

Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness

SEPTEMBER 21, 2020 REGULAR MEETING

10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

General Housekeeping Items

1. Please kindly mute the audio functions on your device when you are not speaking.
2. For purposes of minutes, any person speaking should identify themselves by first and last name and office before speaking.
3. Please mute your speaker before you are ready to speak to cut out any ambient background noise. Also make sure to close doors and windows as appropriate to reduce background noise.
4. Participants should identify yourself by using the **raise hand** feature on MS Teams. If you are joining by computer, click on the Participants tab and then the “More” icon that looks like three dots (...). Click on the **raise hand** and control the function when appropriate.

Housekeeping Items Cont.

5. Council members needing to excuse yourselves, please raise your hand to let the Chair know of speak up if on the phone.
6. If you involuntarily disconnect, please call Justin Limasa at **(808) 342-1174** for assistance to reconnect.
7. If you voluntarily disconnect, please announce that you are leaving the meeting and staff will record the time for the meeting minutes.
8. Votes will be conducted by roll call so that it is clear how each participating board member voted. **Members may cast a vote by voice or through a message in the chat box.**

II. Overview and Approval of Agenda

- ❑ Motion to move “General Announcements” to follow public testimony.

III. Approval of Minutes

- Review and approve minutes for the July 13, 2020 regular meeting.

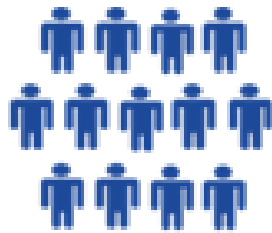
- Minutes can be found online at:
<https://homelessness.hawaii.gov/hich/agenda-and-minutes/>

IV. Public Testimony

1. Members of the public wishing to testify should signal your intent to testify by **raising your hand** so staff can notate the names and order of testifiers.
2. Testimony will be provided **in the order that hands are raised**.
3. Please state your first and last name and organization for the record before starting your testimony.
4. Please try to mute your speaker before you are ready to speak to cut out any ambient background noise.
5. Testimony should be limited to **one minute**.

VIII.a. Chairperson & Staff Report

The following four performance benchmarks are used to evaluate the implementation of the Hawaii State Framework to Address Homelessness and ten-year strategic plan to end homelessness:



COUNT

Number of people experiencing homelessness according to the statewide Point in Time Count.

6,458 people

(As of June 15, 2020)



CAPACITY

Number of permanent housing beds for people experiencing homelessness in Hawaii.

4,553 beds

(2019 data)



HOUSING PLACEMENTS

The percentage of people exiting a homeless program that are placed into permanent housing.

47% housed

(As of July 2020)



LENGTH OF STAY

The average number of days a person is enrolled in a homeless program, such as shelter.

