



# GOVERNOR'S COORDINATOR ON HOMELESSNESS

MONTHLY WEBINAR SERIES - MARCH 22, 2021





# GENERAL UPDATES

- ▶ **HOUSEKEEPING REMINDERS**
- ▶ **PIC general updates**
- ▶ **BTG general updates**

# Oahu CoC Updates

- ▶ Visit <https://partnersincareoahu.org> for information about CoC meetings, committees, and key programs, such as Landlord Engagement Program, Oahu Housing Now, and the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program.
- ▶ Rental & Utility Relief Program
  - ▶ Program anticipated to launch on April 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - ▶ Visit <https://oneoahu.org/renthelp> for more information.
- ▶ Opening of State Section 8 Wait List (Oahu only – Visit <https://hphaishereforyou.org> for more information)
  - ▶ March 22, 2021 – March 26, 2021: Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program
    - Preference: Non-elderly persons with a disability (Must have a disability and be between 18-62 years old).
  - ▶ March 29, 2021 – March 31, 2021: Palolo Valley Homes Project-Based Section 8 (4-Bedroom units)

# Balance of State CoC Updates

- ▶ Visit <https://btghawaii.org> for information about CoC meetings, including county chapter meetings, and to view dashboards and monthly reports regarding system performance.
- ▶ Island chapters – Maui Homeless Alliance, Kauai Community Alliance, and Community Alliance Partners.
- ▶ Opening of State Section 8 Wait List (Hawaii County) - Visit <https://hawaiicounty.gov/departments/office-of-housing/housing-choice-voucher-section-8-program> or contact Hawaii County at (808) 959-4652 for more information.
  - ▶ March 15, 2021 – April 30, 2021: Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program



## **Laura Thielen**, *Partners In Care - Oahu Continuum of Care*

A presentation on the vaccination clinics that PIC, the Hawaii State Department of Health and Project Vision Hawaii have recently begun operating for those who are experiencing homelessness on Oahu

## **Mistee Bailey-Myrick**, *Malama Pono Health Services*

A presentation on how Malama Pono and Hoola Lahui Hawaii are working on vaccinating individuals who are experiencing homelessness on Kauai, and what they have learned so far.



# VACCINATION CLINICS

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# Updates to CoC

## Discussion

## Recommendations



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## 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



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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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Date	Agency	Location
Monday, March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Mental Health Kokua	Punawai Restop
Monday March 8 <sup>th</sup>	IHS	Men's Shelter
Friday, March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Pu'uuhonua O'Waianae	Wai'anae Boat Harbor
Friday, March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Kealahou West Oahu	Onelauena
Monday, March 15 <sup>th</sup>	HONU	Keeehi Lagoon Park
Monday, March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Housing Solutions Inc	Kulaokahua Senior Housing
Friday, March 19 <sup>th</sup>	H3RC/KPHC/IHS	Kukui/Vineyard H3RC Van
Friday, March 19 <sup>th</sup>	Mental Health Kokua	Safe Haven
Friday, March 19 <sup>th</sup>	H3RC	Gold Bond Building
Friday, March 19 <sup>th</sup>	IHS	Kaaahi Family and Womens Shelter
Monday, March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	RYSE/Kina Eha	RYSE Campus
Monday, March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	ASI	Waimanalo Emergency Shelter
Monday, March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	IHS Outreach	Waimalano Beach Park
Friday, March 26 <sup>th</sup>	ALEA Bridge	Central Oahu



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## Next Steps...

Outreach

Coordination

Programs

Congregate Shelters

Domestic Violence Shelters

Group Homes

Transitional Shelters

RRH/PSH Clients

REDO

Return to outreach areas and programs to complete 2<sup>nd</sup> shot and provide shots for folks who have not received them yet



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*Thank You to  
Project Vision and  
all Providers who  
have helped us get  
to this point!!!!*



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# COVID-19 Houseless Vaccine Services

Malama Pono Health Services  
and Ho'ōla Lāhui Hawai'i



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Together we  
are better!

- Malama Pono Health Services (MPHS) was established in 1986 and is a community based non-profit organization that provides a variety of health care services to the island of Kauai.
- Ho`ola Lahui Hawai`i (HLH) was established in 1986 on the West Side of Kaua`i. HLH is designated as the Native Hawaiian Health Care System for the county of Kaua`i by Papa Ola Lokahi in addition to being designated as a Federally Qualified Health Center by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

# Understanding the needs of those we serve.

- On Kauai, local leaders made five camping zones for houseless individuals at five beach parks serving roughly 238 individuals, and a 21-unit affordable-housing project was built for families who are transitioning out of homelessness.
- Houseless groups are more difficult to reach during normal circumstances and Covid-19 made it even more difficult.
- Ho'ōla Lāhui Hawai'i, Malama Pono Health Services, and the Kaua'i District Health Office are making plans to offer COVID-19 vaccinations at affordable/public housing areas on the island.



# Establishing relationships

- People in marginalized communities tend to mistrust medical care and therefore might be hesitant to get the vaccine.
- Establishing **TRUST** within this particular community is key to providing any type of care for them.
- Providing **EDUCATION**, both in person and through understandable literature (multi-lingual) is necessary PRIOR to any vaccine administration clinic.
- Meeting people where they are at is the most important aspect of providing services to this particular community.

# Key to Success: Collaboration- LESS TALK MORE ACTION!

- Both Ho'ōla Lāhui Hawai'i and Malama Pono Health Services work hand in hand in the planning, education, and delivery of vaccines to the houseless communities on Kauai.
- Each organization provides it's own individual services, but the chances of having a previously established relationship with an individual is much higher doing this together, than doing it alone.
- Both organizations have been actively providing outreach/mobile services to the houseless population for the last year and this was key in building relationships with the people of our community.
- Pre-Visit: **EDUCATE!** Dispel myths about vaccine and encourage individuals that are interested.
- Physician involvement has been instrumental and Dr. Kapono Chong-Hanssen, MD, Medical Director for Ho'ōla Lāhui Hawai'i made flyers and goes out personally to speak with people!
- Provide vaccines to individuals that were registered in VAMS at Pre-Visit stage.
- Pre-planning for number of doses is important so doses are not wasted. Both MPHS and HLH communicate extensively prior to vaccine clinic day to account for all vials that will be "opened" and what will be done with remaining doses.
- Less talk more action!

# Vaccine Success

- Thanks to the well-coordinated efforts by the Kauai District Health Office (DOH), Kauai has been a fantastic model for vaccine distribution.
- Kauai DOH partnered with Malama Pono Health Services and Ho'ōla Lāhui Hawai'i to help with these very important and underserved communities.
- **On Kauai, DOH administered more than 34,000 doses of vaccine on Kauai (18% fully vaccinated and 31% partially vaccinated).**
- Approximately 2,000 doses have been administered on Kauai via the direct federal programs (LTCF, PMRF, NG).

As of 03/20/21

**30.5%**

PERCENT OF POPULATION  
WITH AT LEAST 1 DOSE



Total Doses Administered: **34,475**

Population Est.: **72,293**

Percent completing (2 doses): **18.4%**



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