a review of Point in Time data, and a review of statewide housing inventory.

Ms. Henderson explained that we are currently in the initial implementation stage of the Ohana Zone initiative. Much of the efforts in 2018 and 2019 were within the exploration and installation stages where a needs assessment was conducted, innovations were examined and assessed for fit, resources were acquired, and preparations were made for implementation. Initial implementation then began in mid-2019 and is expected to continue throughout the duration of 2020. It is expected that the entire process of implementation will take four years, which will end in 2022.

A review of previous initiatives in Hawaii indicates that the establishment of the HICH in 2012 began a long period of steady change, which included the initial implementation of Housing First and the redesign of Medicaid to include pre-tenancy and tenancy supports for individuals experiencing homelessness. Per Ms. Henderson, it is important to acknowledge these earlier efforts which resulted in the following changes occurring between 2016 and 2019:

- Homeless population decreasing by 19%.
- Exits to permanent housing increasing by 25%.
- Permanent housing inventory for homeless individuals more than doubling from 1220 to 2600 units.

Ms. Henderson reviewed a list of recommended 'next steps,' which include policy changes intended for execution in the initial implementation stages, as well as recommendations to implementation drivers impacting core competencies, organizational structure, and leadership development. Ms. Henderson explained that when the implementation drivers have been identified through the system assessment that included key stakeholder interviews, and when fully implemented these drivers will support more effective permanent housing strategies and improved outcomes within the system. A full listing of the recommendations is included in the HICH meeting packet.

The Chair reflected on the conversations earlier in the meeting and acknowledged that one of the recommendations made by Ms. Henderson included a specific recommendation to raise awareness and further explore how to scale and coordinate efforts of the faith-based community, including service provision and housing development. To further explore and make recommendations regarding the initial Ohana Zone assessment and how it intersects with the work of the previous permitted interaction group established in 2017 to review and recommend potential revisions to the ten-year strategic plan to end homelessness and the Hawaii State Framework to Address homelessness, the Chair established a second permitted interaction group that comprises the same membership as the permitted interaction group established in 2017. The membership of the new permitted interaction group include the Chair and representatives from the following organizations:

- Continuum of Care for Oahu
- Continuum of Care for Hawaii island
- City & County of Honolulu
- County of Kauai
- Faith-based community

- Department of the Attorney General

The Chair's staff will contact the members of the permitted interaction group to schedule a meeting.

VIII. **Permitted Interaction Group**

- a. **Report and discussion of the permitted interaction group established pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes (H.R.S.) §92-2.5 to review and recommend potential revisions to the ten-year strategic plan to end homelessness, and the Hawaii State Framework to Address Homelessness.**

There are no updates from the permitted interaction group at this time.

- b. **Report and discussion of the permitted interaction group established pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes (H.R.S.) §92-2.5 to explore the intersection between homelessness and health, and make recommendations to the full council for action.**

There are no updates from the permitted interaction group at this time.

IX. **Executive Session**

Pursuant to H.R.S. §92-7(a), the Council may, when deemed necessary, hold an Executive Session on any agenda item without the written public notice if the Executive Session was not anticipated in advance. Any such Executive Session shall be held pursuant to H.R.S. §92-4 and shall be limited to those items described in H.R.S. §92-5(a). Discussions held in Executive Session are closed to the public.

The Chair stated that an Executive Session is not necessary at this time.

X. **Topics for Upcoming Meetings**

The Chair asked members to contact his office with additional suggestions for upcoming meetings. The office can be reached at 586-0193 or by e-mail at [gov.homelessness@hawaii.gov](mailto:gov.homelessness@hawaii.gov).

Pastor Kaneshiro suggested that exploring land partnerships between government and faith-based providers be added to a future meeting agenda. The Chair acknowledged Pastor Kaneshiro's suggestion and will work with staff to put this on the September meeting agenda.

XI. **Meeting Schedule**

The following Council meetings are proposed for the 2020 calendar year:

- Monday, December 21, 2020, 10 a.m. to noon

XII. **Adjourn**

Chair Morishige entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Mr. Alexander and seconded by Mr. Ouansafi. The Chair called for the question. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

**MINUTES CERTIFICATION**

Minutes prepared by:

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Emma Grochowsky  
Homelessness Community Development Specialist

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Date

Approved by the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness at their Regular Meeting on September 21, 2020.

As Presented     As Amended

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Scott S. Morishige, MSW  
Chair

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Date

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