



# Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness

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JUNE 21, 2021 REGULAR MEETING

10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. HST

# General Housekeeping Items

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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.

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5. Council members needing to excuse yourselves, please raise your hand to let the Chair know or 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

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### Motion to move two items up on the agenda to follow public testimony:

1. Items VIII.a. and b. Updates from the Chair and Council members

### New Business

1. Presentation on Year Two and Year Three Evaluation for the Ohana Zones initiative.

### Continuing Business

1. Continue discussion on Fiscal Mapping Efforts, including county level breakdown.
2. Continue discussion and updates regarding use of federal funding to address homelessness.



# III. Approval of Minutes

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- Review and approve minutes for the March 15, 2021 regular meeting.
  
- Minutes can be found online at:  
<https://homelessness.hawaii.gov/hich/agenda-and-minutes/>



# IV. Public Testimony

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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

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Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs) available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA):

- County of Hawaii: **110** (*requested an additional 182*)
- City & County of Honolulu: **312**
- County of Maui: **76**
- Kauai County Housing Agency: **28**
- HPHA: **182** (*requested an additional 150*)

The PHAs and the Continua of Care (CoCs) are finalizing details regarding administration and prioritization of the EHVs, including entering into an MOU no later than July 31, 2021.



# VIII.a. Chairperson & Staff Report

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HB1376 CD1, Relating to Landlord-Tenant Code:

- Extends the period for a notice of termination of rental agreement from 5 days to 15 calendar days.
- Requires landlords to engage in mediation and delay filing an action for summary possession if a tenant schedules or attempts to schedule a mediation.
- Require landlords to provide specific information in the 15 calendar day notice, including name and contact information for the landlord and tenants(s) and whether the landlord has applied for rental assistance or been contacted on behalf of the tenant by any agency providing rental assistance.





# VIII.a. Chairperson & Staff Report

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HB1376 CD1 prohibits landlords from bringing a summary proceeding for possession for failure to pay rent except as follows:

- From the **1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> day after expiration of the final eviction moratorium**, rent due shall be **equal to or greater than 4 months rent**.
- From the **31<sup>st</sup> day to 91<sup>st</sup> day after expiration of the final eviction moratorium**, rent due shall be **equal to or greater than 3 months rent**.
- From the **92<sup>nd</sup> day to 152<sup>nd</sup> day after the expiration of the final eviction moratorium**, rent due shall be **equal to or greater than two months' rent**; and
- Beginning on the **153<sup>rd</sup> day after the expiration of the final eviction moratorium**, the rent due shall be **equal to or greater than one month's rent**.



# VIII.a. Chairperson & Staff Report

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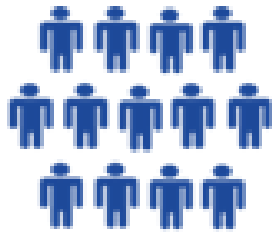
Continue coordination of outreach strategies to address unsheltered homeless individuals and families:

- Partners in Care Strategic, Localized Outreach Meetings
- Kauai Community Alliance Joint-Outreach Meetings
- Partnership with the Waikiki Business Improvement District Association
- Designation of specific law enforcement staff within DLNR to respond to encampments on DLNR lands, including State parks and harbors.
- City & County of Honolulu development of its Crisis Outreach Response & Engagement (CORE) program.
- Strengthening connections between homeless outreach and DOH Crisis Mobile Outreach.



# HICH Performance Metrics (June 2021)

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)

