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## **Agenda**

### **Hawai'i Interagency Council on Homelessness (HICH)**

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

THIS MEETING WILL BE HOSTED VIRTUALLY ON MICROSOFT TEAMS WITH AN IN-PERSON LOCATION AT THE DANIEL K. INOUE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, CONFERENCE ROOM 3 (300 RODGERS BLVD. #12 HONOLULU, HI 96819)

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**There will be an opportunity for the public to present testimony prior to each agenda item. Public testimony is limited to one minute per testifier per agenda item.**

#### **I. Call to Order, Taking of the Roll, Determination of Quorum**

- II. Overview and Approval of Agenda (Vote)
- III. Approval of Minutes (Vote)
  - a. Minutes from Regular meeting on October 24, 2024.
- IV. Public Testimony (one minute per testifier).
  - a. Public testimony on any agenda item will be taken at this time. There will also be an opportunity for the public to present testimony prior to each agenda item.
- V. New Business
  - a. Welcome and Introductions
  - b. Presentation by Hale Kipa on Youth Kauhale Programs
  - c. Presentation by the Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions on Developments of the 2025 Legislative Session as Relating to the Kauhale Initiative
  - d. Feedback on the Housing-Focused Approaches and the Diversion and Prevention Focus Areas with a goal for any suggestions to update the Hawaii Ten-Year Strategic Plan and Framework to End Homelessness
- VI. General Announcements
  - a. Announcements by Members not related to board business shall be given at this time (e.g., dates and details of upcoming community events, webinars, conferences, etc.).
- VII. Topics for Upcoming Meetings
  - a. Open for Council Suggestion (may be considered for placement on future agenda for board action).
- VIII. Meeting Schedule
  - a. The next Council meeting date is tentatively scheduled for:
    - Tuesday, December 16, 2025, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

## IX. Adjourn (Vote)

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Board packets, if prepared, will be available pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes § 92-7.5.

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**Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness  
(HICH)**

Joint In-Person and Microsoft Team Virtual  
Teleconference

at the

Daniel K. Inouye International Airport, Conference,  
Room 3

300 Rodgers Blvd. #12 Honolulu, HI 96819

Thursday, October 24, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Council Attendees:**

Mr. John M. Mizuno	Chair, Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness
Ms. Malia Taum-Deenik	for the Director of the Department of Human Services (DHS)
Ms. Anamarie Piloton	for Homeless Programs Office of DHS
Mr. Kenneth Fink	Director of the Department of Health (DOH)
Mr. David Rodriguez	for Director of the Department of Labor & Industrial Relations (DLIR)
Mr. Tommy Johnson	for Director of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DCR)
Ms. Cynthia Rezentes	for Director of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL)
Mr. Bruce Oliveira	for Adjutant General of the Department of Defense (DOD)
Mr. Kū'ikeokalani Kamakea-Ōhelo	for Chairperson of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA)
Ms. Lila King	for the Department of the Attorney General (AG)
Ms. Jenna Takenouchi	Hawaii State House of Representatives
Mr. Hakim Ouansafi	Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA)
Mr. Anton Krucky	for Mayor of the City & County of Honolulu
Ms. Farah Aquino	for Mayor of the County of Kauai
Ms. Laura Thielen	Continuum of Care for the County of Honolulu
Ms. Makana Kamibayashi	Continuum of Care for the County of Kauai
Mr. Arthur Minor	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
Ms. Stephanie Kaimana	U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)
Ms. Amy Wake	Governor's Faith-Based Representative

**Absent:**

Department of Business, Economic Development and  
Tourism (DBEDT)  
Department of Education (DOE)  
Hawaii State Senate  
Mayor of the County of Hawaii  
Mayor of the County of Maui  
Continuum of Care for the County of Hawaii  
Continuum of Care for the County of Maui  
Business Community Representative (VACANT)

**Staff:**

Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions (SOHHS) Staff: Mr. Brandon Mitsuda; Ms. Christine Fehn; Ms. Sarielyn Curtis; Ms. Vanessa Khachik; and Mr. Eric Ford.  
Ms. Lili Young, Deputy Attorney General

**I. Call to Order, Taking of the Roll, Determination of Quorum [00:07:33]**

Chair John Mizuno called the meeting of the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness to order at 10:07am and began by asking Mr. Brandon Mitsuda to take the roll call, explaining that members participating virtually via Microsoft Teams must also indicate whether they are alone in their physical meeting space or with another person.

