

# BRIDGING THE GAP

## The Hawaii Neighboring Islands' Continuum of Care (Hawaii, Kauai, Maui) Board of Directors Meeting Minutes May 6, 2020 – 9am-10am ZOOM Mtg.

- Attendees:**
- Hawai'i County: Brandee Menino, Hope Services Hawaii (BTG Chair)  
Sharon Hirota, Hawaii County Homeless Coordinator (Hawaii County)  
Paul Normann, Neighborhood Place  
Toni Symonds, Hawaii RISE
  - Kaua'i County: Makana Kamibayashi, Family Life Center (KCA Chair, BTG Vice Chair)  
Melody Lopez, Catholic Charities Hawaii (KCA Vice Chair, BTG Secretary)
  - Maui County: Maude Cumming, Family Life Center (BTG Past Chair)  
David Nakama, County of Maui  
Thelma Akita-Kealoha, Catholic Charities Hawaii (Chapter Chair)  
Monique Yamashita, Ka Hale A Ke Ola (Chapter Vice Chair)
  - HPO:
  - HMIS Lead/CA: Carlos Peraro, Ka Mana O Na Helu  
Alison Hinazumi, Ka Mana O Na Helu
  - Guests: Scott Morishige, Governors Coordinator on Homelessness
- Members Absent:  
Harold Brackeen, State of Hawaii DHS-Homeless Programs Office  
Adam Roversi, County of Kauai
- Recorder: Melody Lopez

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Outcome/ Action
<b>Meeting date</b>	<b>Monday 5/6/20 via ZOOM 9am-10am</b>	
<b>Welcome &amp; Housekeeping</b>	1. Introductions: BTG Chair Brandee Menino conducted roll call and having determined quorum was met, called the meeting to order at 9am. Attendees introduced themselves for the record. 2. Review and approve meeting minutes of March 30-31, 2020.	Quorum Met  Monique Moved Thelma second  Minutes Approved

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<p><b>Advocacy/Awareness Committee</b></p> <p><b>Co-Chairs: Monique &amp; Paul</b></p> <p><b>Thelma, Makana, Toni</b></p> <p><b>Advocacy w/ Scott Morishige</b></p>	<p>Legislative Session will be resuming on Monday May 11, 2020.</p> <p>PowerPoint shared: Governors Coordinator on Homelessness: Current Status of Homelessness in Hawaii during COVID-19</p> <p>Potential cuts for homeless services.</p> <p>Reviewing 2009 economic downturn and the permanent housing approach initiated in 2016. The progress and need for long-term resources to continue momentum.</p> <p>Planning to diversify funding i.e. federal funding, billable to Medicaid.</p> <p>BTG Advocacy Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speaking with local representatives/advocates</li> <li>• Scott can setup a meeting for BTG and others participating in advocacy efforts</li> <li>• Talking points to share</li> </ul>	<p>Monique to reach out to Gavin and Betty Lou</p>
<p><b>Homeless Point In Time Count Report</b></p>	<p>Reviewed-Intro and Conclusion-Consolidated topline report.</p> <p>Edits will be made by Maude/Brandi.</p>	<p>Brandee will provide final report to Carlos.</p> <p>Carlos will inform BTG an hour before report is posted on website</p>
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>Weekly meetings Tuesdays 1pm-2pm.</p> <p>Monthly meetings on the first Wednesday's 9am-12pm via Zoom.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 3,</li> <li>• July 1</li> <li>• Aug 5</li> <li>• Sept 2</li> <li>• Oct 7</li> <li>• Nov 4</li> <li>• Dec 2</li> </ul>	<p><b>Monthly Meetings will be First Wednesdays 9am-12pm via Zoom</b></p>
<p><b>Wrap Up &amp; Adjourn</b></p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 10:33 am</p>	

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