**1398 people**  
(2021 PIT Count – Sheltered Only)



## CAPACITY

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

**3964 PH Beds**  
(2021 HIC Inventory)



## HOUSING PLACEMENTS

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

**55% Exits to PH**  
(May 2021)



## LENGTH OF STAY

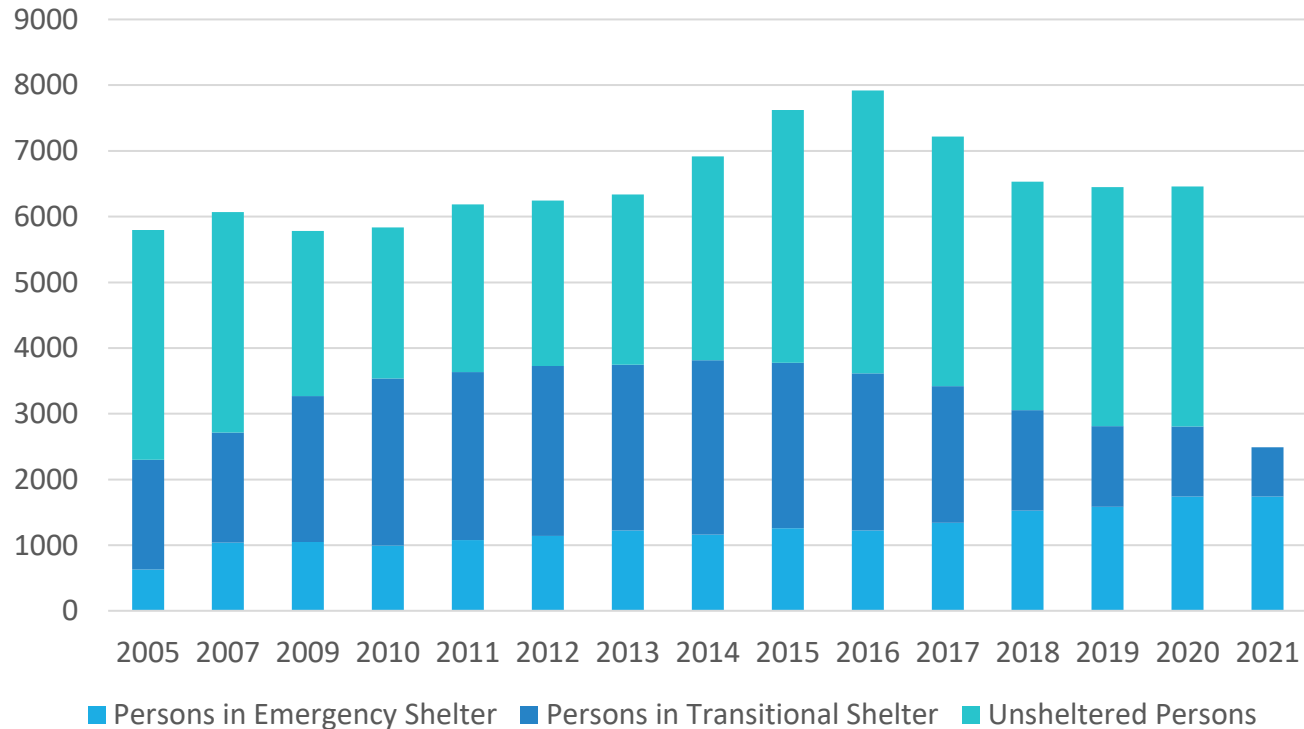
The average number of days a person is enrolled in a homeless program, such as shelter.

