Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness

MARCH 15, 2021 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.
II. Overview and Approval of Agenda

- New Business
  - Updates from Chair Yamane and Chair San Buenaventura
  - Updates from the CoCs on ESG-CV2 funding
  - Updates from HPHA and DHHL on COVID-19 response and federal funding.

- Continuing Business
  - Updates on Fiscal Mapping Efforts, including an overview of funding for eviction and homelessness prevention efforts.
III. Approval of Minutes

- Review and approve minutes for the December 21, 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**.
V. New Business – Legislative Updates

☑ Chair Joy San Buenaventura, Senate Committee on Human Services

☑ Chair Ryan Yamane, House Committee on Health, Human Services, and Homelessness
V. New Business – Oahu CoC Updates
OAHU’S RESPONSE TO COVID-19
A Report to the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness

Laura E. Thielen
Partners In Care
March 15th, 2021

PARTNERS IN CARE Oahu’s Continuum of Care
Mission: To eliminate homelessness through open and inclusive participation and the coordination of integrated responses
Emergency Response
- Review & Plan

Outreach and Education
- Review and Plan

Testing
- Review and Plan

Vaccination
- Review and Plan

Continued Monitoring
- Review and Plan

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### City & County of Honolulu: CARES Act Funding Distribution

#### CARES Act Funding Totals:

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#### CARES Funding Allocated by Category:

- **Small Business Assistance**: Allocated: $215,803,496, Committed: $190,032,621, Spent: $187,923,420
- **Food Programs**: Allocated: $14,826,427, Committed: $8,487,259, Spent: $7,573,247
- **Telework + Telehealth Capacity**: Allocated: $4,194,303, Committed: $6,022,150, Spent: $5,245,274
- **Housing Support**: Allocated: $13,633,100, Committed: $27,936,227, Spent: $21,391,974
- **Public Health + Safety**: Allocated: $69,077,808, Committed: $58,443,082, Spent: $43,878,066
- **Administrative Expenses**: Allocated: $5,524,737, Committed: $10,180,772, Spent: $9,872,669

#### In Development: $0

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**PARTNERS IN CARE Oahu's Continuum of Care**

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Waikiki Beachside
Palekana `Elima

- Collaboration between City & County of Honolulu, Hawaii Dept. of Health and H3RC
  - City is leaseholder
  - Part of Behavioral Health Administration’s COVID Isolation/Quarantine continuum
  - Stabilization concept

- All referrals are through CARES 832-3100
- Launched in mid-October 2020

HAWAI'I HEALTH & HARM REDUCTION CENTER
Waikiki Beachside

- Three buildings
- 36 rooms
  - Bunk beds
  - Lanai
  - Secure
COVID-19

Isolation and Quarantine

✓ All referrals through CARES (832-3100)
✓ Transport available
✓ 3 meals a day & snacks
✓ Wellness checks

HAWAI‘I HEALTH & HARM REDUCTION CENTER
COVID-19
Isolation and Quarantine

- Support from Waikiki Neighborhood Board
- Sen. Moriwaki and Rep. Tam site visit
- 187 residents since opened end of October
- 4% AMA rate
- No one has gone back to streets (except AMA)
COVID-19 Temporary Quarantine Isolation Center: A Proof of Concept for Behavioral Health Crisis Stabilization Centers

In Hawaii, in the absence of a Behavioral Health Crisis Stabilization Center, individuals resort to care in the emergency department, resulting in significant costs to the state. 5,714 inpatient discharges with a primary psychiatric diagnosis in total charged $130 million to Hawaii payers. There were 15,964 ED primary psychiatric discharges with a total charged amount of $92 million.

The coronavirus pandemic became an urgent impetus for establishing the Temporary Quarantine and Isolation Center (TQIC) for homeless individuals.

Provision of services to homeless populations is complex because they experience disproportionately high rates of behavioral health conditions.

