GOVERNOR’S COORDINATOR ON HOMELESSNESS
MONTHLY WEBINAR SERIES - MAY 24, 2021

Homeless Partners in Care

B.T.G. Bridging The Gap
Continuum of Care serving Hawai‘i Island, Mau‘i & Kaua‘i
GENERAL UPDATES

- HOUSEKEEPING REMINDERS
- Partners in Care Updates
  - Oahu Housing Now and Landlord Engagement Program
  - Over 58 households (195 people) housed over past two months.
- Bridging the Gap Updates
  - Kauai Police Department awards $500k for one-year housing vouchers.
The General Meeting is held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. via MS Teams.

The general membership meeting provides updates to membership about any changes or new information from the Advocacy, Awareness, Board of Directors, Communications, CES Oversight, Planning, and Organizational Development Committees.

For more information, contact Sharon Baillie at sharonb@partnersincareoahu.org or visit https://partnersincareoahu.org/committees.
Kauai Community Alliance (KCA)
• Chair: Melody Lopez
• Vice Chair: Makana Kamibayashi
• County Rep: Ashton Varner
• Meetings: 2nd Wed of each month, 10am-12pm via Zoom

Maui Homeless Alliance (MHA)
• Chair: Thelma Akita-Kealoha
• Vice Chair: Maude Cumming
• County Rep: David Nakama
• Meetings: 3rd Wed of each month, 12pm-130pm, via BlueJeans

Community Alliance Partners (CAP)
• Co-Chairs: Paul Normann & Brandee Menino
• County Rep: Sharon Hirota
• Meetings: 4th Wed of each month, 9am-1030am via Zoom
• Website: Community Alliance Partners
Joint PIC-BTG Advocacy Meeting

- Held every other Friday from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

- Provides a space for advocates from Oahu, Maui, Hawaii, and Kauai to come together and discuss issues related to housing and homelessness.

- For more information, contact Cheryl Bellisario at Cheryl.a.Bellisario@hawaii.gov or visit http://homelessness.hawaii.gov/main/2021-legislative-priorities/.
This presentation will discuss CARE Hawaii’s new homeless outreach program for the Neighbor Islands and provide an update on Crisis Mobile Outreach (CMO).

This presentation will discuss disaster planning and how to prepare for the upcoming hurricane season.
Homeless Outreach

PROVIDED BY CARE HAWAII
Goal

- Connecting homeless individuals to housing resources and other supportive services

Target Population

- Unsheltered Homeless Individuals/Families

Services

- Street Outreach
- Case Management
Services Areas Include

- Maui County**
- Hawaii County **
- Kauai County **

**Island wide
Street Outreach Services

- Building relationships with unsheltered people to provide immediate support and referrals to available social services and programs

- Make initial assessment and provide counseling to address urgent needs
Street Outreach Services Continued

• Providing outreach to unsheltered homeless individuals to connect them with:
  ▶ emergency shelter
  ▶ transitional housing
  ▶ community based services
  ▶ permanent supportive housing
  ▶ rapid re-housing
Case Management Services

• Provide interim case management services include:
  ▶ Verifying document eligibility
  ▶ Assisting with obtaining federal, state and local benefits
  ▶ Assisting with obtaining vital documentation
  ▶ Assessing for CCS and AMHD eligibility
  ▶ Providing emergency mental health services and referrals to proper emergency services
  ▶ Coordinating care with other agencies and funded programs
  ▶ Providing linkages to IOP for substance abuse
  ▶ Providing linkages to day treatment for dual diagnosis consumers
Brief Overview

Intake
- Completes Intake assessments
- Provide additional support and services

Readiness
- Complete VI-SPDAT/consent forms
- Continue to engage consumer with services
- Finalize housing documents

Housing
- Assist with housing referral
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**Hawaii**
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Kona - 74-5620 Palani Rd Ste 106 Kailua-Kona HI, 96740

**Maui**
33 N Market St. Ste 302. Wailuku, HI 9679
Disaster Preparedness

Presented by: Crystal van Beelen
Title: Disaster Preparedness Officer
QUICK READINESS ASSESSMENT

• During a disaster, are you confident that you and your family will know what to do?
• If a Tsunami Warning is issued, would you know if you had to evacuate?
• If you had to evacuate, what would be the most important material items to grab?
• Does your organization have an emergency plan?
• Do you know what role you’ll be playing in that emergency plan?
UNIQUE CHALLENGES: ISOLATION

Oahu:
• 980,080 residents
• Average of 110,860 daily visitors (2018)
• 2,400 miles to continental US
• Highly dependent on imported goods
UNIQUE CHALLENGES:

