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

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 7th, 2021 – 9am-12pm

Meeting ID: 422 792 008

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Attendees: Hawai'i County: 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
 Toni Symons, Hawaii RISE

Kaua'i County: Makana Kamibayashi, Family Life Center (BTG Secretary, Chapter Vice-Chair)
 Melody Lopez, Catholic Charities Hawaii (Chapter Chair)
 Ashton Varner, Kauai County Rep

Maui County: 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: Harold Brackeen III, (HPO)Homeless Programs Office
 Scott Morishige, (GCH)Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness
 Elizabeth Murph, CCH (Hawaii)

Recorder: Makana Kamibayashi

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Outcome/ Action
Meeting Date	Wednesday 4/7/2021 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 <u>9:03am</u>. Attendees introduced themselves for the record.</p> <p>2. Review and approve BTG Meeting Minutes of March 3rd, 2021. <i>(Minutes emailed to the group 4/7/21 for review)</i></p>	<p>1. Quorum Met, Mtg Called to Order @ 9:03am</p> <p>2. Motion: Brandee 2nd: Sharon H. Vote: 3/3/21 BTG Minutes Approved</p>
HPO- Harold Brackeen	<p>ESG-CV Rd 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work is ongoing • May need to work on extensions to adjust timeframes <p>ESG-CV Rd 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All agreements executed between HPO and KMNH • Plan in place to address any challenges that may be faced for spend downs 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HPO will continue to work with KMNH to reprogram funding if needed (around September) • HPO and KMNH to have conversations with agencies for contingency plans. • HPO/KMNH will bring back to BTG Board <p>Q&A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q (Sharon H): Does contingency plan include new partner potentials or just existing partners? • A: HPO will continue to look for ways to expand in capacity to include organizations that may not already be contracted, HPO is open to ideas and suggestions. • Q (Maude C): Budget cuts impact to HPO Staffing? • A: Bill passed from House to Senate. 9 of 11 positions are identified in the current budget draft. 2 positions still to be filled, recruiting now. Bill is currently with WAM. • Current Budget/Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$15 m - shelter, outreach, sheg. • \$10 m - rapid rehousing, housing first, outreach, family assessment. • With the most recent stimulus, the state is able to make budget whole. • Stored property and debris removal, DOT, DLNR that helps in coordinated effort. • Things looking good, lots to do with federal government providing the funds. Optimistic, but still some ways to go to finalize bill. 	
<p>Governor's Coordinator (GCH), Scott Morishige</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Legislative Session: feels like we're in a good position, bills are now at the Senate. 2) \$10.8m homeless funds from ARP (American Rescue Program) 3) House also added \$5.4m for general assistance out of ARP 4) April 9th is 2nd decking deadline. All bills in the senate need to move out of the committee. 5) Next week is crossover. 6) Anticipating Conference Comm is 4/19 thru 4/23/21. 7) Session to end 4/29/21 8) SB 36 source of income discrimination bill. Thought the bill died but bill is being re-referred, thanks to great work by Kristin Alice (HOPE Svcs) 9) HB 310 & 345, assisted community treatment process and appointing guardian ad litem, both bills are moving forward passed out of committee yesterday. 	