Without Behavioral Health Crisis Stabilization Centers, the State will continue to burden:
1. Avoidable hospital costs and utilization for hospital-based care for ED visits and inpatient stays.
2. High volume of high-need individuals passed

The TQIC outcomes seen for the short period of time it has been operational demonstrates proof of concept of the Behavioral Health Crisis Stabilization Center.

In addition to COVID-19 care, the TQIC...
Oahu Stabilization Beds
Through CARES

- Call 832-3100 / 1-800-753-6879

- Still linked to COVID – houseless folks at higher risk and we will arrange test onsite

- Triage and lateral referrals
  - HSH Ekolu 8 beds, higher acuity and med management
  - WB Elima case management beds

- Neighbor Islands sites coming soon!

HAWAI'I HEALTH & HARM REDUCTION CENTER
# VACCINATION PLAN

## Recommendations from Oahu CoC to DOH

| Prioritize one dose Vaccination available to those experiencing homelessness, but allow clients to choose type of vaccine | All those experiencing homelessness will be in tier 1c | Small localized vaccination hubs | When extra doses are available, offer to programs and clients experiencing homelessness |

**PARTNERS IN CARE** *Oahu’s Continuum of Care*

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VACCINATION PLAN

Focus on Rural and Urban sites

Coordinate with programs and outreach providers

Cover all areas of Oahu

Coordinate with City and State Departments

Flexibility

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PROJECT VISION
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<td><strong>Rehousing</strong></td>
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<td>Rehouse 300-350 households experiencing homelessness through a Rapid Rehousing type project</td>
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<td>Improve the quality of the emergency shelter that we currently have in our community</td>
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**PARTNERS IN CARE**

*Oahu’s Continuum of Care*

Mission: To eliminate homelessness through open and inclusive participation and the coordination of integrated responses
OHN Project Components

Component #1 – Unit Identification
- LEP
- CMs provide Housing Navigation services
- 1 month Security Deposits
- 2-month Landlord Incentives

Component #2 – Rental Assistance
- Standard 12 months of rental assistance
- Standard 12 months of utility assistance

Component #3 – Case Management
- 1:20-25 Caseload
- Limited housing identification
- CMs provide Housing Stabilization services
- Furniture
- Welcome Kits

PARTNERS IN CARE Oahu’s Continuum of Care

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✓ Slow the spread of COVID-19
  - Housing is the most secure method of social distancing for homeless households
  - 12 months from now, most people will have had access to the vaccine, making it safer

✓ House people and improve rental history
  - No evictions for nonpayment of rent while on a 12-month lease
  - 12 months to reduce rent burden through increasing earned income or identifying opportunities to increase household income
Thank You

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V. New Business – BTG Updates
CARES ACT - ESG-CV
ROUND 2 FUNDING

Bridging the Gap
Maude Cumming - Chair
NEIGHBOR ISLAND FUNDING ALLOCATION:

$8,466,976
# Initial Funding by Island/Organization

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V. New Business – HPHA/DHHL Updates

HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY
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1002 N. School St.
Honolulu, HI 96817
phone: 832-4682
hpha.hawaii.gov
email: HPHA@hawaii.gov
HPHA – COVID-19 – Overview

- On March 4, 2020, Governor David Ige declared an emergency in the State of Hawaii. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control determined and monitored an outbreak of respiratory illness caused by a novel coronavirus that is commonly identified as COVID-19. Additionally, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a public health emergency of international concern.

- The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provided direct and immediately available funding through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus, including to maintain normal operations and to take other necessary actions during the period impacted by coronavirus for the Federal Public Housing Program and the Federal Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) Program.
HPHA – COVID-19 – Public Housing

The HPHA took the following steps in using HUD CARES funds to ensure that the elderly, disabled and children of public housing families could protect themselves and combat COVID-19:

- Distributed tens of thousands of staff-made reusable cloth and commercial face coverings.
- Distributed cleaning supplies and hand sanitizer to families that tested positive.
- Implemented direct deposit for rent payments.
- Implemented Hawaii Administrative Emergency Rules to protect public housing communities.
- Worked expeditiously to focus on repairing vacant units and moved in over 247 families.
- Coordinated with the City and County of Honolulu and the Lt. Governor with “surge testing”.
- Utilized HUD Waivers to delay annual unit inspections to reduce person to person contact.
- Allowed tenants to request interim recertifications due to loss of income.
- Created a new website to provide COVID-19 information to the public: www.hphaishereforyou.org
Launched free Wi-Fi at ten sites to encourage distance learning and tele-health:

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The HPHA worked hand-in-hand with the Hawaii State Department of Health Public Health Nurses and the Hawaii National Guard to conduct COVID-19 Outreach events at the Agency’s larger public housing properties.