147 days

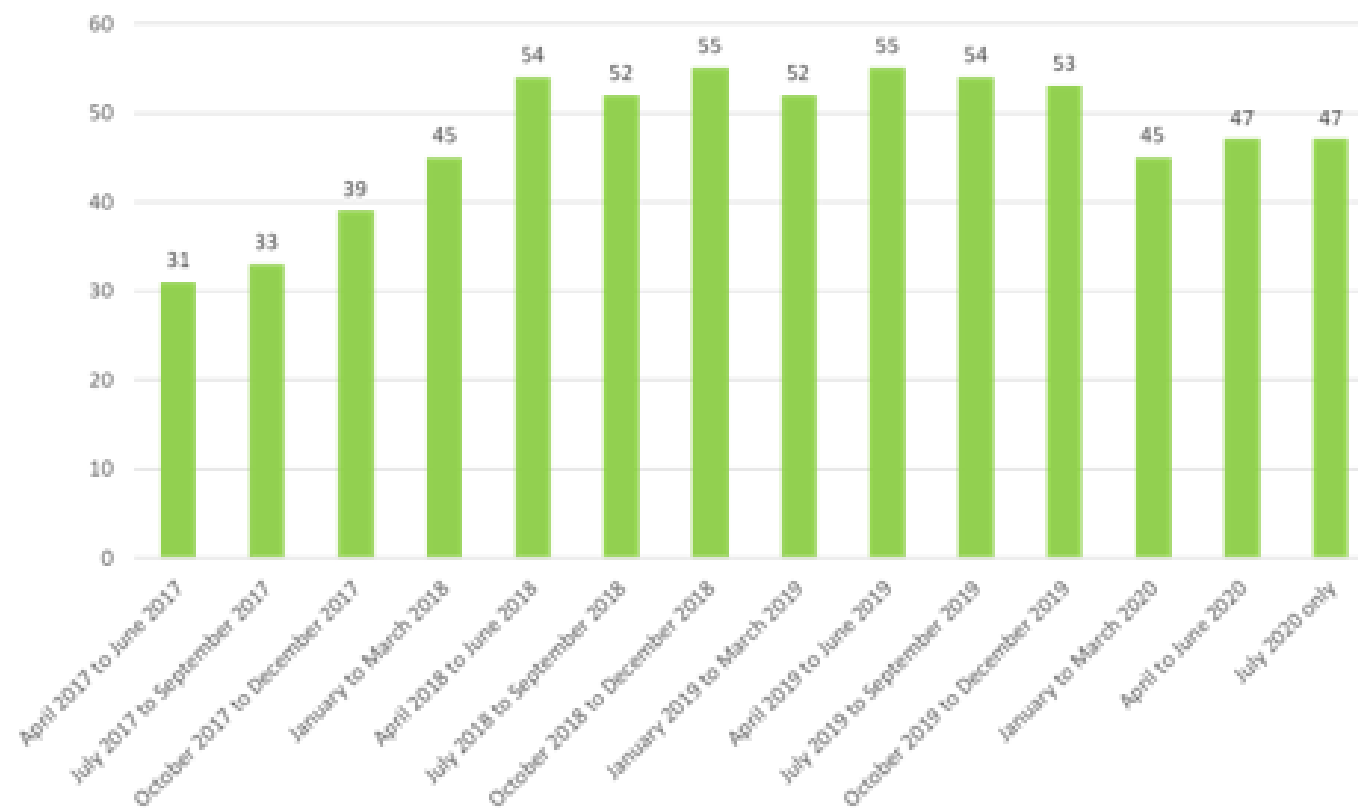
(As of July 2020)

VIII.a. Chairperson & Staff Report cont.

HOUSING PLACEMENTS – NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ARE PERMANENTLY HOUSED

Between April 1, 2020 and June 30, 2020, 47% of individuals exited homeless programs to a permanent housing placement. The rate remained the same in July 2020.

On Oahu, the percentage of exits to permanent housing in July was 41.3%. In comparison, the percentage of exits to permanent housing for the neighbor islands was 61% during the same period.



VIII.a. Chairperson & Staff Report cont.

<https://health.Hawaii.gov/bhhsurg/weekly-webinar>

Please join us on Mondays from 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M. to hear updates from Eddie Mersereau, Scott Morishige and Harold Brackeen III.

[Register in advance for this weekly webinar >>](#)

PROVIDER MEETING NOTES & MATERIALS

September 21, 2020		
Webinar Recording (coming soon)	BHHSURG Presentation Guest Speakers: (coming soon)	Q&A (coming soon)
September 14, 2020		
Webinar Recording	BHHSURG Presentation Guest Speakers: Christine L. Wong (DHS/BESSD), Deja Ostrowski, J.D (Medical Legal Partnership), and Monique Ibarra (Ka Hale A Ke Ola)	Q&A (coming soon) Handouts: BESSD Programs General Info DHS First-to-Work Brochure DHS Consent to Release Form DHS 1466 Consent to Release Form to BESSD DHS 1470 Change Report Form HHH Brochure HiNet Consort Brochure

VIII.a. Chairperson & Staff Report cont.



VIII.a. Chairperson & Staff Report



Kealaua at Pua Loke



To learn more, go to: <https://homelessness.Hawaii.gov/ohana-zone-funded-projects>

VIII.a. Chairperson & Staff Report cont.

DAILY EMERGENCY SHELTER VACANCY

The list below shows available shelter vacancies for **Friday, September 18, 2020**. Please note that vacancies are self-reported by providers and are subject to change without notice throughout the day. **Due to the increase in COVID-19 cases on Oahu, Maui, and Hawaii island, some shelters may institute additional screening requirements. Please contact each respective shelter for more information.**

In addition, a list of transitional shelter and [Adult Mental Health Division \(AMHD\)](#) group home beds is available by request. Please call (808) 586-0193 or e-mail gov.homelessness@hawaii.gov to request a copy. Please note that group homes charge a monthly rent and individuals must be referred through the Hawaii Department of Health. For transitional shelter vacancies, note that referrals must go through the Coordinated Entry System (CES) and you may contact the Continuum of Care on your island for further information.

