

BRIDGING THE GAP

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

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Apr 6th, 2022 – 9am-12pm

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Hawai'i County:	1 2 3 4	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:	5 6 7	Makana Kamibayashi, Family Life Center (BTG Secretary, Chapter Chair) Melody Lopez, Catholic Charities Hawaii (Chapter Treasurer) Ashton Varner, Kauai County Rep (Chapter Vice-Chair)
Maui County:	8 9 10	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"> • Scott Morishige, Gov's Coordinator on Homelessness • Harold Brackeen III, HPO Administrator • Mary Lowe, HPO-Federal Programs • Elizabeth Murph (CCH-Big Island) • Monique Ibarra (KHAKO-Maui) • Mary Nakooka (KHAKO-Maui) • Kurt Schmidt (KHAKO-Maui) • Marc Malate (VA-Kauai) • Tasha Ham-Deponte (Maui County DHHC) • Members Present: 10 of 10 @ 9:03am <p style="text-align: right;">• Recorder: T. Akita-Kealoha</p>

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Outcome/ Action
Meeting Date	Wednesday 4/6/2022 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 9:03am. Roll call conducted, 10 of 10 members present.</p> <p>2. Review and approve BTG Meeting Minutes of 3/2/2022. <i>(Minutes emailed to the group 3/2/22 for review)</i></p>	<p>1. Quorum Met, Meeting Called to Order @ 9:03am</p> <p>2. Approval of 3/2/22 BTG Meeting Minutes with revisions Motion: Brandee M. 2nd: Makana K. Vote: Approved 3/2/22 BTG Minutes</p>

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	<p>3. Request that all non BTG Board members leave as this is a closed meeting, will be discussing press release and topline report for the 2022 PITC.</p>	
<p>Governor's Coordinator – Scott Morishige</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative updates, tail end of session • Important measures coming up, appreciate BTG and the local community alliance chapters and support of the source of income discrimination bill going to conference. SB 206 passed out of finance going to conference, the House position not strong but alive. • HB 70/52 and SB? - LL incentives – Sect 8 programs, family guarantees of up to \$3,000, various holding fees for LL • SB 2877 Application screening fee bill still alive, passed out of the House Consumer Protection committee and going to conference • Both Ohana zone bills HB 2512 SB 3168 are still alive and anticipate going to conference. Difference primarily on the exemptions. Want to preserve the exemptions for procurement which streamlines the contracting process. • SB 2372, relates to affordable housing to include \$300 million for the rental housing revolving fund to support affordable low income housing statewide • HOME equity pilot program to incentivize home ownership for more moderate income folks going to conference 	
<p>HPO Homeless Programs Office – Harold Brackeen III</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No Updates for HPO 2. Mary available by email 	
<p>PITC Discussion/Press Release</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Asking non- Executive Board members to leave meeting since discussion PITC release, Thursday at 1pm. Will be sending out PITC report compiled by KMNH at that time, report will be available on the HMIS website at the same time. 2. Carlos to summarize: Thank you for feedback, will be incorporated by tomorrow Release final report Thursday at 1pm on the website and update dashboards. Exec summary: This is a BTG summary, the shelter counts are nearly identical to 2021, no unsheltered count in 2021 so many references to the 2020 count for 2022, went up 90 people from 2020 – about a 7% increase in unsheltered homelessness, families went down by 15, family/individuals went down 253 to 170 - 33%, veteran homelessness went down 132 to 108, 18% over that two year period. Overall count nearly unchanged from 2020, 12 person increase. Sections the same, streamlined to make the year to year comparisons, left out /graphs and charts but available on website/link in overview section of report. Added 2022 and zip codes 	

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	<p>will complete new press release and summary today by 2pm and will send that out.</p> <p>4. 2 hours prior send a copy to the Mayor's Ofc and Scott's Ofc. Actually have sent Scott this ahead of time so he could prepare for his own press release when PIC and BTG did the release together. Prior to 2019 Scott and his office did assist BTG with talking points and the writing of report. For 2022, it is probably too late to ask for assistance but we may want to consider sending this earlier so he is able to prepare talking points for his office.</p>	
Next Steps and Adjourn	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting Adjourned @ 11:57am	Adjourn 11:57am
Next Meeting	Next BTG meeting, Wednesday, 5/4/22 9am-12pm via zoom.	