**210 days**  
(May 2021)



# HICH Performance Metrics (June 2021): PIT Count

2005 – 2021 Point in Time Count

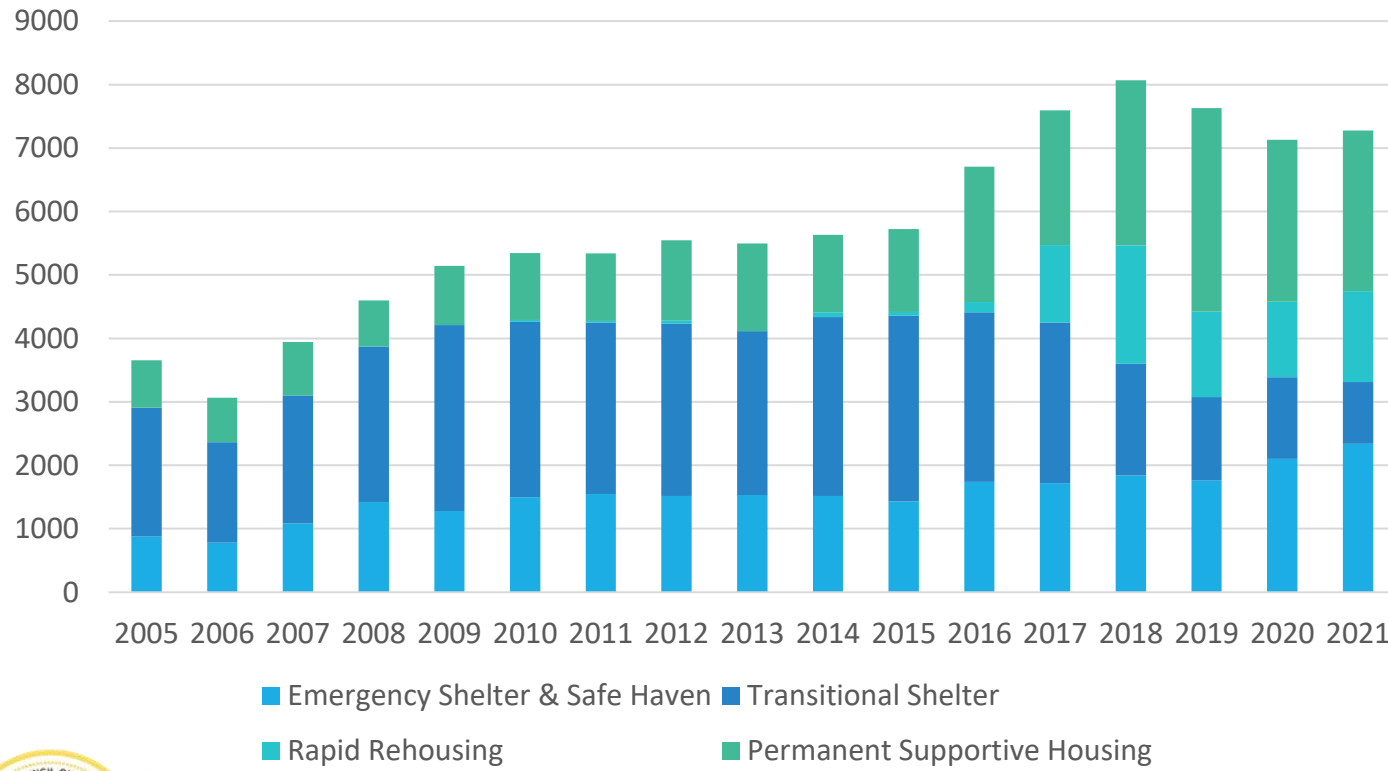


- In 2021, no unsheltered count was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The 2021 **sheltered count** shows an overall decrease of 318 fewer people in shelter compared to the prior year.
  - No. in Emergency Shelter remained flat (a decrease of 1 person).
  - Most of the decrease occurred for persons in transitional shelter.
- On Neighbor Islands, No. in Emergency Shelter **increased by 128** compared to prior year.
- Does not reflect people staying in isolation/quarantine, those staying in shelters that do not report to the CoCs, or expansion in shelter capacity through CARES funded projects.



