

BRIDGING THE GAP

The Hawaii Neighboring Islands' Continuum of Care (Hawaii, Kauai, Maui)

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

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Hawai'i County:	1 2 3	Brandee Menino, Hope Services Hawaii (BTG Advisory, Chapter Co-Chair) Paul Normann, Neighborhood Place of Puna (BTG Vice-Chair, Chapter Co-Chair) Sharon Hirota, Hawaii County Rep Tony Symons, Uluwini Family Assessment Ctr
Kaua'i County:	4 5	Makana Kamibayashi, Family Life Center (BTG Secretary, Chapter Chair) Melody Lopez, Catholic Charities Hawaii (Chapter Treasurer) <i>joined @ 9:09am</i> Ashton Varner, Kauai County Rep (Chapter Vice-Chair)
Maui County:	6 7 8	Maude Cumming, Family Life Center (BTG Chair, Chapter Vice-Chair) Thelma Akita-Kealoha, Catholic Charities Hawaii (BTG Secretary, Chapter Chair) David Nakama, Maui County Rep
HMIS Lead / Collaborative Applicant:		Carlos Peraro, Ka Mana O Na Helu Alison Hinazumi, Ka Mana O Na Helu
Guests:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harold Brackeen III, HPO Administrator • Elizabeth Murph (CCH-Big Island) left @ 9:45am • Monique Ibarra (KHAKO-Maui) • Billie-Kay Yokoyama (YWCA-Kauai) joined @ 9:19am <p>Members Present: 8 of 10 @ 9:06am</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recorder: M. Kamibayashi

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Outcome/ Action
Meeting Date	Wednesday 2/2/2022 via Zoom, 9am-12pm Site: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/422792008 Meeting ID: 422 792 008	
Welcome & Housekeeping	<p>1. Introductions: BTG Chair Maude Cumming conducted roll call and having determined quorum was met, called the meeting to order at 9:06am. Roll call conducted, 8 of 10 members present.</p> <p>2. Review and approve BTG Meeting Minutes of 1/5/2022. <i>(Minutes emailed to the group 2/2/22 for review)</i></p>	<p>1. Quorum Met, Meeting Called to Order @ 9:06am</p> <p>2. Approval of 1/5/22 BTG Meeting Minutes Motion: David 2nd: Brandee Vote: 1/5/22 BTG Minutes with revisions Approved</p>
State Legislative Update	<p>Maude shared Brandee's email forward regarding a Bill for an Act Relating to Homelessness (aka 0550-2 Data Clearinghouse)</p> <p>Brandee Q: what would they do with the data?</p> <p>Maude: GCH would house the data being proposed?</p>	

