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The Hawaii Neighboring Islands' Continuum of Care (Hawaii, Kauai, Maui) General Membership Meeting Minutes August 2, 2023 – 9am-10pm

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Hawai'i County:	1 2 3	Brandee Menino, Hope Services Hawaii (BTG Chair, Chapter Co-Chair)* Paul Normann, Neighborhood Place of Puna (BTG Vice-Chair, Chapter Co-Chair)* Sharon Hirota, Hawaii County Rep*
Kaua'i County:	4 5 6	Makana Kamibayashi, Family Life Center (BTG Chair, Chapter Chair)* Mia Carroll, YWCA of Kauai (Chapter Vice Chair) * Adam Roversi, Kauai County Rep*
Maui County:	7 8 9 10	Maude Cumming, Family Life Center (BTG Past Chair, Chapter Vice-Chair)* Thelma Akita-Kealoha, Catholic Charities Hawaii (BTG Co-Secretary, Chapter Chair)* Monique Ibarra, KHAKO* Christopher Kish, 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 Bracken III, HPO • Jon Fujii, MQD • Victor Tolentino, MQD • Alana Souza, MQD • Deja Cummings • Kurt Schmidt KHAKO-Maui -MHA • Melody Lopez, CCH Kauai -KCA* • Mindy PAL Kauai • Lorrie Ferrin* • Crystal Caday-Bargayo, PAL Kauai* • Frederick Constantino, CCH Kauai* • Carlos Palmer, HIHR* • Toni Symonds, Neighborhood Place* • Karissa Chang, HMSA * • Jewellyn Kahele, DOE • Tasha Ham-Deponte, CPM • Elizabeth Murph, CCH Hawaii Island* • David Litman • Kim Tempo, LASH* • Asha Mullikin, HMSA • Shelly Somerville, HMSA • Gerrilyn Geronimo, Steadfast • Echo Wyche • Melva Christunas

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cice Kilma • Miti Lopes, FLC • Sarah Figueroa, HOPE Svcs • Damione Verdusco, LASH Kauai* • Mary Nakaoka, KHAKO • Debbie Alamillo, KHAKO • Sherry Kupau, FLC • Bob Wardlaw, PVH • Pua Cobb-Adams, Project Vision* • Kali French <p style="text-align: center;">*Voting Members present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members Present: 10 of 10 @ 9:02am • General members present 21 • Recorder: Thelma Akita-Kealoha
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Agenda Topic	Discussion	Outcome/ Action
Meeting Date	Wednesday 8/2/2023 via Zoom, 9:02am-10am	
Welcome & Housekeeping	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome & Introductions 2. Please write name/organization in the chat 	1. Quorum met, Meeting Called to Order @ 9:02:am
Presentations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Integration Services (CIS), State of Hawaii, Department of Human Services, Med Quest Division <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guest Speakers <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Jon Fujii b) Victorio Tolentino c) Alana Souza d) Douglas Percell (?) • Reshaped/Reboot of Medicaid Program: It is a benefit to Medicaid members in Hawaii. The social determinants of health, things that affect your health – food/access to food, interaction with community, education and physical environment, economic stability; all these have impacts on lives. The program is looking at homeless populations because the belief is if they had stable, permanent housing their overall health condition and status will improve. Reducing illness and excess use of the emergency 	

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	<p>health systems, more preventive measures. Removal of pre-payment documents requirements, streamlined and wanted to remove barriers. Forms were 17 pages and reduced to 4 pages for assessments and 5 for action plan. Focused on what was important and needed. Refined time spent, partnering with providers and resources for more flexibility. Emphasis and focus on communication (members and providers) and team-based care. Really attempted to reduce applicant/provider frustration and barriers. Released a second memo that focuses on some of the changes specific to the CIS assessment and CIS action plan, will be uploaded shortly. Memo #3 is focused primarily on reporting, directed to the health plan. Is working with HPO to resolve concerns, answer questions and clarify. Please email any questions to this group, email is in the chat. If an agency is interested – the website has provider information (website is in the chat) for those interested in being a provider (agency and organization but no individuals). Training videos and additional resources on their Hoku system. At risk of losing housing and health plans: in process of renewing the waiver to compile the application and requesting that written notice of eviction will be eliminated. Currently asking that health plans be more flexible with definition of at risk of being homeless. Link in the chat – CIS memos and will email memo to Brandee.</p>	
<p>United States' Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Honolulu Field Office</p>	<p>1. Hawaii Lived Experience Academy (LETA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guest Speaker: Mark Chandler, CPD Director: Hawaii Live Experience Training Academy (LETA) • Partnership with Washinton DC and a TA provider to do a lived Experience Training Academy and specifically contacted the Honolulu field office to reach out to the Hawaii grantees, to seek your help to get individuals with lived experience to participate in this training. Training will cover a number of areas for people of lived experience and homelessness to embrace leadership roles and to transform public policy to be more inclusive. Encouraging all to look at clients and encourage them to participate. There are 18 slots with a stipend (\$150.00) to participate in this program. Driven from HUD headquarters. No deadline advertised but came out on short notice. • Handout give to BTG Board to pass out to membership 	

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<p>Ka Mana O Na Helu Alison Hinazumi, Carlos Peraro</p>	<p>1. New NOFO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RFP posted yesterday; emails should have been set out by Chapter Chairs for further information • Highlights: There will be a virtual orientation this Friday at 10am, the invitation was sent out with NOFO information. • Encourage everyone applying for the NOFO to attend the orientation on Friday, August 4th and ask questions. Please read the RFP and NOFO before attending to get the most out of the orientation. This will not be recorded or posted on BTG's website, can't record because the website isn't ready to make the recording amiable to everyone in this short time and wants to encourage open dialogue with organizations, but will look into whether this can be accomplished. In the front page it says to email questions if you can't make the orientation. • Review timetable: FY2023 BTG's CoC Program Competition/NOFO Procurement Timetable updates at this time. • HUD has a special carve out for DV programs 	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned @ 9:56am</p>	<p>Adjourn am</p>
<p>Next Meeting:</p>	<p>Next BTG General Membership Mtg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, November 1, 2023 via zoom • If you have suggestions on future presentations or anything you would like more information on, let your leadership on your local chapters be aware of this so it can be considered for the next general membership meeting. 	