Mr. Brandon Mitsuda confirmed that a quorum was established with 19 out of 27 members present. The Chair then reviewed several general housekeeping items and noted the presence of Deputy Attorney General Lili Young to provide counsel.

**II. Overview and Approval of October 24, 2024, Agenda (Vote) [00:16:16]**

The Chair presented the agenda which included updates on the Kauhale initiative as presented by the Chair; a presentation by the Department of Human Services (DHS) Med-QUEST Division on the Medicaid 1115 Waiver program as relevant to homelessness; a keynote presentation by Dr. Michael Champion on the importance of diversionary and re-entry programs in relation to homelessness; and a presentation by Mr. Christopher Vidalgo, a Harvard undergraduate intern at SOHHS, on his experience working on the Kauhale initiative in the Governor's office.

The Chair then asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Member Rezentes moved, seconded by Member Krucky. The Chair called the question and the motion passed with none abstaining, no nay votes, or further discussion. The agenda was approved unanimously.

**III. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting on March 15, 2024, Agenda (Vote) [00:18:06]**

The Chair requested a motion to approve the minutes for the March 15, 2024, meeting draft that was included in the board packets.

Upon asking for corrections, Member Taum-Deenik pointed out a few name misspellings which the Chair acknowledged. No further corrections were raised.

A member of the council moved, and Member Krucky seconded. The Chair called the question and the motion passed with none abstaining, no nay votes, or further discussion. The minutes, as amended, were approved unanimously.

**IV. Public Testimony [00:19:26]**

The Chair opened up the floor to public testimony. Testifiers discussed their frustrations and

experiences undergoing the section 8 housing process; comments on their positive outlooks for the work of HICH; the importance of the state addressing the issue of Alzheimer's disease as it relates to homelessness shelter and services; increasing attention to veterans as it relates to legislation on homelessness; and addressing and servicing developmental and mental illnesses in the homelessness population.

**V. New Business [00:28:16]**

The Chair started off by welcoming and thanking all members and participants of the meeting. He then proceeded to go into the first presentation.

- a. **Presentation on Governor's Kauhale initiative updates by Chair John Mizuno** – Chair noted that there aren't any substantive updates and reviewed the existing and upcoming Kauhale projects.

Chair Mizuno introduced the next keynote presentation speaker Mr. Christopher Vidalgo.

- b. **Presentation on working in SOHHS as a summer intern by Chris Vidalgo** – Mr. Vidalgo detailed his experience working as an intern at SOHHS over the summer and shared his ideas of educational pipelines as it relates to homelessness policy.

Mr. Brandon Mitsuda shared a few words acknowledging and thanking Mr. Vidalgo for his work at SOHHS. The Chair then introduced the next presentation by the Med-QUEST Team.

- c. **Presentation by the Department of Human Services, Med-QUEST Division on updates to the Medicaid 1115 Waiver Programs as it relates to Homelessness by Dr. Judy Mohr Peterson** – Dr. Peterson reviewed the work of the Med-QUEST Division and progress on implementing the waiver program.

The Chair opened up the floor for questions on Dr. Peterson's presentation. Member Krucky asked if he could obtain a copy of the presentation slides. Questions and discussions centered on whether Med-QUEST benefits for housing assistance helped pay fees associated with their stays at Kauhales; assessment tools for people transitioning out of CIS; and frustrations from a public testifier with Med-QUEST.

The Chair noted that himself and Member Johnson hosted a delegation of wardens and correctional facility directors from the Philippines to study Hawaii's Kauhale and diversionary programs. He introduced the last speaker Dr. Michael Champion.

- d. **Presentation on the Importance of Diversionary and Re-entry Programs and Strategic Plan by Dr. Michael Champion**

The Chair opened up the floor to members for questions. Members and public attendees ask about the current status of state hospitals in terms of capacity and the specific number of beds available in state hospitals.

Other comments and questions were discussed on the Diversionary Program such as the city's experience with using employment as a tool of diversion; current efforts to implement

diversion into the Kauhale initiatives; and how training and education would be implemented in the diversionary program efforts.