Teams of nurses, doctors, guard members and interpreters canvass the properties and talk to residents and hand out flyers in English and other translated languages to educate the community about the COVID-19 virus.

Mainly educational in nature, the teams show people how they can stay safe and healthy, but also test anyone in the household that has flu-like symptoms. Below is a list of COVID-19 Outreach events on the island of Oahu and the island of Hawaii that covered 23 properties and over 2,400 units:
HPHA – COVID-19 – Public Housing – Outreach

Oahu

- Kalihi Valley Homes  May 15, 2020
- Palolo Valley Homes  May 28, 2020
- Mayor Wright Homes  June 9, 2020
- KPT Low-Rise  June 24, 2020
- Kuhio Homes  June 24, 2020
- Kauhale Nani  July 9, 2020
- Wahiawa Terrace  July 9, 2020
- Kamehameha Homes  July 20, 2020
- Kaahumanu Homes  July 20, 2020
- Nanakuli Homes  July 24, 2020
- Maili I & II  July 24, 2020
- Kauiokalani  July 24, 2020
- Waimaha Sunflower  July 24, 2020
- Puuwai Momi  September 4, 2020
Hawaii Island

- Lanakila Homes
- Lokahi
- Punahele Homes
- Hale Olalooa
- Pomaikai Homes
- Kahale Kahaluu
- Ke Kumu `Ekolu
- Ke Kumu Elua

- August 26, 2020
- September 4, 2020
- September 4, 2020
- September 23, 2020
- September 30, 2020
- October 28, 2020
- October 29, 2020
- October 29, 2020
HPHA – COVID-19 – Public Housing Vaccination Coordination

- The HPHA is working with the State Department of Health, State Executive Office on Aging, City and County of Honolulu Department of Community Services Elderly Affairs Division, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), Hawaii Public Health Institute, Project Vision, Hawaii Pacific Health Medical Group, Kaiser Permanente, Queens Medical Center, 5 Minute Pharmacy, Pharmacare, Times Pharmacy, Papa Ola Lokahi, Kamehameha Schools, and other non-profit groups to conduct COVID-19 vaccination clinics at our public housing properties.

- The elderly and disabled tenants will be addressed first, with the hopes of conducting vaccination clinics at all HPHA properties when the State Department of Health provides authorization. Teams of nurses, doctors, volunteers, and interpreters will canvass the properties to sign up and register HPHA tenants to get vaccinated and return in 3-4 weeks to administer a second vaccination clinic.
Below is a list of COVID-19 vaccination clinics that have been tentatively scheduled:

March 16, 2021
AMP 34 (Kalakaua Homes, Makua Alii, Paokalani)

March 18, 2021
Kamalu and Ho’olulu (Waipahu)

March 20, 2021
La’iola (Wahiawa)
The HPHA Board of Directors adopted, and Governor David Y. Ige approved, Hawaii Administrative Emergency Rules to allow for immediate interim rent adjustments due to loss of income, increased the payment standard, provide exemptions from late fees, and to select applicants through a lottery system for the Section 8 program.

The HPHA also established a new preference for families to “Lease in Place” and opened the Section 8 waitlist with a goal to provide 750 families with a Section 8 voucher. The HPHA held numerous “drive thru” events where eligible families could drop off their application documents to a Specialist who did an initial review and was successful in enrolling 838 families into the Section 8 program.
HPHA – COVID-19 – Section 8 – “Mainstream”

- The Section 8 Mainstream program provides funding to assist non-elderly persons with disabilities, particularly those who are transitioning out of institutional or other separated settings; at serious risk of institutionalization; currently experiencing homelessness; previously experienced homelessness and currently a client in a permanent supportive housing or rapid rehousing project; or at risk of becoming homeless.