• Oahu has unique evacuation issues
• Hurricane/Tsunami evacuation is extremely difficult
• ~174,000 residents, employees, and visitors daily in coastal inundation zones
• Can't drive inland to wait out storm like in continental United States
## Disasters in Hawaii

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UNIQUE CHALLENGES: HURRICANES

A MAJORITY OF OAHU HOMES WERE BUILT PRE-2006 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE FOR HURRICANE RESISTANCE

The major hazards associated with hurricanes are:

- Storm surge and storm tide
- Heavy rainfall and inland flooding
- High winds

City **WILL** open Hurricane Shelters upon the NWS issuance of a Hurricane Warning

City **MAY** open Shelters upon the NWS issuance of a Tropical Storm Warning
Most deadly natural disaster for Hawaii
More than 220 deaths since 1946 due to "historic" tsunami events- including six on Oahu
All shorelines at risk- including waterways leading inland
Tsunami events can have short lead time for evacuation- less than four hours for locally generated and up to 14 for distant events
TSUNAMI EVACUATION

Vertical Evacuation

❖ If you are in a tsunami inundation zone in a building that is TEN stories or taller, you can safely evacuate to the FOURTH floor or higher.

Inland Evacuation

❖ If you are in a tsunami zone and cannot vertically evacuate, pre-plan a route to a safe zone area.

City will NOT open any Shelters upon the PTWC issuance of a Tsunami Warning
EVACUATION PLAN 101

- HISTORIC – RED TO YELLOW SAFE
- EXTREME – RED AND YELLOW TO GREEN SAFE
- HPD TASKED TO STAFF ROADBLOCKS

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
TWO TSUNAMI EVACUATION ZONES
  • HISTORIC - RED
  • EXTREME - YELLOW

For most Tsunami Warnings, evacuate out of the red zone; in the unlikely case of an "Extreme Tsunami Warning", evacuate out of the red and yellow zones.

- Remain at least 100 feet away from inland waterways and marinas connected to the ocean due to wave surges and possible flooding.
- Boaters should move vessels to at least 50 fathoms (300 ft) deep and 2 miles away from harbor entrances; follow all directions from the Captain of the Port.
- Structural steel or reinforced concrete buildings of ten or more stories provide increased protection on or above the fourth floor; if you are caught near the shoreline consider using vertical evacuation.
- These maps do not consider the destructive effects of a locally generated tsunami. If you feel shaking, move inland immediately, well inland from the red tsunami evacuation zone.
- The evacuation zone is a guideline and should be considered the minimum safe evacuation distance.

For more information, please visit the Department of Emergency Management website.
This PDF contains printer friendly Tsunami Evacuation Zone maps.
(Letter size 8 1/2 " x 11")

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Evacuation zones and recommended actions are based on estimated inundation limits using available historical data. These zones were developed using updated scientific techniques and technology, and were produced in conjunction with County Public Safety officials.
UNIQUE CHALLENGES: FLOODS

Major flooding events in Hawaii caused by storms, storm surge, high surf, and tsunamis.

Floods estimated to cause $13 million in damage per year

Between 1915 and 2000, flooding has:
- Claimed over 140 lives
- Caused over $200 million of direct and indirect damage

October 30, 2004 Manoa Flood:
- Over 10" of rain fell in Manoa
- Caused an estimated $85 million in damage

City MAY open Shelters upon the NWS issuance of a Flash Flood Warning
Outreach / Shelter Support

• Disaster Preparedness – Self and Family Readiness
• Disaster Alert Messaging – Relaying Alerts
• Evacuation Support – Evacuation Bus Escort
• Shelter Worker – Outreach Liaison at Shelter(s)

Activation / Coordination

• DEM EOC will send activation request to PIC
• PIC to activate network of partners to support City’s notification, evacuation and shelter operations
• Partners who respond may be assigned to:
  o Distribute Pre-Scripted emergency alert messages
  o Coordinate people to established meeting points for evacuation bus pickup to shelter
  o Escort people on evacuation bus to shelter
  o Serve as the Outreach Liaison at the shelter
WHERE DO I START?
MAKE AN EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

- Identify potential hazards
- Assess vulnerabilities
- Analyze impacts to your business
HOW TO START THE PLAN

Take an assessment: [www.readyrating.org]

Visit the following websites for emergency plan templates, checklists and exercises

[www.ready.gov/business]
[www.ready.gov/campus]

Just remember when developing your plan – it will take at least 14 days before any help, support or services become available.
ARE YOU 2 WEEKS READY?