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	<p>Harold: Chair San Buena-Ventura, had concerns over data, decided to change this to a working group, have 1 member of each CoC, Pros Ofc, HPD, Public Safety, AG, GCH, DHS/Enterprise Staff...have reports available for next Leg session (next year). If there is a need, benefits vs. costs and if it’s DOH’s responsibility. Seems like they’re wanting the utilization reports that BTG paid for from UH in the past. Concern over lengthy results for that data being 1-1.5 year after the fiscal year in question. So, if they want a service utilization report, a workgroup could discuss the challenges on obtaining the data.</p> <p>Harold Q: Could PIC and BTG agree to a set of dashboards that both CoC’s could contribute to provide the statewide data. Could this be considered? Maybe 3-7 data points.</p> <p>Carlos Q: Would HMIS Lead be responsible to work with GCH for this project?</p> <p>Harold: Chair SBV didn’t quite understand what the bill was, passed with amendments this to a working group instead.</p> <p>Maude Q: Doesn’t this duplicate the work of HICH?</p> <p>Harold: Be prepared and informed of what this bill is suggesting, there may be others.</p> <p>Maude: Remember the historical break in PIC and BTG’s HMIS system. Protection of our data system was the disagreement between CoC’s. Our HMIS has dashboards that can perhaps provide much of the desired information.</p>	
<p>HPO – Harold Brackeen III</p>	<p>Announcements:</p> <p>Hired 2 new staff Mary & Rick</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mary Lowe – Federal Programs, retired military continued to work with Fed Gov, FEMA completing assessments and working with communities suffering the effects of natural disasters. Also did program contracts for federal government. Has been on board at HPO for 2 weeks. Has been reviewing invoices. Judy Ishida is helping to train Mary. Will introduce at next BTG meeting. 2. Rick Le Burkien, special project with federal government. Comes with years of experience in philanthropic community. Working on draft administrative rules for HPO 3. Diana “Deedee” Cabuncun - Outreach 4. Ana Piloton – Now Program Specialist V 5. Luana Bass – RRH & HPP 	
<p>Advocacy & Awareness Committee:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A & A Committee-Brandee Menino <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ohana Zones bills (HB2140 / SB3108, HB2512, SB2374, HB1796, SB3168) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One of the Ohana Zones bills (HB1796) includes a number of exemptions from county ordinances, procurement code, etc. Although this is intended to quicken development, we also can’t be in a constant state of emergency. Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) and other laws are there for a reason. It will be important to figure out how to build projects compliant to code. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HB1796 includes provisions and preferences for funding agencies that are qualified Medicaid providers. Becoming qualified can be quite a difficult and confusing process – when we get to a point where Medicaid is easier for providers, it would be better to push for these types of provisions at that time. These types of conditions may push agencies away from being able to or wanting to contract for funding – these conditions could have unintended consequences. ○ The provisions in HB1796 around reports from the agencies funded etc. seem to want more accountability in the process, but the current Ohana Zones pilot program already does have accountability measures. ○ Instead of flat out opposition to a bill like HB1796, it may be better to consider submitting comments if there are positive parts of the bill. ● Voucher discrimination bills (SB206, SB2314, SB2468, SB2399, SB2902; SB2222 / HB1752) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For the bills that would prohibit discrimination in advertisement only (SB2222 / HB1752), advocates have many concerns that this would make it more difficult for people with housing vouchers and subsidies to find housing. ○ There are concerns about the advertisement only bills because the House Housing Committee is portraying this as a bill supported by the homeless and housing advocates. As this seems to be a House majority bill, we will need to navigate this topic in a tactful way. ○ The best approach for the advertisement only bills may be to submit comments, supporting the sections with incentives but raising concerns about the first section. Messaging may be that advocates are happy with the incentives and can compromise on the enforcement part, but not on the discrimination part – should cover prohibition of discrimination throughout the entire rental transaction. ○ It will be important to connect with allies on this topic to loop them in and more strongly advocate on this issue from a variety of perspectives, possibly from the Catholic Diocese, the Developmental Disabilities Council since they have testified on this topic, and other groups. ○ An op-ed also would be a good advocacy tool for this measure. 	
<p>CES Oversight Committee</p>	<p>2. CES Oversight Committee-David Nakama</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No update for David 	
<p>HMIS Data Committee</p>	<p>3. HMIS Data Committee-Carlos Peraro</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nothing new to report 	<p>Break @ 9:56am Return @ 10:06am</p>