- This program helps to further the goals of the Americans with Disabilities Act by helping persons with disabilities live in the most integrated setting. The program also encourages partnerships with health and human service agencies with a demonstrated capacity to coordinate voluntary services and supports to enable individuals to live independently in the community.

- The HPHA established a new preference for families with a member who has a disability and is at least eighteen but not yet sixty-two.
The waiting list open for applicants to apply for the Section 8 Mainstream program on:

March 22, 2021 – March 26, 2021

The advertisement and online training power point presentation can be found at:

www.hphaishereforyou.org
The Hawaii State Emergency Management Agency (HIEMA) reached out to the HPHA a month before FEMA funds were to lapse, and after HIEMA was unsuccessful in securing a State Department or nonprofit to assist with short notice.

The HPHA agreed and helped to keep the funds in Hawaii resulting in feeding approximately half a million meals to the elderly and disabled. The HPHA is grateful for the smooth transition of the feeding program to a nonprofit.
At the heart of the HPHA, I am proud and inspired by the way the HPHA's public servants have risen to the challenge brought by COVID-19 through flexibility, resilience, courage and caring hearts. Our hard-working public servants never stopped working to continue to serve our most disadvantaged families than we have in past years, with additional health and safety protocols, and their commitment to providing permanent housing to those in need makes all the difference.
VI. Continuing Business – Fiscal Mapping

- Compile system-level data across funding sources and program types
- Identify service gaps, overlap, and areas of opportunity
- Recognize time-limited funding streams and projected impact on system
Purpose of Statewide Fiscal Map

- **Compile System-Level Data Across Funding Sources and Program Types**
- **Identify Service Gaps, Overlap, and Areas of Opportunity**
- **Recognize Time-Limited Funding Streams and Projected Impact on System**
Core Homeless Programs

- Programs exclusively serving people experiencing homelessness or people who are at-risk of homelessness
  - Literal or at-risk homelessness (HUD definition) is a requirement for participation in the program
  - Does not include public benefit programs, public housing, or other programs for which homelessness is not an eligibility requirement

- Programs under contract and/or operating during FY21
  - Funding may be from an earlier FY (e.g. HUD CoC funds)

- Recurring funding sources
  - Generally, these funding sources are available on an ongoing basis
  - Does not include pilot projects or one-time funding allocations that have not been extended

- Government funder-reported data as of December 18th, 2020
  - Subcontracts or memoranda of agreement between providers may not be reflected
Core Homeless Program Contracts by Source
(As of December 2020)

FY21 Homeless Program Contract Amounts

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*Federal funding sources other than the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will be included as they become available.
Core Homeless Program Contracts by Region
(As of December 2020)

HONOLULU  
$44,100,961

MAUI  
$5,470,339

HAWAII  
$6,602,950

KAUAI  
$1,179,051

NEIGHBOR ISLANDS*: $699,129

STATEWIDE*: $4,661,210

TOTAL REPORTED: $62,713,640

*These amounts are specific program contracts serving the entire state or the counties of Maui, Hawaii, and Kauai.
Core Program Types by Funding Source
(As of December 2020)

Core Homeless Programs

- Prevention/Diversion: $7,379,593
- Outreach: $5,515,575
- HMIS/CES: $1,225,287
- Emergency Shelter: $16,222,039
- Transitional Shelter: $2,695,099
- RRH/Joint TH-RRH: $5,529,240
- PSH: $21,814,335
- SSO: $1,979,857

Legend:
- County
- State
- Federal
EVICATION AND HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION PROGRAMS

**EVICATION PREVENTION**

Target demographic may not be required to meet HUD’s homeless/at-risk of homelessness definitions.

For COVID-19 eviction prevention, income limits are generally higher (80% AMI – 100% AMI).