# HICH Performance Metrics (June 2021): Housing Inventory Count

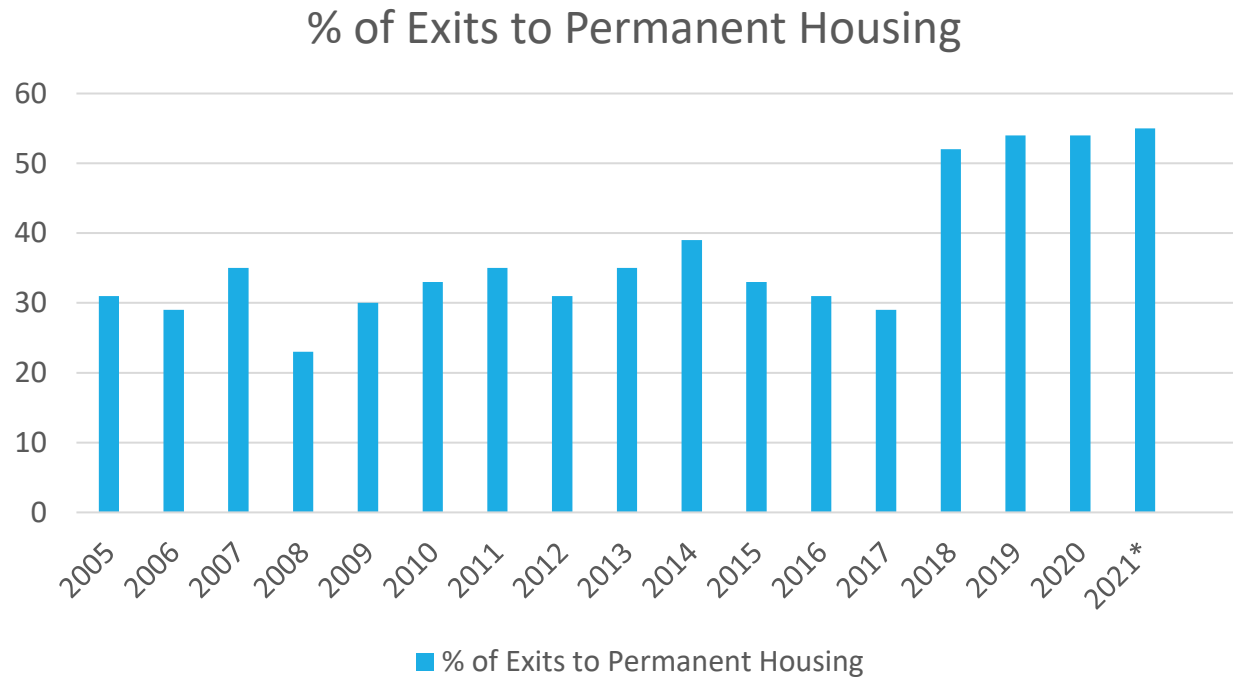
Housing Inventory Count (2005 to 2021)



- Increase in PSH and RRH beginning in 2016.
  - **Between 2020-2021, the total number of permanent housing beds increased** – primarily through an increase in RRH beds.
- Increase in emergency shelter beds between 2019-2021 – an increase of 33% (580 beds) statewide.
- Transitional shelter has steadily decreased.
- Trends reflect change in federal, state and local funding and policy.



# HICH Performance Metrics (June 2021): Permanent Housing Placements



- Housing placements continued at a high rate during the pandemic.
- Rate of housing placement remained level between 2019 and 2021.
- As of May 2021, housing placement rate is **55% statewide**.
- The implementation of new programs like Oahu Housing Now have positive impact on housing placement rates on Oahu.

\*2021 numbers are as of 5/31/2021



# HICH Performance Metrics (June 2021): Emergency Shelter LOS

## Average Length of Stay in Emergency Shelter

	Oahu	Maui	Kauai	Hawaii Island
<b>2017</b>	103 days	55 days	85 days	72 days
<b>2018</b>	103 days	110 days	103 days	78 days
<b>2019</b>	108 days	96 days	94 days	81 days
<b>2020</b>	118 days	94 days	73 days	100 days
<b>2021</b> (as of 5/31/21)	124 days	152 days	24 days	108 days

- Goal is 90 days to exit from emergency shelter stay.
- Length of stay may be impacted by limited housing inventory and housing resources.
- Maui data for 2021 may reflect conversion of Transitional beds to Emergency Shelter.
- Kauai data based on a limited number of exits.



# HICH Performance Metrics (June 2021): Transitional Shelter LOS

## Average Length of Stay in Transitional Shelter

	Oahu	Maui	Kauai	Hawaii Island
<b>2017</b>	288 days	110 days	150 days	363 days
<b>2018</b>	290 days	187 days	226 days	305 days
<b>2019</b>	299 days	116 days	322 days	322 days
<b>2020</b>	356 days	182 days	190 days	346 days
<b>2021</b> (as of 5/31/21)	390 days	N/A	170 days	494 days

- 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.b. HICH Written Updates

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- ❑ **DBEDT** – Short video presentation.
  
- ❑ **County of Maui:**
  - Update on Huliau Project and potential expansion of 40-50 additional units at an adjacent location.
  - Wahi Hoomalu O Wailuku (Pallet Shelters) extended until September 2021, demonstrates an 80% PH placement rate.
  - Working with CoC for planning and rollout of the EHV's.
  - Compassionate Response for Wailuku Stream (7 placed into ES, and 1 into PH).



