



BTG Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 5, 2025, from 9:00 am-10:00 am

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 847 7243 4010

In Attendance:

Hawai'i County:	1 2 3	Brandee Menino (BTG Chair, CAP Vice-Chair) Paul Normann (CAP Chair) Sharon Hirota (Hawaii County Rep)
Kaua'i County:	4 5 6	Makana Kamibayashi (BTG Vice-Chair, KCA Chair) Kawai Gampon (KCA Vice-Chair) Farah Aquino (Kauai County Rep)
Maui County:	7 8 9	Maude Cumming (MHA Chair) Sue Sadecki (MHA Vice-Chair, BTG Secretary) Chris Kish
HMIS Lead / Collaborative Applicant:		Carlos Peraro (Ka Mana O Na Helu) Alison Hinazumi (Ka Mana O Na Helu)
Guests:		Harold Brackeen III (DHS-HPO) Clint Tanaka (DHS-HPO) Vic Tolentino (DHS-Medicaid) Alana Souza (DHS-Medicaid) Jon Fujii (DHS-Medicaid) Amber Nakihei (MHA-FLC) Kuuipo Keopuhiwa (CAP-CCH) Carlos Palma (CAP-HIHR) Members present: 9 of 9 @ 9:05AM Recorder: Sue Sadecki

Call to Order	Welcome & Housekeeping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish Quorum Meeting called to order @ 9:05 AM. 9 of 9 BTG Board Members are in attendance. 	Brandee Menino, BTG Chair, called the meeting to order.
BTG Board	Board Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve Feb 5th, 2025 BTG Board Meeting Minutes Revisions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Members Name & Title: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul Normann (CAP Chair) Brandee Menino (CAP Vice-Chair) Kawai Gampon (KCA Vice-Chair) 	Action Item: Approval of February 5th, 2025 BTG Board Meeting Minutes with revisions.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Guests in attendance: Sherry Kupau (MHA-FLC) Clint Tanaka (DHS-HPO) Kuuipo Keopuhiwa (CAP-CCH) Amber Nakihei (MHA-FLC) 	<p>Motion: Paul Normann 2nd: Maude Cumming</p> <p>Vote: APPROVED</p>
<p>State Agencies Update: State Medicaid Jon Fujii, Vic Tolentino & Alana Souza</p>	<p>Update from State Medicaid Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rollout of CIS Plus Medicaid (new program) ● Proceeding with MQD implementation of CIS+ approved 1115 authorities. Currently developing operational/implementation protocols which will involve stakeholder consultation (ongoing) and CMS approval. Will provide timeline updates as soon as able but hoping to implement CIS+ components in 2025. ● Alana was promoted to Community Access Program Manager to support institutions to the community. 	
<p>Collaborative Applicant & HMIS Lead: Carlos Peraro & Alison Hinazumi</p>	<p>Collaborative Applicant & HMIS Administrator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CoC NOFO: Awards notified in January, proceeding to expect things to go through. Grants usually execute summer, late-summer. ● CoC Builds: Asked field office if there's a hold, no answers currently. Suggestion to do monthly draw downs on expenditures and bill monthly. ● 2025 HPIT Update: BTG to release the sheltered count to the BTG Board and the BTG website to be disseminated, and will be released next Friday, 3/14/25. 	
<p>Continued State Agencies Update: DHS – Homeless Programs Office (HPO) Harold Brackeen III Clint Tanaka</p>	<p>Updates from DHS – Homeless Programs Office (HPO)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● State Homeless Programs Office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Planning to post HOPWA RFI soon, will be posted. ○ Recommend monthly billing and expedited draw downs for all programs. ○ State will notify providers if any federal changes occur. ● Office of Housing & Homelessness Solutions (OHHS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New GCH: Jun Yang, unable to attend, wanted to say hello but has a scheduled hearing at the State Legislature. Added Jun to the recurring calendar invite for future meetings. (Email: Yun.D.Yang@hawaii.gov) ○ John Mizuno, transferred to State Department Of Transportation. 	

<p>BTG COMMITTEE UPDATES</p> <p>Advocacy & Awareness: Paul Normann</p> <p>HMIS Data/CES Oversight: Maude Cumming</p> <p>Planning & Organizational Development: Makana Kamibayashi</p>	<p>Advocacy & Awareness: Paul Normann</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting, no update <p>HMIS Data: Maude Cumming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next monthly meeting: Thursday, 3/27/25 PIT platform research: Committee of PIT Leads from each island voted to continue to use the hybrid system currently in place in HMIS/Caseworthy. Foregoing movement to the new RedCap application for fully digital entry system. CES Oversight Committee still reviewing additions to policy and roles from HUD findings that are not yet satisfied. HMIS Access Policy reviewing additions to policy, roles and expectations of users. <p>Planning & Org Development: Makana Kamibayashi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last committee meeting: Wednesday, 2/26/25 CoC's are responsible for the drawdowns of each grantee. SNOFO and NOFO It makes it hard for the Planning Committee to make recommendations. Vulnerable programs are listed in orange. One set of TA providers has been cut, no longer funded. Make your APRs, QPRs: Should be at the 50% mark of spending at this time. Concern for funding cuts for RED lighted programs that are not spending down. SNOFO Program: Brandee contract signed, this means escrow will be going through and then a draw down for their purchase of property. Next committee meeting: Thursday, 3/27/25 	
<p>BTG LOCAL CHAPTER UPDATES</p>	<p>CAP-Hawaii County:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New youth "drop in" homeless program that offers a small studio unit in downtown Hilo. (22 Units) Partnership with NPP, Salvation Army, HOPE Services. According to outreach there is an increase in homeless youth. Catholic Charities - New President/CEO, Tina <p>MHA-Maui County:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PVH's Puu Honua O Nene, not closing immediately but will remain until 12/2026. No new participants since 10/2024. <p>KCA-Kauai County:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$500k grant in aid funds for homeless programs. Six programs selected after January RFP: 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programs selected support efforts including: family emergency-shelter, rapid-rehousing, street outreach, wound care, treatment & behavioral health and male veteran's shelter. 	
ADJOURNMENT	Announcements & Adjourn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BTG Board Meeting Adjourned @ 10:00 AM Next BTG Board Meeting, Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 9am. 	BTG Board Meeting Adjourned @ 10:00 AM by Brandee Menino, BTG Chair.