For COVID-19 eviction prevention, generally must demonstrate loss of income due to COVID-19.

May include mortgage and HOA assistance.

**HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION**

Eligibility subject to HUD homeless/at-risk of homelessness definitions (waivers may apply).

Lower income limits (30% AMI – 50% AMI).

May not need to demonstrate direct financial impact due to COVID-19.

Generally more restrictions on eligible costs and required activities, outcome measures, etc.
COVID-19 EVICTION PREVENTION PROGRAMS - 2021

*Funding source: U.S. Department of Labor, Community Services Block Grant (CARES Supplement)*

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<td>ESG-CV-1</td>
<td>Institute for Human Services</td>
<td>$310,828</td>
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<td>Might have expended all funds</td>
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<td>HOPWA-CV-1</td>
<td>Gregory House Programs</td>
<td>$76,114</td>
<td>Honolulu</td>
<td>Must be eligible for HIV/AIDS services</td>
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<td>CDBG-CV-1</td>
<td>TEAM WorkHawaii</td>
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<td>Specifically targeting recently unemployed and early released detainees</td>
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# COVID-19 HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION PROGRAMS

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VII. Permitted Interaction Group

- Continuing to solicit feedback on development of draft ten-year plan for 2021-2031.

- Initial draft based on feedback from efforts to implement current plan, as well as efforts from early Ohana Zone evaluation.

- Need to align with efforts of the four counties and the two CoCs – Consider new leadership and federal priorities.

- Invest in strengthening the capacity of our **housing-focused system**.
  - Leadership capacity.
  - Training and strengthening core competencies.
  - Build capacity for data-driven decision making.
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**
  *(2020 PIT Count)*

- **CAPACITY**
  Number of permanent housing beds for people experiencing homelessness in Hawaii.
  
  **3,744 beds**
  *(2020 HIC Inventory)*

- **HOUSING PLACEMENTS**
  The percentage of people exiting a homeless program that are placed into permanent housing.
  
  **58%**
  *(January 2021)*

- **LENGTH OF STAY**
  The average number of days a person is enrolled in a homeless program, such as shelter.
  
  **179 days**
  *(January 2021)*
VIII.a. Chairperson & Staff Report –
HICH Performance Metrics (March 2021) cont.

- No unsheltered PIT count due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- Housing Inventory Count typically not available until later in the year.
- Consider other methods to get unsheltered estimates?
Housing placements continued at a high rate during the pandemic.

Rate of housing placement remained level between 2019 and 2020.

Rate of placement continues to be higher on neighbor islands compared to Oahu.

In January 2021, housing placement rate is 58% statewide.
### Average Length of Stay in Emergency Shelter

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<td>2017</td>
<td>103 days</td>
<td>55 days</td>
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<td>2018</td>
<td>103 days</td>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>108 days</td>
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<td>2021  (Jan only)</td>
<td>127 days</td>
<td>94 days</td>
<td>3 days*</td>
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- Goal is 90 days to exit from emergency shelter stay.
- Length of stay fluctuates by island, but tends to be longer on Oahu vs. Neighbor Islands.
- Length of stay may be impacted by limited housing inventory and housing resources.
- *Kauai data based on 1 exit in Jan 2021.
### Average Length of Stay in Transitional Shelter

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<td>2017</td>
<td>288 days</td>
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<td>2019</td>
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<td>2020</td>
<td>356 days</td>
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<td>2021 (Jan only)</td>
<td>538 days</td>
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- Goal is 120 days to exit from transitional shelter stay.
- Length of stay fluctuates by island, but tends to be longer on Oahu and Hawaii Island.
- Length of stay may be impacted by limited housing inventory and housing resources.
VIII.a. Chairperson & Staff Report cont.


- In March 2021, we will begin to co-brand webinars with the two CoCs, and work together with them to identify topics of interest.

- To view previous sessions, visit: https://homelessness.Hawaii.gov/monthly-webinars.
VIII.a. Chairperson & Staff Report cont.

- Developed infographics to assist in navigating the legislative process.

