

**Oahu Outreach/Emergency Shelter Provider Meeting
February 25th, 2021**

Call to Order/Client Success Stories

- From Lee Miyashiro at RYSE: Punawai Rest Stop reached out to RYSE to connect a young person in need of services. We kept checking in with her consistently. After 1.5 years of engagement, she came to our shelter, then went into VOCA program. During her time in shelter, it was discovered that she had major health issues that required surgery and hospitalization. Now in 12-step program and on way to recovery. If she would have been out on the streets, she likely would have died. With outreach, there may not be a tomorrow for certain individuals --- we save lives. Real chance that on streets that she would have died. Things like this keep me going. We may not know where our clients are tomorrow, but if we know where they are today, we may be able to help them.
- From Ipo at CCH Family Assessment Center: FAC received a referral from Aloha Care for a single mom with 4-month-old infant. Client originally intended to travel to the U.S. mainland but gave birth here, and her baby was born with serious medical needs. FAC helped with securing partnerships to provide wraparound services. FAC coordinated with language access services, getting SNAP/TANF through DHS, application for SSI for the baby, etc. There was also a lot of medical coordination as well, delivering meds, support for ongoing care, etc. The family is now in permanent supportive housing -- collab on all fronts from beginning to the move-in.

Government Agency and CoC Updates

- HPHA
 - In Nov. 2019, we applied for additional HUD mainstream vouchers for non-elderly disabled households. HPHA was awarded 78 vouchers. In late 2020, we opened waitlist for lease in place preference -- this is similar. Will be with our lottery system again - anticipating the Governor to sign these emergency rules very shortly. Hope to open up for 5-day application period in the later part of March. Will have virtual training event on 3/5 at 3pm to discuss the preference, review app process. Will have LEP interpreters to assist community members during the application window. Can ask Ben any questions about this.
 - March 5th, 2021 3:00 p.m. meeting link: [Click here to join the meeting](#) or +1 808-829-4853,,527811835# Conference ID: 527 811 835#
 - While not exclusively for those who are homeless, good opportunity for people to transition out of RRH and HF programs and make those vouchers available to others.
- Mayor's Office of Housing
 - Anton - no updates
- DCS
 - No updates
- HPD
 - Officer Ibrao - Since transition, everything back in full big tents, back to HONU. Starting to get back to outreach efforts, getting more CPT involvement. Look of HONU slightly different, can come check it out -- can call or email.
 - We wish Officer Ibrao a speedy recovery!
- DHS SSD

- Daisy: Trying to work on how can better support homeless youth to get into shelter or housing. If anyone can assist with that, please reach out. Will reach out to Lee from RYSE.

Discussion and Presentations

- CPT District 6 (Waikiki) – Officer Ryan Yamamoto and team
 - CPT provides link to community-based solutions. We have been doing outreach work with IHS, H3RC, etc. Different from our enforcement efforts. Always feel free to reach out to us.
 - Connie: Partnership with CPT has made a huge difference. Has been great for referrals and knowing who is active in certain areas. Also can help identify who may need guardianship -- may be able to link to family members. Often police see much more than our outreach may be able to see.
 - Emma: By name list for regions?
 - Connie: Police very helpful with adding to those lists to figure out who we can help to stabilize
 - Castro: Partnership has been very beneficial, especially around getting the most vulnerable clients off the street.
 - Emma: If anyone is interested in connecting to CPT in their area, we can assist with introducing you.
- Statewide eviction moratorium/rental assistance updates
 - Statewide eviction moratorium extended until April 13
 - DHHL program up for rental assistance for beneficiaries on the waitlist -- can apply through CHNA
 - Hale Kakou program through HCAP is currently open
 - <https://www.hcapweb.org/hale-kakou/>, <http://homelessness.hawaii.gov/hale-kakou-program/>
 - With all programs, important that there is no duplication
 - Legal Aid Society can help if people are facing evictions even during moratorium
- PIC Crisis Support Cards
 - We have printed copies of crisis cards -- please get in touch with us if you'd like copies. Have crisis support info -- for DV, trafficking, child abuse, etc.
 - Not specific to homeless services so the target audience is anyone who might need access to crisis services
 - Electronic version: <https://homelessness.hawaii.gov/crisis-support-card/>
- General Assistance shortfall and other advocacy updates
 - GA recipients already receiving notices that GA will be reduced. GA is an entirely State-funded program and block grant amount. Since start of COVID, 30% increase in need for this program. Encouraging advocacy on this b/c for a lot of homeless clients this may be their only income. SB1127 would make emergency appropriation to fill GA shortfall for current fiscal year --- WAM hearing Tuesday 3/2 @9:30am - if testifying, submit testimony at least 24 hours prior to hearing https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=SB&billnumber=1127&year=2021
 - We have reached out to DHS/BESSD to invite them to a future call if this continues to be an issue.

- Connie: If anyone wants to support HB310 for emergency MH treatment for people who have lost ability to consent, please call Rep. Sylvia Luke's office to ask for a hearing in Finance Committee. 586-6200
- Waimanalo Emergency Shelter update
 - Zabrina: Opened 1/19, now total of 16 units, full but still help people that come to us. Working with various community partners. This is the former Weinberg Center. Variety of 1 bedroom, 2 bedroom, and one 3 bedroom.
 - Anton: Cliff Tillerson -- want community effort to fix up housing there that is not habitable -- he is working to size up project and Anton working on funding side.
 - Scott: ASI just needs to stay in touch with HPO about this discussion in order to make things streamlined and so that everyone is aware of ongoing discussions.
 - Anton: Will stay coordinated.
- COVID-19 vaccination distribution update for clients
 - PIC and PVH hosted a meeting prior to this call to get provider input on recommending that homeless individuals be included in Tiers 1B and 1C, along with the types of vaccines (Pfizer/Moderna vs. Janssen/Johnson & Johnson) we are interested in.
 - No opposition to recommending DOH include people experiencing homelessness in Tiers 1B and 1C.
 - No opposition to recommending using both types of vaccines.
 - Bob Wardlaw: Generally on Tuesdays we give first doses. Can register on DOH website. If any service provider registered but didn't get a follow up, contact PVH.
 - Laura: We need to have these conversations with our clients. If anyone has had bad reaction to a vaccine in the list, they won't be able to get vaccine at the current mobile clinics. Need to figure out best options for them, one or two doses, so that when vaccine becomes available, we can immediately put into action. Need to put lists together so that we can quickly do this.
 - If there are agencies interested in becoming vaccine locations with medical staff onsite, you can apply to do that --- please contact Heather Lusk.

Provider Updates

- Scott: Laura and PIC have been hosting meetings about strategic outreach for COVID testing. In case any outreach providers see gaps and need testing, please reach out to GCH office or Laura to coordinate to get testing out to those areas. Laura will put the link to the coordinated outreach meetings on the PIC website for anyone to attend or send ideas for outreach.
- No other provider updates.