BUILD KITS

Have Go Bags ready for work, each family member, pets, & a vehicle safety kit too.

PLAN TO BE ON YOUR OWN FOR AT LEAST 2 WEEKS

- Water (1 gal. per person/day)
- Food (Non-perishable)
- First Aid Kit
- Medical Equipment
- Medications
- NOAA Alert Radio
- Extra Batteries
- Flashlight
- Can Opener
- Tools
- Warm Clothes
- Sturdy Shoes
- Personal Hygiene Items
- Toilet Paper
- Pet Supplies
- Fire Extinguisher
- Glasses/Eye Care
- Cash
- Identification
- Important Documents
- Comfort/Entertainment

Personal Preparedness
PLAN FOR YOUR FAMILY

• Make sure your family is disaster prepared at home.
• Disasters and emergencies can occur at anytime.
• You could be away from home, at work or even off island.
• Your family will feel much more safe and secure in your absence.
WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Make a Plan

Build a Kit

Stay Informed
#1 MAKE A PLAN

- **Know your hazards!** What can affect you? (hurricane, tsunami, flood, what else?)
- Do you need to evacuate for any of the above?
- How will you keep in touch with your family?
- Do you have an off-island contact?
- How will you reunite with your family?
- What special considerations do you need to take into account (pets, keiki, kupuna, disabilities and other access and functional needs)?
- Does your insurance cover the hazards that affect you?
COVID-19 Considerations for Evacuation Sheltering

**REVIEW**
Review your family plan for where you will stay during a hurricane or other disaster.

**CHOOSE**
If an evacuation shelter is your only safe option, be prepared to take additional steps to prevent the spread of illness at the shelter.

**PREPARE**
Take cleaning items with you like soap, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, or general household cleaning supplies to disinfect surfaces you may need to touch regularly. Bring 2-3 cloth face coverings per person and detergent to wash them regularly.
DISASTER PREPAREDNESS RESOURCES

Department of Emergency Management
http://www.honolulu.gov/dem

Hawaii Emergency Management Agency
https://dod.hawaii.gov/hiema/

One Oahu – COVID-19 Information
https://www.oneoahu.org/

https://www.hawaiicounty.gov/departments/civil-defense
https://www.kauai.gov/KEMA
**Hurricanes**
- When was your house built?
- Have you retrofitted?
- Do you live in a coastal inundation zone?
- Do you have a refuge space?

**Tsunamis**
- Do you live in a Tsunami Evacuation Zone (TEZ) or Extreme Tsunami Evacuation Zone (XTEZ)?
- Do you live on the 4th floor or higher in a building that is higher than 10 floors?

**Flash Floods**
- Is your home in a low-lying area?
- Is your home or neighborhood prone to flooding?
CONTACT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Selecting an out-of-state family or friend as a “check-in-contact” person for everyone to call (it may be easier to call long-distance)

Out of State Contact

Just calling to let you know we are okay. Please tell anyone else who calls that we are sheltering in place at home. Has anyone else called you?
Other Considerations - Preparing Your Home
MYTH: Leaving a door/window open opposite to wind... MYTH: Taping my windows will protect me and my home...

DON’T DO IT!
Homeowners Handbook to Prepare for Natural Hazards

- **Recognize** the hazards that can affect you and your family and what you must do to ensure their safety.
- **Understand** the importance of emergency supplies and evacuation planning.
- **Learn** how your home can be your emergency shelter and learn how to build a FEMA Residential Safe Room.

https://seagrant.soest.hawaii.edu/homeowners-handbook-to-prepare-for-natural-hazards/
#2 BUILD A KIT

- Based on your plan and needs, make sure you specialize your kit for your family!
- Enough supplies for 14-days
- Food, water, first aid kit and other essentials
- Toiletries, bedding, clothes
- Important documents & cash
- Pet food and supplies
WHAT DOES A KIT LOOK LIKE?

Build and customize each kit to fit your needs for sheltering in place at home and/or for evacuating to the nearest shelter or refuge area.
#3 STAY INFORMED

Emergency Notification Alert Redundancy

1. Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) on Smart Phones - make sure this is on.
2. Outdoor Warning Siren System
3. Emergency Alert System (EAS) – Local TV and Radio
4. NOAA FM/AM Weather Radio
5. County Alerts:
   - Oahu: HNL Info App
   - Kauai: MyConnect
   - Maui: Maka‘ala Everbridge
   - Hawaii: Blackboard Connect
MAHALO!

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