



GOVERNOR'S COORDINATOR ON HOMELESSNESS

MONTHLY WEBINAR SERIES - APRIL 26, 2021





GENERAL UPDATES

- ▶ **HOUSEKEEPING REMINDERS**
- ▶ **Legislative Advocacy and Updates**
 - HB 200 CD1 – State Budget Bill
 - SB1127 HD2 – Emergency Appropriation for General Assistance
 - HB1376 CD1 – Temporary modifications to Landlord-Tenant Code
- ▶ **Partners in Care Updates**
 - Oahu Housing Now and Landlord Engagement Program
 - Continued efforts to vaccinate houseless and vulnerable populations on Oahu
- ▶ **BRIDGING THE GAP UPDATES**
 - Opening of Huliau project on Maui.

Oahu Housing Now Dashboards

O'ahu Housing Now

ABOUT

DASHBOARDS

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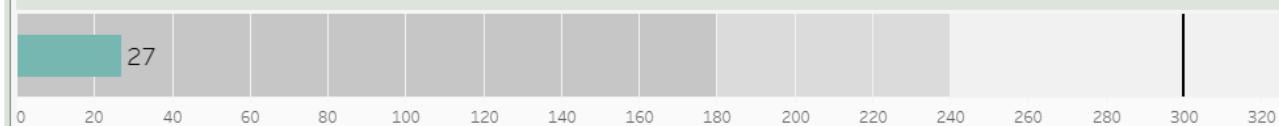
O'ahu Housing Now

Housing is Healthcare! The CARES ACT funded program, O'ahu Housing Now (OHN), plans to rehouse 300-350 households currently experiencing homelessness, and provide these households with housing rental assistance for 12 full months. OHN will accomplish this through a novel Rapid Rehousing (RRH) approach integrating a vast network of providers, funder and community stakeholders. During this time, OHN has two main objectives: slow the spread of COVID-19 in the community and improve the rental history of those housed so there is an increase of housing opportunities after households exit the program.

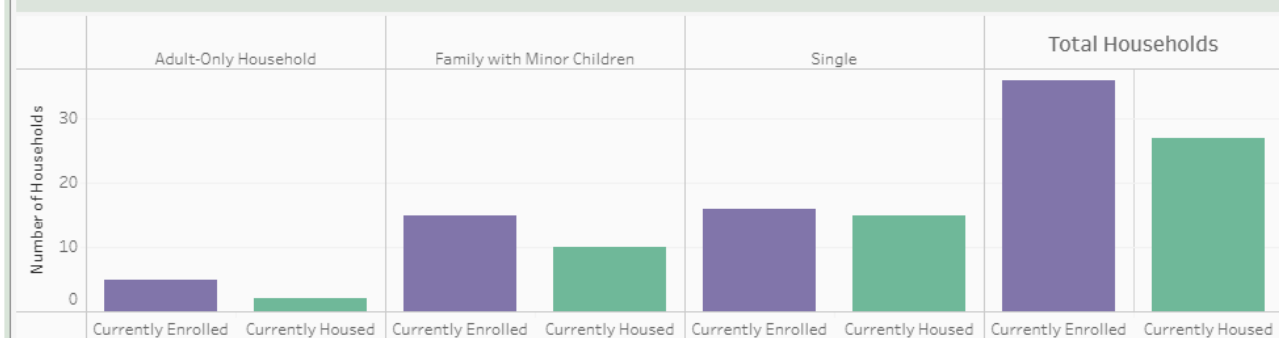
Housing Goals

OHN aims to house 300-350 households over the next year. We will continually track how close we come to this goal as the program progresses.

Number of Households Housed



Number of Households Housed or with Active Enrollments



Huliau



- ❑ 12 households transitioning out of homelessness
 - 20 adults
 - 28 children
- ❑ Rent is 30% of household income, or a minimum of \$25 per month.
- ❑ Case management services provided by Family Life Center.



James Koshiba, *Hui Aloha*
Connie Mitchell, *Institute for Human Services*

This presentation will include the experience of building community within the shelter, and the experiences and lessons learned working with Hui Aloha and Ka Poe O Kakaako to move in houseless individuals as a community into HMO more than a year ago.

Sharon Hirota, *Hawaii County*
Paul Normann, *Neighborhood Place of Puna*
Heidi Taraoka, *Neighborhood Place of Kona*
LaVerne Tolmie, *Community Alliance Partners Faith Representative (East Hawaii)*

The topic is the efforts in East and West Hawaii to partner with the faith-based community on homelessness.



Community Building:
A unique collaboration at Hale Mauiola

IHS, KPOK, Hui Aloha

Commit to community-building at HMO

About Hale Maui Ola (HMO) by IHS

- Housing Navigation Center on Sand Island operated by IHS
- Emergency shelter for period of 60-90 days.
- Experienced service and shelter provider willing to partner and experiment

About Hui Aloha

- Volunteers that build community with and for houseless partners.
- Supports community-building efforts on the street and at HMO.
- Bridge between houseless people with the wider community

About Ka Poe O Kakaako

- Formed in 2019 by houseless folks at Kakaako
- Built community on the street, under difficult circumstances
- Anchoring community-building work at HMO

Before HMO -- building community on the street

Ka Poe O Kakaako -- weekly cleanups and community service at Kakaako Park



HMO prior to KPOK partnership

Missing bonds and sense of community



IHS invites KPOK community-builders into HMO

Community-building continues w/ service projects, social gatherings, and new members.



Value of community for HMO facilities

Garden areas, signage, bathroom maintenance.



Value of Community for People & Program

Helps people navigate programs, get housed, stay housed. Enriching activities.

ADD staying housed quote

"Having something to show up for consistently was important. It was something to look forward to each week. It gave me structure."

"This isn't mandatory. It's a choice. It's something to call our own."

"Community keeps us sane."

"It made me feel human again."



"This is a chance to show we're not just druggies, that we're not bad people. It's a chance to step up and do something good, to feel better about myself. I feel blessed to be part of this hui."

"Doing something productive and accomplishing something together. You can see the progress and it feels good."

"For the first time, I feel like I belong."

"You leave a lot behind when you go shelter. And when you get there, it's not easy. I was shocked at how bad the conditions were. The bathrooms were a mess. And, there's people with mental illness in there with you. I wouldn't have lasted without the community."

"Being of service to the community gave me a purpose."

Reflections & Takeaways



Living in Community...

- **Encourages dignity**, worth, self confidence, gratitude
- **Restores capacity to contribute**
- Creates opportunity to **develop leadership**
- Helps **heal from past loss** of family and community
- Helps **adjust to structures** and practice tenancy skills through setting common goals
- Support group to help people **navigate services and housing**
- **Strengthens work habits and work ethic**, especially for those who have not been in the workforce for a long time



Mahalo!

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