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<p>KMNH – Alison Hinazumi & Carlos Peraro</p>	<p>1. HUD EHV (Emergency Housing Vouchers)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Added link on BTGHawaii.org for EHV• HUD EHV Resources, FAQ's• CES Prioritization Scheme• Eligibility Certification• DV Certification• Voucher Distribution by County (214 Vouchers total)• Also includes the EHV Dashboard• This will help with show transparency of the EHV Program• Maude Q: in the future, how can we facilitate inquiries• Alison A: perhaps a POC for each island could work, further discussion needed• Reached out to Jesse Wu to ask how some county's have utilized over 100%, haven't gotten response yet.• Sharon H Q: There are a number of applications being canceled, some due to applicant not completing the process. How do we report 10 cancellations? Alison A: HUD has been noting in the tracker (on Kauai) Sharon: Will update each file on the tracker <p>2. COC Expenditure Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reports sent out, will follow up individually• Expenditure report was sent out yesterday, will continue to send this out for all CoC program grantees and grants that are active• Most programs are spending their monies and are on track with their numbers• We will continue to reach out to the other organizations individually as necessary <p>3. ESG CV Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Just submitted Q5 (Oct-Dec) Report on time, accepted and approved• Financial update: Everything received is just under \$3.5m.• \$500k still in process, additional review, revisions, etc.• Goal was \$8m by end of March was the target. Not able to meet that mark.• Nothing from HUD for an extension beyond 9/30 end-date.• Projected Goals for March and Sept are still in place.• Brandee Q: Should we be reaching out to HUD at this point?• KMNH: Nothing has been shared from HUD at this point.• Harold: HUD is not wanting to talk about extensions at this point. Caution, Fed Gov put out a lot of Cares Acts \$, both CARES Act & ARPA flooded the communities with funding. <p>4. NOFO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 163 Max Points for this NOFO, defines what HUD is looking for and prioritizing.• Section vii represents 52 of the 163 points	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review email sent by Carlos, 2021 CoC Program NOFO & 2021 HI-500 CoC Application and discuss areas that we could work on establishing MOU's within the CoC to possibly score more.• Kauai YWCA-DV is currently using HMIS's anonymous system and has shared their experience at the statewide system.• Sharon Q: has been trying to connect with local CFS and keep getting push-back to Oahu heads.• Brandee Q: Could the YWCA be utilized to develop peer approach for Maui and Hawaii County DV providers to share experiences as their only knowledge is of PIC's CES/HMIS process?• VII.B.1.d CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth• VII.B.i.e Addressing the Needs of Victims of DV• VII.B.1.g Public Housing Agencies• VII.B.1.l Rapid Rehousing• VII.B.1.m Mainstream Benefits & Other Assistance• VII.B.3.b Comparable Database for DV Providers.• VII.B.5.c Length of Time Homeless• VII.B.5.d Successful Permanent Housing Placement of Retention• VII.B.5.e Returns to Homelessness• VII.B.5.f Jobs and Income Growth <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If we start to work on a few points at each meeting we could prepare and make improvements to the next application.• Brandee shared google sheets with BTG Board that can be taken back to the local chapters to work on and update before next BTG Mtg. <p>5. HMIS report update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No new reports have been developed <p>6. BTG Website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will make an adjustment mentioned for EHV page.• Monitoring reports are updated thru Dec 2021 <p>7. PITC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sheltered: Reaching out to ES & TH program to clean up their data and clear any discrepancies.• DV: waiting on 1 more to come in to complete DV section.• No reports of major issues on each County's PITC• Data collection thru mid-Feb• KMNH will then be able to work on compiling data• KMNH/BTG Report due to HUD likely April 30th.• BTG typically had our report ready 1 week before.• Big Island Delegation meets 3/28/2022 and would like to provide PITC data. Brandee will suggest providing the data April 18 instead.• Paper Survey Data entry due by 2/15/2022	
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<p>Point in Time Count Including Feedback on Mobile device surveys</p>	<p>Hawaii Island</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tech savvy team members didn't have any issues • Overall easy to use • Those more comfortable with paper did so • Staff did split shifts, morning/evening. • Had aerial view via helicopter in Kona and located additional campsites <p>Kauai Island</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kauai Outreach Staff from Care Hawaii and Family Life Center completed majority of the PIT Surveys in all zones. • Trained volunteers also helped to gather PIT surveys across the island. • Data input will begin shortly and project to be completed well before the deadline 2/15/2022. • Minimal duplications noted and will not be entered into HMIS. • Data entry will be done by FLC Staff • Hopeful to be tech-ready for mobile device entry at 2023 PITC <p>Maui County</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • liked having mobile devices • required 2 staff and had paper on hand just in case. • Few duplication errors due to loss of power, instrument issues • About 90% of the count was done by Care HI & FLC Outreach • May consider not using Volunteers in the future • Experienced push-back from volunteers that accused MHA of using "seduction-persuasion" techniques – not sure what that means. Also, one person stated that training was inadequate. • Able to partner with agencies like DOE who currently work with homeless families 	
<p>Next Steps and Adjourn</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Adjourned @ 11:56am 	<p>Adjourn 11:56am</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>Next BTG meeting, Wednesday, 3/2/22 9am-12pm via zoom.</p>	