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	<p>10) STEADFAST - Conversations/emails between Marc Chandler (HUD) and Eddie Mersereau (AMHD) regarding CoC funding of Steadfast Housing (SHDC) group homes on Maui(2) and Kauai(1) and EHA PSH program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenge: the 2 funding requirements for the projects conflict in their eligibility. CoC funding targets homeless eligibility, AMHD funding targets SMI eligibility. • Steadfast reached out to HUD field office, Mark C delegated Scott M to be involved • Meeting next week with parties to discuss ongoing issues. <p>11) Scott still following up on trainings for 1147 and 1157 with Med-Quest for BTG</p> <p>12) Vaccination for homeless community, the County District Health Offices on each island will handle roll-out for their own community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Island starting their vaccination sites next week with shelters on Wednesdays. Street Outreach is currently tracking participants that are interested, around 15 to date. (Brandee M) • Maui County just notified by DOH that vaccinations will be starting later this week. (David N) • Kauai County DOH implemented vaccinations on 2/26/21 and are continuing at encampment sites. <p>13) DHHL - Scott following up with Cynthia Rezentes. Will reach out again for an update on the status.</p>	
<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p>1. Advocacy Committee – Brandee Menino</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB 36, still need Rep Luke and then Rep Saiki’s signature for the re-referral to keep this alive. Concern was with the Realtor’s and the delays they face in working with HUD for timely payments. Other concerns were repairs and damages of HUD recipient units 	
<p>KMNH – Alison Hinazumi & Carlos Peraro</p>	<p>1. CoC Program – Steadfast CAP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concentrating on the performance of Maui EHA and Kauai PSH programs, reached out to SHDC and asked for projected expenditures. SHDC projections still fall short in terms of housing referred participants in a timely manner and the spend down of funds <p>Kauai PSH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kauai project is at 0% spent, project capacity is 9 HH’s • 5 active referrals with CCS eligibility 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Need a more Aggressive action plan for Kauai to include the possibility of moving the funds to another provider.• Outreach is working very hard to keep referred participants safe and connected while they wait to be housed. Outreach accompanied 1st referred participant to Court to advocate for dismissal of charges. Client was facing 1yr in jail or \$1000 fine for charges including sleeping on the beach.• KMNH has been in conversation with SHDC since Dec.• SHDC informed they now have 2 staff members on Kauai but no contact information has been provided. <p>Maui EHA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maui Project at least \$45k under spent, 75% capacity.• They have a few active referrals but the process is still slow moving.• SHDC Maui Staff (2) requested additional training for CES Referrals and received that training from KMNH.• Q & A (Maude C): What can we (BTG) do for new and current providers to understand the relationship with BTG and the responsibility that BTG will have should the provider not fulfill their program measures to spend-down?• Corrective action plan needs to include a deadline date and measures of progress for SHDC to house the referrals they have. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mark Chandler has made it clear that it's BTG's responsibility• Ad Hoc mtg to be set for next steps• KMNH to draft the corrective action plan <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sharon H. – Reports similar issue on Hawaii Island, CFS interested in participation w/ coordinated entry, entering info into hmis, but now not at the table. Outreach teams doing the work, built a system to address confidentiality, etc. Related in the sense...at what point do we hold them accountable? Local staff says "we don't have staffing and time" with directive from Oahu having influence/control over local staffing causing the agency to not fulfill their participation.• YWCA-DV (Kauai) program has agreed to participate in CES/HMIS, coming onboard shortly. <p>2. ESG-CV Update</p>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New list serve came from Brian Johnson for CoC programs. No longer broadcasting thru the HUD Exchange, now thru SNAPS• Rd 2 contract has been executed, implementation is starting• * Important * Get March invoices submitted by 4/15/21 so KMNH can accurately submit the report to HUD via SAGE (report due 4/30/21)• CARE HI to have the contract. 1st mtg with them and KMNH on 4/8/21, will forward their POC for each County.• Q&A (Sharon H): Can the CES Conveners or County Coordinators be included in the conversation with providers when meetings with service contractors are set?<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A: Still building relationship at this time. Once an actual meeting is set will forward the information. <p>3. BTG Website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updated CoC information• Updated in-flow and out-flow dashboards• Updated Rd 1 dashboard as of 4/5/21. Funding allocation dashboard thru Feb. Almost \$1.5m expended.• No. served and Exit Destination to include Exit to PH, LOS has also been updated. <p>4. LSA Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updated to include 2018 LSA report using HUD stela into the report to show the flow of households utilizing the homeless systems• Will be updating 2019 and 2020 Data to follow HUDs updated data.• Q & A (Maude C.) Re: 2018 report, what's the value of the older data? Sets benchmarks in history as to what we've done to do better also allows returns to homelessness and identify trends that can be pin-pointed. These could identify areas for funding, trends and even data quality standards. <p>5. HMIS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New CL Documents Report available under Agency Admin role• P&P Manual: In the next week will send out draft for revisions to committee members for discussion before being brought back to BTG Board. <p>6. PITC</p>	
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<p>County Updates</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Big Island <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$21m Emergency Rental Assistance Program. Hawaii Community Lending along with 6 agencies to launch Emergency Rental Assistance program (ERAP). Online: HawaiiCountyERAP.org • HUD Section 8 waitlist is now open. • HOPE building 12 modular studio units on 14 acre site in Paho. Cost \$2.2m for land purchase included. “Sacred Heart Community” slated to complete by the end of 2021 for Sr. housing with referrals from CES. Weinberg, HCF and other donors • Kukuioia (West) partially funded from OZ. West HI near Civic Ctr. Family Assessment Ctr, 16 units for homeless, Community Center and “Safe Parking”. Potential site to have 48 more units for PH. DHHL gifted lot to HHFDC. Projected timeframe: 6-8 months to build after grubbing work is done. 2. Kauai <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$22m Emergency Rental Assistance Program. KGEFCU to go live sometime in May. • Street Outreach has been concentrating on the closing of the 5 beach parks by the County DOPR. Anahola & Anini were the 1st parks to close on 3/31/21. Consensus from homeless encampments “where does the County want us to go now”. Both parks have been cleared of campers. Parks being cleaned by DOPR. Homeless have scattered some have moved to other beach parks that are still open. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lucy Wright Beach park is the next to close on 4/30/21. County reports 32 permitted homeless campers there. • Q & A (David N): What was the reaction of the general public upon the notice of park closures? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Melody-KCA): KCA members were upset when they heard news. KCA gave the option to membership to draft a letter to the County but none have responded. • (Ashton-County): The Mayor’s office pushed for closures, task force formed (Mayor’s Ofc, Housing Dept, Parks and Recs & KPD) to determine course of 	