Additionally, comments were made about the success of similar projects like Kauhale in Japan that incorporated mini dorm-style housing and “micro-factory” employment.

**VI. Member Updates [02:00:19]**

Chair Mizuno opened up the floor for members to share any updates. No members had any updates to share.

**VII. Topics for Upcoming Meetings [2:00:42]**

The Chair started off the discussion by suggesting First Lady Jaime Green to be a presenter at the next HICH Meeting about her interest and work in reducing youth homelessness through a Youth Kauhale project.

The Chair opened up the floor for public testimony on Agenda Items VI and VII. The public testified about incorporating employment opportunities and workforce development into the Kauhale system; addressing cases of Kauhale tenants refusing services; and discussions on diversionary programs in Kauhale.

The Chair also suggested bringing representatives from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to discuss the department’s potential role in assisting with the diversionary program Kauhales at the next HICH meeting.

Member Thielen suggested to discuss the long-term funding sources for Kauhales, especially after the emergency proclamations end, as an upcoming topic. The member then made an announcement about the upcoming Statewide Annual Conference on Homeless Solutions and Programs on November 14 and 15, 2024 hosted by Partners in Care.

The Chair addressed Member Rezentes about upcoming Kauhale projects on the west side of Oahu. The Chair asked members and the public if there were any other matters to discuss and found none.

**VIII. Adjourn [02:10:00]**

The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Member Krucky moved, and Member Thielen seconded. The Chair asked if there were any further discussions and found none. A voice vote was taken with no nay votes or abstaining. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.

## MINUTES CERTIFICATION

Minutes prepared by:

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So Myung Kim  
Administrative Assistant to the Homelessness  
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Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing  
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Date

Approved by the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness at its regular meeting on October 24, 2024.

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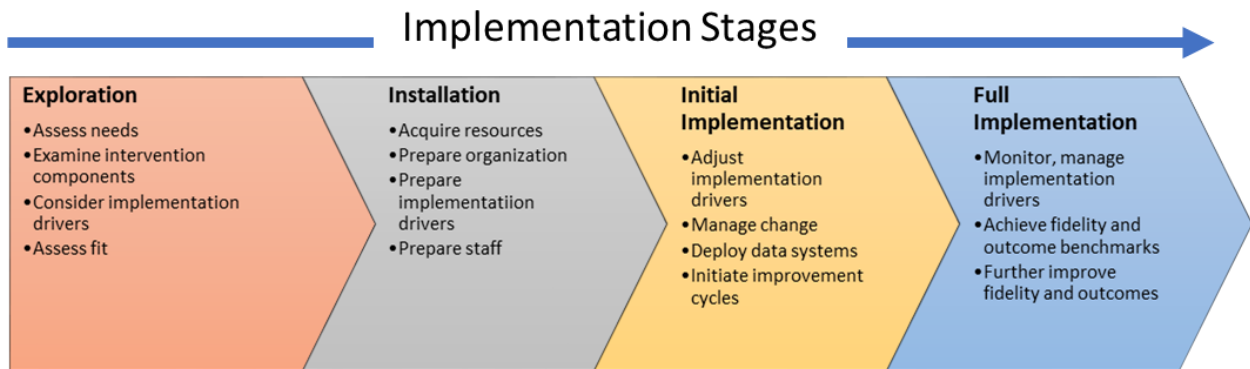
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Chair

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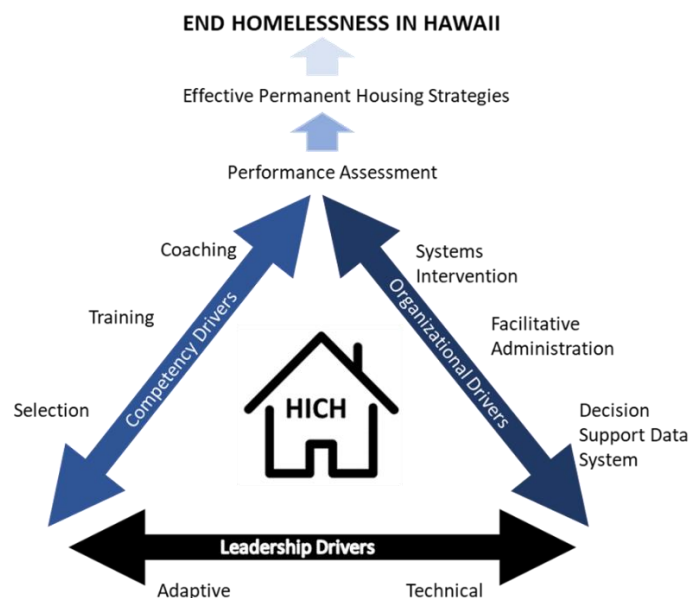
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## Hawaii Ten-Year Strategic Plan and Framework to End Homelessness (2022-2032)