- Convene weekly Friday meetings with both CoCs to encourage discussion on issues related to legislative advocacy at State and federal level.

- To view infographics, visit: http://homelessness.hawaii.gov/main/2021-legislative-priorities/.
VIII.b. Written Reports from Council

- **PSD (Public Safety)**
  - Continues to work with DOH on referrals to the Hawaii CARES program.
  - As part of PSD re-entry efforts, recently entered into MOA with HDOT on issuance of State ID cards to inmates being released into community.
  - Working with City & County of Honolulu Dept. of Customer Services on completing similar MOA to allow the City to process applications for State ID for inmates being released, and for PSD to obtain and securely store ID cards to issue them to inmates as part of release process.

- **DLIR (Labor & Industrial Relations)**
  - Recently applied to U.S. Department of Labor to expand its capacity to incentivize employers to hire ex-offenders, including individuals requiring from opioid and drug addiction, through the purchase of fidelity bonds for the Federal Bonding Program (FBP).
  - Office of Community Services received CARES Act funds through the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program.
  - Office of Community Services continues to work with Dynamic Community Solutions (DCS) on their 2019 CIP Grant-in-Aid related to the Puuhonua O Waianae.
VIII.b. Written Reports from Council cont.

- **DOH (Health)**
  - Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) launched a crisis stabilization bed program in December 2020 on Oahu, which provides access to 24/7 crisis stabilization by experienced and skilled staff. Individuals can be admitted to stabilization beds by calling the Hawaii CARES line (808-832-3100) – those calling includes law enforcement, hospital Ers, providers, and individuals directly seeking help. If eligible, admission may occur within a very short time frame (e.g. less than an hour).
  - AMHD completed the first Virtual Hawaii Peer Specialists training – Ten (10) neighbor island individuals successfully completed the course.
  - AMHD received a grant to allow Peer Specialists to be trained and do paid internships. They will be trained to work with homeless individuals, especially those with substance use and mental illness.
  - Queen’s Medical Center began providing Mental Health Emergency Worker (MHEW) services on December 31, 2019. The MHEW can determine if the individuals is suffering from a behavioral health illness and is imminently dangerous to themselves or others and can authorize involuntary transportation to a licensed psychiatric facility for further evaluation, a process known as “MH-1.” As of February 2021, QMC has received **4,087 calls** for which they have provided MHEW services for.
VIII.b. Written Reports from Council cont.

- **DOH (Health) cont.**

  - AMHD homeless outreach providers continue to provide outreach statewide with contracted providers increasing their staff. Homeless outreach have increased certified SOAR case managers SSI/SSDI applications to increase application approval rates, while continuing to link individuals with appropriate services in community.

  - AMHD provides statewide group home and independent housing with various levels of care for 693 consumers statewide. The level of housing services are 24-hours, 8-16 hour, Semi-independent, and Supported Housing, including:
    - Total Bed Capacity: 701
    - 24-Hour Group Homes: 205
    - 8-16 Hour Group Homes: 260
    - Semi-independent Group Homes: 145
    - Supported Housing: 91
VIII.b. Written Reports from Council cont.

- **OHA (Office of Hawaiian Affairs)**
  - Data and Research teams are working with Oahu CoC staff (Wallace) to re-pull additional detailed race data for the PIC 2020 data set – This will provide a more accurate picture of Native Hawaiians experiencing houselessness and Pacific Islanders experiencing houselessness in order to support research and advocacy efforts.
  - OHA plans to re-release their emergency financial assistance grant soon, which provides funds for mortgage, rent, rent deposit, and utility payments.
  - Grant information is available at [https://oha.org/grants](https://oha.org/grants). The following program grants have been released and can be used to address issues associated with houselessness:
    - Solicitation No. OHA 21-03, Homestead Community Grant ($250,000)
    - Solicitation No. OHA 21-04, COVID-19 Impact and Response ($1,670,000)
    - Solicitation No. OHA 21-05, Ohana & Community Based Program ($1,250,000)
    - Solicitation No. OHA 21-06, Kulia ($500,000)
VIII.b. Written Reports from Council cont.