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	<p>action. Public's concern was "we want our beaches and parks back". Now that parks closing down the concern is "where are the homeless going to go?".</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Q & A (David N) Re: 5 designated beach parks for homeless permitted camping, Was this a success on Kauai, would you do it again? Reason for questioning, eyes are on what has happened on Kauai. Other County homeless communities are asking for similar allowances.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heard from Housing Dir, recommended not to do beach permitted camping, will be difficult to end.• Ashton - With the limited or nonexistent oversight, beach-park wasn't built to last, if funds had been able to provide oversight, case management, rule enforcement could have helped. Have not heard that they (Kauai County) want to be in this position again.• Watching the process, there was no coordination with KCA during the implementation and the closure of the beach parks.• KCA wants to collaborate more with the County• HUD Section 8 over-budget and pulled back Vouchers that didn't lease-up before the oversight was noted.• TBRA Vouchers (Homeless Preference) has 10 HH's in eligibility verification stage. 235 HH's Waitlisted. Not enough subsidy relief to offer as a solution for those in the beach parks.• Q & A (Brandee M): What's the status of the 28-unit OhanaZone project, Kealaula?<ul style="list-style-type: none">• (Melody L): All units @ Kealaula are filled. The County/OZ project does not require occupants to be "CES referred". Some of the residents may have come from a beach park but many did not. May have helped to have better coordination• Project Vision blessing of HieHie new mobile hygiene unit on Friday, 4/9/2021. <p>3. Maui</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$40m Emergency Rental Assistance Program. CCH granted funds to start mid-April and will administer program including contracting with MEO for their reach to Molokai and Lanai.• Huli'au OZ Project, 3 buildings. 12 units for families only. FLC and KHAKO identified 6 households each.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Case Management by: FLC	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Property Management by: Hale Mahaolu.• WHOW-Project, 23-pallet shelter on County park in Wailuku. FLC assumed in Oct. Project funding slated to end 3/31/21. FLC purchased a mobile hygiene unit for the project and another is on order for ADA. Important to have 2 things: 1) project must be time limited 2) availability of deep subsidy (more than 12 months of assistance). Without these it would be difficult to achieve successful rates of Exits to PH.• Affordable Housing Projects slated for Maui (CCH & HHFDC) to increase affordable housing for Maui.	
Next Meeting	Wednesday, May 5 th , 2021 9am-12pm via zoom.	
Wrap Up & Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 11:54 am	Adjourned @ 11:54am