# VIII.b. HICH Written Updates

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## ☐ **County of Kauai:**

- Salt Pond Beach Park encampment to close on June 30, 2021.
- KPD provided \$500k to Women in Need for a voucher program specifically for those who resided in County beach parks during shelter in place.
- Continuing distribution of Coronavirus Rental & Utility Assistance.
- New housing projects at Pua Loke (54 units) and Lima Ola (110 multi-family units).

## ☐ **County of Hawaii:**

- Completed renovations at Keolahou Emergency Shelter.
- Development for Kukuiola projected to start in Summer 2021, will add 16 emergency shelter units and 48 permanent housing units in West Hawaii.
- Uluwini Assessment Center services built into overall management contract for property.
- Implementation of Financial Empowerment Center (FEC) in early summer 2021.



# VIII.b. HICH Written Updates

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## ❑ **DHS Homeless Programs Office:**

- Re-procured contracts for five different programs over past six months.
- Signed HMIS Cooperative Agreements with both CoCs to allow data migration to one DHS HPO statewide database.
- Continuing efforts with COVID-19 response and provider training.

## ❑ **DOH:**

- Update on Mental Health Emergency Worker (MHEW) program - From 12/31/19 to May 2021, Queens has received 4,764 calls for MH-1 services.
- Training for certified peer specialists will be scheduled in July 2021 to train specialist on work with homeless individuals, including those with substance use or mental illness.
- The number of SOAR certified case managers continues to increase.
- Currently, AMHD has a total bed capacity of 701 statewide.



## VIII.b. HICH Written Updates

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- ❑ **DOE** – Update on YES Project (see attached handout, including description of services on different islands statewide).
- ❑ **DLIR** – Continuing outreach regarding Fidelity Bonding program to incentivize employers to hire people who have criminal records.
- ❑ **Kauai Community Alliance:**
  - Increased membership to 19 members for 2021.
  - Completed development of CES brochure for provider agencies.
  - Developed KCA joint outreach and meal calendars, and facilitate outreach meetings.
  - CES housing programs housed 54 people in first quarter of 2021 (January-March)
  - Supported partnerships with different KCA members for vaccination, hygiene services, and outreach to homeless/at-risk students.



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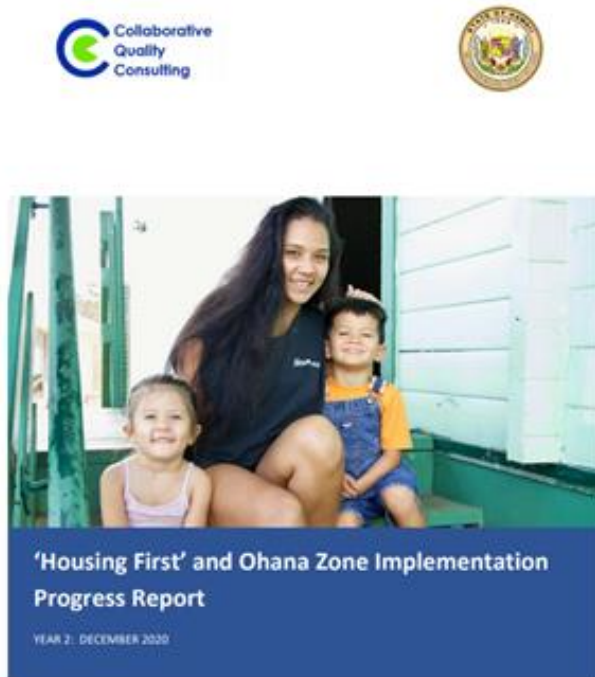
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## ❑ Hawaii State Senate:

- Appropriated over \$31M for fiscal biennium for GA benefits and used federal funds to increase appropriate by \$5.7M for each year (FY22 and FY23).
- In addition to maintaining operating budget for homeless services:
  - Appropriated \$14.3M for other continuing homeless services, including Housing First, Rapid Rehousing, Homeless Outreach and Civil Legal Services, Family Assessment Centers, and Stored Property.
- Passed the following key bills:
  - **HB345 HD2 SD2** – Mandates appointment of a GAL in ACT petition proceedings. The measure also eliminates the requirement for the Public Defender to participate in proceedings.
  - **HB282 HD1 SD2 CD1** – Expands circumstances where a minor may consent to no cost emergency shelter and related services when the provider is coordinating with DHS CWS.
  - **HB541 HD1 SD2 CD1** – Amends the Act 263 (SLH 2019) working group to evaluate behavioral health and related systems, including identifying gaps in services; coordinating funding sources; and establishing and identifying common outcome measures for behavioral health, substance abuse, and homelessness.