- **County of Kauai**
  - In February, County announced plans to discontinue Shelter in Place camping permit program, with the following closure schedule:
    - ‘Anini and Anahola Beach Parks – March 31, 2021
    - Lucy Wright Beach Park – April 30, 2021
    - Lydgate Beach Park – May 31, 2021
    - Salt Pond Beach Park – June 30, 2021
  - County Housing Agency has organized homeless outreach events islandwide:
    - ‘Anini Beach Park – Monday, March 8, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
    - Lucy Wright Beach Park – Thursday, April 8, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
    - Lydgate Beach Park – Tuesday, May 4, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
    - Salt Pond Beach Park – Thursday, June 3, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
  - Vaccine distribution has begun for the homeless population in partnership with DOH, Ho’ola Lahui, and Malama Pono Health Services.
  - County released an RFP for a $22M Emergency Rental Assistance Program to provide financial assistance to eligible households. The RFP ended on March 10th, and selection is anticipated by March 19th.
VIII.b. Written Reports from Council cont.

- **County of Maui**
  - **Coordinated Entry System (CES)** – Continues to work and problem solve with participating agencies to address individuals and families not being referred via the CES automated system for a variety of reasons. Case conferences are held to address these types of matters. MHK Maui recently has been more active in CES and has been trained to administer VI-SPDATs and to be an access point.
  - **Compassionate Responses (Encampment clean-up)** – Several areas in West Maui were addressed in February 2021, including a cemetery near Mala Whart in Lahaina. Two weeks prior to clean-up, outreach made numerous encounters to offer services and shelter. A few displaced families subsequently entered emergency shelter.
  - **Huliau Ohana Zone Project (Maui Dorms)** – The twelve 2-BR unit project is nearly finished construction. Units are set for occupancy in early April 2021. Hale Mahaolui will provide property management and Family Life Center will provide case management.
  - **Wahi Hoomalu O Wailuku (Pallet Homes)** – The project was set to end in March 2021, but there is now consideration to extend the program. Family Life Center and the county are partnering to possibly replicate the project in different areas within Maui County. If replicated, the projects would be short-term emergency shelter with a very strong focus on permanent housing placement.
VIII.b. Written Reports from Council cont.

- **Oahu CoC (Partners in Care)**
  - **PIT Count 2021**— No unsheltered count. Sheltered count was conducted and results will be shared when complete. Surveys were also conducted in the university system, substance abuse treatment centers, and the hospital system – these special counts will not be reported to HUD, but will provide an indication of need.
  - **Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP)**— All projects within YHDP have been started and are moving quickly. PIC will evaluate progress on a quarterly basis over the 2-year grant cycle.
  - **HUD NOFA**— The 2020 NOFA was canceled by HUD, and all projects awarded in 2019 NOFA cycle were renewed. PIC is preparing for 2021 NOFA competition, this includes monitoring and evaluation for current programs that will be part of the 2021 NOFA.
  - **Landlord Engagement Program**— Two new LEP specialists were added by the City through a contract extension. In addition, a new veteran specific LEP grant by Kaiser Permanente will provide two additional new LEP specialists. PIC is also in process of receiving a grant from Harold K.L. Castle Foundation for one more LEP specialist that will focus on Windward Oahu.
  - **CARES Funding**— PIC shared this information earlier in this meeting (see presentation).
  - **New Nonprofit Board of Directors**— The nonprofit BOD has been selected and will have first meeting in late March. This will enable the CoC Board to focus on program planning and advocacy.
X. Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Please contact Homelessness Assistant Justin Limasa at (808) 586-0193 or gov.homelessness@hawaii.gov with any suggestions for upcoming meeting topics.
X. 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.
XI. Meeting Schedule

- Monday, June 21, 2021, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon.
- Monday, September 20, 2021, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon.
- Monday, December 20, 2021, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon.
XI. Adjourn

- Thank you for your participation.

- If you have any questions, please contact (808) 586-0193 or e-mail gov.homelessness@hawaii.gov.