The plan and framework utilize an active implementation framework and work is divided into four general stages for implementation as outlined in the graphic below:



In addition, the plan targets three specific areas of focus that drive implementation of the strategic plan -- **Competencies**, **Organization**, and **Leadership** -- with a **Housing Focused Approach** on ending homelessness, as well as investment in **Targeted Diversion and Prevention** to close the front door to homelessness. Action steps related to each area of focus will reinforce the development of each driver through policy and practice feedback loops, as well as ongoing assessment and continuous review of feedback received from all stakeholders. The relationship between the three focus areas and the process to inform system change is illustrated below:



**System Vision:** The ten-year plan advances the vision of ending homelessness in Hawaii by implementing and sustaining a housing-focused system that draws upon the efforts of multiple partners and creates a clear pathway to stable housing for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. The plan and vision recognize that the work to end homelessness cannot be addressed by any one government entity or provider alone and requires a shared community effort and ‘all hands on deck’ approach.

**Population Specific Goals:** While the overall vision is to create a system that results in pathways to stable housing for all, the plan acknowledges the importance of setting goals for specific populations of individuals and families experiencing homelessness:

- Ending homelessness among Veterans.
- Ending chronic homelessness among people with a disabling condition.
- Ending homelessness among families with minor children.
- Ending homelessness among unaccompanied youth.

**Measuring Progress:** Building a system that effectively ends homelessness does not mean that no one in Hawaii will experience homelessness, or that no one will lose their housing due to eviction or other factors. The plan accepts that life is uncertain and a variety of factors – including the economy, natural disasters, unexpected emergency situations, or unsafe and unsupportive environments – may result in individuals and families experiencing homelessness or finding themselves at imminent risk.

To measure progress, the plan focuses on indicators that the system is functioning effectively and where homelessness is a *rare, brief, and non-recurring* experience. In addition, the plan focuses on increasing **housing inventory**. Specifically, the following measures will be used to monitor ongoing progress:

- Reduction in the number of people who become homeless for the first time.
- Reduction in the total number of people experiencing homelessness.
- Reduction in the length of stay in homeless programs.
- Reduction in the number of people returning to homelessness.
- Increase in the number of permanent housing beds for persons experiencing homelessness.

These performance measures will be monitored primarily through data administered by the Continua of Care (CoCs) in the Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS), as well as a review of System Performance Measures submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on an annual basis. In addition, data from the annual Point-in-Time (PIT) counts conducted by the CoCs will be examined, as well as other data sets – including McKinney-Vento Act data from the Department of Education’s Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) program – to determine trends related to the number of people experiencing homelessness statewide.

In addition, the annual Housing Inventory Count (HIC) and levels of federal, state, and local funding for homelessness programs will be regularly reviewed to assess the system's overall capacity to meet the above population specific goals.

Just as no one agency or entity can address homelessness, it is critical to stress that no one data set exclusively be used to evaluate progress and that a variety of data sets be regularly reviewed.

### **The Plan: Implementation Drivers with Specific Objectives and Strategies.**

The draft plan builds from lessons learned from implementation of the [2012 Ten-Year Strategic Plan](#), as well as initial findings from evaluation of the Ohana Zones pilot program. The focus of the plan is to strengthen Hawaii's system to address homelessness by focusing on implementation drivers to accelerate change and the development of a robust housing-focused system. In addition, the plan emphasizes prevention and diversion strategies to minimize the number of new individuals entering the homeless system, as well as housing-focused strategies, including housing development and scaling of permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing programs.

By focusing on drivers that expand system capacity, the plan will result in improved outcomes for individuals directly experiencing homelessness, including increased rates of housing placement and reductions in the length of time spent in shelters and other homeless programs. What follows is a more detailed description of each goal and specific objectives and strategies related to each driver.

- **Focus Area: Building System Capacity and Strengthening Core Competencies.**  
To function effectively, the system to end homelessness will require a knowledgeable and qualified workforce capable of innovation, as well as the ability to adapt and course correct as needed.

COMPETENCIES	No.	Strategy
	1	Build a shared understanding of the process for clients receiving services related to homelessness, health, and economic security, including development of a client process map reviewed with all stakeholders (e.g., Department of Human Services, Department of Health, the counties, and the Continua of Care).
	2	Create competency-based practitioner profiles for workers across the components of the process and use practitioner competencies to develop a comprehensive professional development toolkit to support all Competency Drivers, including issues related to racial equity and cultural competency.
	3	Expand 'Peer Specialist' opportunities currently included in homeless service and other related contracts to actively engage people with lived experience of homelessness to enter the workforce as outreach and shelter workers and other service roles.
	4	Build alignment among stakeholders with collaborative problem-solving at both the system and provider level. (EX: Homeless Funders Group, Homeless Coordinators Meeting, Outreach-Shelter Providers Meetings, etc.).

- **Focus Area: Strengthening System Leadership and Stakeholder Alignment.**

The actions and behaviors of leaders influences the effectiveness of the system. In addition, leadership among system stakeholders must be aligned for the overall system to function effectively.

LEADERSHIP	No.	Strategy
	1	Establish a common understanding and language for the roles and responsibilities of all stakeholders across the homeless service system to reduce duplication of efforts and clarify domains of responsibility.
	2	Offer voluntary ho`oponopono and/or mediation services to all of those impacted by system change to resolve interpersonal conflicts and establish more positive ways to work together.
	3	Build capacity for interjurisdictional collaborative problem solving across all leadership structures in the system (e.g., Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness, Continua of Care, etc.).
	4	Promote a balance of power and horizontal and vertical alignment in governance. Reflect on inclusion, roles, and balance in leadership structures like the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness, Continua of Care, federal, state, and local governments.
	5	Create a competency-based profile for leaders to develop leadership capacity with a common approach to generate further alignment among leaders.

- **Focus Area: Invest in Organizational Supports and Infrastructure.**

The organizational structure of the system is critical, including the system's ability to collect and manage data, to review systems performance, and to provide effective oversight for financial resources. In addition, an effective infrastructure should support partnership between system stakeholders, including providing opportunities to partner with individuals with lived experience of homelessness, faith-based providers, and the private business sector.

ORGANIZATIONAL	1	Develop a statewide Data Warehouse to integrate client data across multiple state systems.
	2	Develop Information Technology solutions within both Coordinated Entry Systems to access real-time inventories for: shelter, housing units, and housing vouchers.
	3	Align methodology for PIT count between the two Continua of Care.
	4	Expand and aggregate statewide data collection: budget and services and map the data.
	5	Refine service contracts across jurisdictions, including alignment of performance metrics for contracts.
	6	Develop and implement a comprehensive plan of education and communication for the general public and organizations, such as Neighborhood Boards, to facilitate community understanding and engagement on homelessness.

	7	Explore funding mechanisms to address ongoing maintenance and upkeep of shelter and housing facilities, as well as the implementation of non-congregate facilities that address client privacy concerns.
	8	Explore ways to engage the business community as partners in ending homelessness and turn complaints into contributions.
	9	Raise awareness and further explore how to scale and coordinate efforts of the faith-based community, including service provision and housing development.
	10	Leverage evidence of improvement to develop a comprehensive and proactive communications plan to raise awareness about accomplishments and shift to a more positive key message: the solution is in progress.
	11	Ensure client right to due process, including Fair Hearing process and clear grievance procedures, for individuals and families receiving homeless services.
	12	Continue to build alignment among stakeholders with collaborative problem-solving.

- **Focus Area: Sustaining and Scaling Housing-Focused Approaches.**

The solution to homelessness is housing. An effective homelessness response system should include strategies to support the development of low-income affordable housing, as well as services that support rapid connection to housing and provide support for stable transitions to housing.

<b>HOUSING-FOCUSED APPROACHES</b>	1	Continue to develop low-income and affordable housing by reinvigorating and expanding the State Affordable Rental Housing Plan to embrace people at all income levels, including individuals at the low- and very-low income levels.
	2	Increase Permanent Supportive Housing financing strategies, including strategies to scale site-based permanent supportive housing for individuals experiencing homelessness and high-acuity individuals in other systems of care (e.g., Behavioral health or criminal justice systems, etc.).
	3	Support additional rental housing subsidies through federal, state local and private resources.
	4	Expand the supply of affordable rental housing where units are most needed through federal, state, local and private efforts, and partnerships.
	5	Improve access to and use of supportive housing by encouraging participation in the Coordinated Entry System, including prioritization and matching people with appropriate levels of support.
	6	Review government policies and practices in government funded affordable housing, including subsidized public housing, which impact eligibility and eviction.
	7	Conduct a system-wide inventory of available land and properties that may be repurposed for housing or for the use of housing-focused programs.

	8	Explore strategies to incentivize the acquisition or repurposing of facilities for housing, including housing specifically targeted for individuals transitioning from homelessness.
	9	Explore strategies to incentivize landlords, property managers, and realtors to provide rental housing for individuals transitioning out of homelessness, including scaling of systems-level landlord engagement programs.
	10	Explore strategies to strengthen community and interpersonal connection through the use of communal design and shared gathering spaces.

- **Focus Area: Diversion and Prevention to Address Households at Imminent Risk of Homelessness and connections to treatment for the most vulnerable.**

As quickly as providers transition homeless individuals and families into housing, many more individuals fall into homelessness for the first time due to economic hardship or a one-time crisis. In addition, some homeless individuals experience severe mental illness, substance use disorders, or chronic physical health conditions that require support outside of the homelessness system. Dedicated homelessness prevention and diversion strategies are needed to stabilize housing for those at risk of homelessness and to rapidly identify housing options for individuals without a previous history of homelessness. In addition, diversion strategies can connect individuals with higher levels of acuity to other resources that can stabilize their situation and provide appropriate levels of care.

<b>DIVERSION &amp; PREVENTION</b>	1	Scale eviction prevention strategies, including targeted short-term rental assistance, mediation services, and civil legal services for landlord-tenant issues.
	2	Introduce and advocate for policies that provide increased protections for renters, including policies examining discrimination based on source of income, gender, and ethnicity.
	3	Develop new opportunities for individual enterprise for people 0-30% AMI through partnerships with artisan collectives, private industry, construction unions, and hospitality industry.
	4	Scale Assisted Community Treatment and other behavioral health street intervention models and build capacity to serve chronically homeless people with severe mental illness or acute substance use disorders.
	5	Increase capacity for in-patient mental health and substance abuse treatment and expand options for specialized transitional housing.
	6	Utilize mainstream resources to provide housing stabilization assistance.
	7	Expand housing navigation programs that assist individuals being displaced to secure new housing, including partnerships with entities such as the Department of Education Community Concerns liaisons and health plan Housing Coordinators.

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	<b>8</b>	Review and develop strategies which assist homeless non-residents in accessing the most appropriate resources.
	<b>9</b>	Improve coordination and integration of employment programs and homeless assistance programs.
	<b>10</b>	Seek opportunities to scale medical respite programs (transition programs for the medically fragile) to accommodate people being discharged from hospitals experiencing homelessness with complex health needs.
	<b>11</b>	Increase availability of and accessibility to health services for special populations (e.g., co-occurring disorders including mental illness, substance abuse, developmental disability, and medical frailty).
	<b>12</b>	Create specialized service packages for community re-entry for populations such as families, veterans, disabled, youth aging out of systems, mentally ill offenders, and sex offenders so the individual does not revert to harmful behaviors, especially after successful discharge from substance abuse treatment.
	<b>13</b>	Improve discharge planning from medical centers, emergency departments, psychiatric facilities, jails, and prisons to connect people to housing, health and behavioral health support, income and work support, and health coverage prior to discharge.
	<b>14</b>	Increase the number of jail diversion programs that are linked to housing and support.

**A Living Document.**

The plan is intended to be a living document that will be reviewed quarterly by the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness and revised based on input from the council and other community stakeholders.

If you have any questions, or suggestions for revisions, please contact the HICH Chair, Scott Morishige, at (808) 586-0193 or [gov.homelessness@hawaii.gov](mailto:gov.homelessness@hawaii.gov).