

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

Service Providers in Attendance: Hale Kipa, Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center, Helping Hands Hawaii, Kalihi-Palama Health Center, Kealahou West Oahu, Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, Mental Health Kokua, Revive & Refresh, UnitedHealthcare Justice Liaison, Waikiki BID/BBB, Family Promise, Waikiki Health, Partners in Care, U.S. VETS

*\*Please note that this list may not include providers calling in from unknown phone numbers or those who join after the start of the meeting.*

Call to Order/Client Success Story

- Hale Mauiola resident Fred is now permanently housed through the Housing First program. Fred accepted shelter at the POST (HONU) program at the end of 2020 after being homeless for many years. He faced many barriers and adversities throughout his life, including a criminal conviction and incarceration. When he first came to Hale Mauiola, he told his case manager that he didn't think he could ever be housed, but today, he is living in his own apartment. Congratulations, Fred and I.H.S. team!

Announcements

- PIC and GCH will be sharing information soon about an upcoming Homelessness Prevention and Diversion training series. The focus will be on different aspects of diversion and will be designed especially for non-homeless service providers, community groups, advocates, and those who are less familiar with these resources. Homeless service providers are also welcome to attend to receive a refresher or learn more about resources that can help keep people housed.

Presentations

- **SNAP Employment & Training and TANF First-to-Work – Charlene Oyasato and Kim Arista, DHS** (see attached slides)
  - Please view attached slides for a detailed description of the SNAP Employment & Training and TANF First-to-Work programs. These are voluntary programs that are available to SNAP and TANF participants.
  - The SNAP E&T program also includes the HINET program, which is a partnership with the community colleges that can support SNAP students with some school-related expenses.
  - Note: SNAP has been following pandemic waivers that allow DHS to waive the work requirements for Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDs). Normally, an ABAWD would only be able to get SNAP for 3 months if they are not participating in a work activity or alternative. These waivers will likely be rolled back next year so those who fall into this category will need to prepare.
  - TANF has been waiving the work activity requirements for new applicants but existing participants are still required to meet the work activity or alternative requirements.
- **Rent to Work – Lilo Reilly, City & County of Honolulu DCS WorkHawaii Division** (see attached slides)
  - Due to technical difficulties, audio and visual were not available during this presentation. Please refer to attached slides for information about the Rent to Work program eligibility and application.

- Rent to Work is open to people experiencing homelessness who are employed at least 20 hours a week for the past 3 months and are below 60% AMI. They must also complete rent-readiness workshops and participate in case management.
- Rent to Work functions similarly to other HUD-funded rental assistance programs. There are additional supports available, such as help with bus passes, housing search, and referrals to additional services.
- CES referral is not required.

#### Provider Updates

No updates or announcements from attendees.