For assistance in clearing individuals into CARE Hawaii or Aloha House Licensed Crisis Residential Shelter (LCRS), call the [Hawaii Department of Health's CARES Line](#) at (808) 832-3100 on Oahu or (800) 753-6879 on the neighbor islands.

Special Referral Instructions for POST Facility: POST provides temporary outdoor shelter to people experiencing homelessness during the COVID-19 pandemic. Individuals with flu-like symptoms will be referred to the CARES for screening prior to admission. Please call (808) -768-4668 to check availability prior to referring individuals to the POST site.

If individuals are interested in connecting to an available shelter opening, contact the [homeless outreach provider](#) in your geographic area.

OAHU	Capacity for Today's Intake	Comments
Catholic Charities Hawaii - Family Assessment Center		Intake Line: 808-202-9133
Cubicles (2-5) average	0	
Catholic Charities Hawaii - Villages of Maili		Intake Line: 808-940-8394
Maili Assessment Center 2-bedroom (2-8)	0	

OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Homeless outreach programs connect with unsheltered individuals and families, and provide linkages to critical services – including housing navigation, shelter, assistance with obtaining identification documents and other vital records, assistance with employment and public benefits, and connection to healthcare services. Homeless outreach programs also serve as an access point for the Coordinated Entry System (CES) for housing resources. The Hawai'i Department of Human Services (DHS) and Hawai'i Department of Health (DOH) administer contracts with the following organizations to provide homeless outreach services.



STATE OF HAWAII HOMELESS OUTREACH PROVIDER MAP UPDATED 2020

CENTRAL OAHU

Wahiawa to Northshore
Aiea to Pearl City
Ewa to Kapolei

US VETS
P.O. Box 75329
Waianae, HI 96792
Phone: 630-0771

ALEA Bridge
P.O. Box 893573
Mililani, HI 96789
Phone: 379-2532

UPPER WINDWARD

Kahaluu to Kahuku

KALIHI PALAMA HEALTH CENTER
904 Kohou Street
Honolulu, HI 96817
Phone: 791-6370

YOUTH OUTREACH
Island of Oahu

RESIDENTIAL YOUTH SERVICES &



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- ❑ Ongoing coordination meetings with providers, county and state coordinators, and funders.
- ❑ State peer-to-peer sessions with USICH.
- ❑ Implementation of Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) for State law enforcement officers.

VIII.b. Written Reports from Council

DBEDT

- Updates on financing for Huliau, Kealaula, and Kukuiola (Village 9)
- State Rent Relief & Housing Assistance Program launched (<https://hihousinghelp.com>)

DHHL

- DRAP served over-70 households.
- Program expanded from 6 months to 12 months of help.
- Call **(808) 543-2219** for assistance, do not call 2-1-1.

VIII.b.Written Reports from Council

DOD

- Hawaii Army National Guard Task Force medical providing medics to support the POST program.

County of Hawaii

- Financial Navigation Program
- HOPE Express (ended in July 2020)
- Hale Hanakahi and Ka Lamaku
- CARES and CDBG funding for rent, mortgage, and utility assistance.

VIII.b. Written Reports from Council

County of Kauai

- Outreach to encampments in August and September.
- As of 8/4/20, 296 individuals permitted to live in 5 designated camps.
- TBRA program starting in October.

County of Maui

- Continuing CES and Compassionate Response efforts.
- Wahi Hoomalu O Wailuku pallet home project.

VIII.b. Written Reports from Council

City & County of Honolulu

- Expansion of hygiene and sanitation resources, and addressing resource needs timely.
- Providing isolation and quarantine facilities and expansion of shelter capacity.
- City & County Household Hardship Relief Fund and other prevention efforts.
- Homeless Veterans Virtual Conference.
- Updating Homeless Help Cards.
- New affordable housing projects targeting households at 50-60% AMI or below.

Other Agenda Items

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

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

- VI.a. A presentation by Heather Henderson, Collaborative Quality Consulting, including initial assessment and recommendations based on Year 1 of Ohana Zones evaluation.

Meeting Schedule

- Monday, September 21, 2020, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon.
- Monday, December 21, 2020, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon