



PARTNERS IN CARE

Oahu Continuum of Care

Partners in Care is a coalition of Oahu's homeless service providers, government representatives and community stakeholders working together in partnership to end homelessness.

PIC General Meeting
 Tuesday, May 17, 2016
 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
 Kapolei Hale

MINUTES

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Outcome/Action
Call to Order & and Roll Call	Advocacy Chair Payton called the meeting to order at 12:05. Quorum was not originally not met but was then met soon thereafter with exactly 19 agencies present.	
Approval of Minutes	Minutes were distributed and reviewed. No edits were suggested. <i>Motion: to approve the minutes. Motion seconded.</i>	Motion approved.
HMIS Update	Jason Espero gave an update on HMIS. The HUD TA work plan for HMIS was approved and the consultant will work with the statewide data committee. The first meeting will be held on Thursday, May 19 th . The outreach workflow has been given to HPO to implement within HMIS. The consultant, Chris, will also help develop a user manual so that data entry, reporting and other functions will be written down and done consistently. Next week Monday is the statewide data committee, and Maude Cummings from BTG will facilitate this meeting since Jason is not able to attend, so the call will be on the phone. The statewide data committee approved the Veterans data report requested by the City and County of Honolulu. HPO will give the SWDC a list of items that need to be done with HMIS and the SWDC will prioritize. Is there any chance we will be able to use HMIS for the NOFA? Jason says YES! Also, the VISPDAT data has been imported into HMIS and HPO will work with some agencies to test the system.	
PIC Collaborative Applicant	Heather reported on the transition from C&C of Honolulu to Aloha United Way as PIC's Collaborative Applicant. AUW has registered on all the relevant HUD sites and has signed the contract with HUD and will be ready to apply for the NOFA when released.	
PIC Director Search Update	Heather reported on the search for a PIC Director. The search committee recommended that the Exec Committee conduct a second interview with a potential candidate and the EC recommended that this candidate be hired, so the candidate is in negotiations with Jan Harada as Chair of the search committee and Marc as Chair of PIC.	

<p>PIC Vista Americorp position</p>	<p>Heather reported that PIC has been approved to have a PIC Vista Americorp member and Janet is the lead. She will be sending out the job description soon, and HUD has approved using planning funds to meet the matching funds requirement for the position.</p>	
<p>Tier 2 Funding</p>	<p>Advocacy Chair Payton opened up the discussion about the HUD funding cuts in Tier 2 funding and HUD following through on its de-emphasis of transitional housing? Do we know how competitive the other jurisdictions and how and if they applied for transitional housing? Has there been any consideration about HUDs position? Meaning, will PIC no longer support transitional housing will PIC not apply for transitional? Or will PIC advocate for other funding to support transitional housing? Does PIC have a position on transitional housing? HUD sent the PIC Planning Committee documents in enhancing a NOFA application and one area is firming up our coordinated entry, be more involved in community planning, be more involved an ESG planning process. In order to be more competitive, we need to be a “high performing” community and the PIC Planning Committee is addressing the areas we need in order to be more competitive. Need to do fiscal mapping with local, State and Federal monies to potentially reallocate all housing dollars to meet our priorities. HUD is not saying that it will not fund transitional housing, but we have to increase our effectiveness in order to be more competitive. What does it mean to be “high performing?” We need to learn the scores of other projects and what type of projects were funded in other areas. Lessons learned from an upcoming debrief will be shared at the next meeting.</p>	
<p>Input on the State of the Strategy on Homelessness</p>	<p>Julie Ford from the Governor’s Office on Homelessness presented on a high-level overview of the draft Hawaii State Strategy on Homelessness “Pressing the Levers of Change”. Julie did clarify that the plan is not to allocate 12 million allocated from the legislature this year (which is a one-time allocation, not reoccurring). The goal is to end homelessness, yet that is challenging so moving towards a Housing First system with functional zero as the ultimate goal. The three levers are: affordable housing, health and human services and public safety. Affordable housing: build more affordable housing and maximize the use of rental subsidies and vouchers. Health and human services: implement data-driven services that emphasize permanent housing placement. Public safety: the purpose is to enforce laws on public land to ensure safety for everyone, and to always have outreach workers when there is enforcement. Question – what about those who do not qualify for Housing First? Jun Yang clarified that Housing First is both a philosophy and a formal grant with C&C and State, which has specific eligibility. However, Housing First means that the focus is on housing without making the person meet programmatic requirements first. We need to help people understand this larger definition of Housing First.</p>	<p>If you have feedback on the plan, please send to Heather who will compile and send to Gov’s office.</p>

Advocacy Update	Advocacy Chair Payton reviewed the PIC Priority List and highlighted that we had a very successful legislative session. 46.1M for the RHTF, 23M for DURF and 10.1M for new affordable rentals. Also 12M to the State for outreach, Housing First and other activities. Only one bill was passed that PIC had concerns about, which is SB 2559 and requires some minimum standards for Emergency Shelters. The HPHA bill did not pass (which would have placed a stay cap in HPHA units) and PIC needs to meet with HPHA. SB 2816 also did not pass which was the Criminal Trespass bill. Advocacy plan is in draft form and will be sent to the membership for 2016-2017. Chair Payton also reflected on the session this year, his first as Chair of Advocacy. He noted that the policymakers fell into three areas – either know nothing, know some or “make stuff up” and the importance of getting the hard data out there and educating the legislators.	
Treasurer’s Report	Marlen reported that PIC has \$9739 in the bank and we just paid the deposit for the Homeless Awareness Conference.	
City and County of Honolulu	Jun yang reported on the Mayor’s Challenge to End Veterans Homelessness and handed out an update. Jan has taken over the Veteran’s by name list from Mark Chandler at HUD (thank Jan!) until it moves to HMIS. At the end of April 2016, 727 Veterans have been housed and the C&C will be following up with agencies as each person in the list is linked with an agency. The City and County has been invited to apply for HUDVASH with 80-90 vouchers will be available here on Oahu. Jun asked if PIC could vote to approve the aim which is “The aim of the Mayor’s Challenge Leadership Team and PIC for the Veteran Initiative is to meet the Federal Benchmarks and Criteria by June 30, 2016”. The Federal Benchmarks and Criteria are: Have we ended chronic veterans’ homelessness in our community? Do veterans have quick access (90 days) to permanent housing? Does the community have access to housing? Does the community committed to Housing First and using transitional housing sparingly? <i>Motion: to approve the aim statement. Motion seconded.</i>	Motion approves with one vote in opposition and two people abstaining from vote
Awareness Committee	The Homeless Conference will be on November 18 th at the Kroc Center in Kapolei.	
Next Meeting	June 21, 2016	
Minutes Prepared by:	Heather Lusk	