

**Oahu Outreach-Emergency Shelter Provider Meeting**  
**October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Call to Order

- Agenda items for this meeting will be shifted around to allow sufficient time for discussion topics and information sharing.
- November meetings will be shifted to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays to work around the holiday schedule:
  - Outreach: November 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Outreach and Emergency Shelters: November 18<sup>th</sup>

Discussion and Provider Updates

→ **HHHRC and HPD D1 CPT Outreach Partnership**

- HHHRC and HPD D1 CPT partnered together to do outreach in Chinatown yesterday evening. One of the primary challenges identified was finding shelter placement for people who were unable to go to HONU or who were not vaccinated.
- D1 CPT will be conducting homeless outreach to hand out hygiene items and ask people if they would like to be connected to services. This will be a few times per week in the early evening hours.
  - Providers who are interested in partnering can reach out to Sgt. Tamasaka at [stamasaka@honolulu.gov](mailto:stamasaka@honolulu.gov).

→ **HONU**

- HONU continues to see a high number of intakes compared to placements. For example, the site took in 31 intakes last week and only 6 people were placed into other shelters from HONU. The backlog of people getting into shelters, whether due to capacity or other requirements, continues to be a challenge.
- HONU reminds all providers that there are no vaccination requirements to enter HONU. However, clients' options may be limited if other shelters require vaccination.
- HONU should continue to be used as a last resort for shelter space, although it has functioned as a "first and only resort" with many of the other shelters still being full.

→ **Outreach – Issues in Specific Geographic Areas**

- Waianae – people seeking services in "hidden" encampments or off-limits properties
  - RYSE, through their MCR and regular youth outreach, observed what seemed to be an increase in people who may not be connected to services. Many are in areas that are "off the beaten path," such as the private property behind the Nanakuli Hele gas station.
  - KWO is generally aware of the people in these areas and works with the private property owner to offer services. Most of the people that continue to remain in these areas have actually been trespassed and get removed from the property.
  - WCCHC also services the area and would love to continue partnering with other agencies that encounter people who might have been missed by outreach. Names are helpful, if possible, so that they can specifically look for those individuals.
  - WCCHC outreach contact: Dodie Rivera (808) 697-3586
  - RYSE youth outreach contact: Lee Miyashiro (808) 724-5560

- Wahiawa/North Shore – people exhibiting signs of severe mental illness who may have recently come from a different part of the island
  - IHS’s HICM+ team follows people with severe mental illness islandwide, and the team has noticed that some of their clients from other parts of the island had been found in Wahiawa and the North Shore area. They continue to serve clients regardless of location but are wondering whether others who work in this area have noticed an increase in people with mental health needs.
  - The homeless outreach provider for this region was not available. However, it may be helpful to connect with the contracted mental health outreach provider(s) for this region to ensure that there are appropriate services for those whose needs exceed the scope of regular outreach.
- Central Oahu/Pearl City
  - Hale Kipa YO! has gotten some calls from former youth who were referred to Achieve Zero but may have had a hard time getting connected with them. The regions they cover are large and might be hard for staff to cover.

➔ **Shelters – Current Intake Requirements**

- CCH FAC – no changes from their pre-pandemic process. The program is ramping back up to full capacity. Vaccines are not required for admission but the staff will ask to make a copy of their vaccination card for file.
- FPH – no recent changes. There are no vaccination requirements but FPH encourages guests to get tested upon entering the shelter.
- GHP – no vaccination requirements. The program encourages vaccination and testing but does not mandate it.
- KWO – no changes to intake for Onelauena shelter. Unvaccinated residents are tested weekly.
- RYSE – no changes, but wondering if any other agencies are thinking of setting up additional shelters, especially looking at the lack of shelter space on a daily basis.
- SOW – no changes to intake requirements. There are no vaccination requirements.
- US VETS – guests must still do pre-screening questions and temperature check, but vaccination is not required. There is a quarantine period for new admissions: 5 days for those who are vaccinated, 10 days for those who are unvaccinated. Quarantine rooms are provided.

Government/Funder Updates

- PIC
  - Please see attached flyer for their 4<sup>th</sup> Oahu Housing Now Donation Drive: [November 6th Flyer OHN.pdf\(Review\)- Adobe Document Cloud](#).
  - Registration for the 2021 Statewide Homeless Awareness Conference has been extended through November 12<sup>th</sup>. Don’t forget to register at this link: [Conference Registration](#).