# V. New Business – Ohana Zones: Year Two and Three Evaluation Updates



# VI. Continuing Business – Use of federal funding to address homelessness

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- ❑ Executive Director Laura Thielen, Partners in Care
- ❑ Chair Maude Cumming, Bridging the Gap



# VI. Continuing Business – Ongoing Discussion Regarding Fiscal Mapping

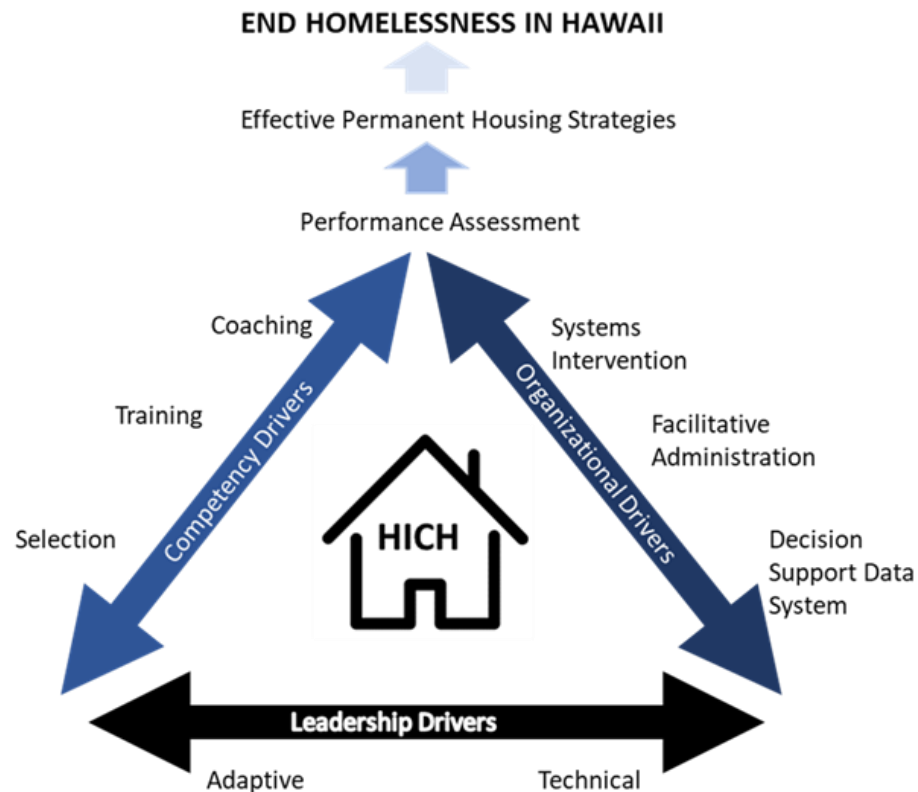
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- Emma Grochowsky, Community Development Specialist





# VII. Permitted Interaction Group



- Continuing to solicit feedback on development of draft ten-year plan for 2021-2031.
- Initial feedback underscores the need to:
  - Create spaces for collaboration and sector innovations.
  - Expedite identification and development of facilities – not just for housing, but also for treatment and to maintain current shelter capacity.
  - Address the intersection between the criminal justice system and homelessness, particularly related to re-entry.
- Invest in strengthening the capacity of our **housing-focused system**.
  - Integrating a clear housing focus into different aspects of the homelessness system.



# X. Topics for Upcoming Meetings

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Please contact Homelessness Assistant Justin Limasa at **(808) 586-0193** or [gov.homelessness@hawaii.gov](mailto:gov.homelessness@hawaii.gov) with any suggestions for upcoming meeting topics.



# X. Executive Session

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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

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



# XI. Adjourn

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- Thank you for your participation.
- If you have any questions, please contact **(808) 586-0193** or e-mail [\*\*gov.homelessness@hawaii.gov\*\*](mailto:gov.homelessness@hawaii.gov).

