

# BRIDGING THE GAP

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

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**Aug 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 10am-12pm**

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| Hawai'i County:                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Brandee Menino, Hope Services Hawaii (BTG Advisory, Chapter Co-Chair)</li> <li>7 Paul Normann, Neighborhood Place of Puna (BTG Vice-Chair, Chapter Co-Chair)</li> <li>8 Sharon Hirota, Hawaii County Rep</li> </ul> |
| Kaua'i County:                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 Toni Symons, Ulu Wini Resource Ctr</li> <li>5 Makana Kamibayashi, Family Life Center (BTG Secretary, Chapter Vice-Chair)</li> <li>6 Ashton Varner, Kauai County Rep</li> </ul>                                      |
| Maui County:                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7 Maude Cumming, Family Life Center (BTG Chair, Chapter Vice-Chair)</li> <li>8 Thelma Akita-Kealoha, Catholic Charities Hawaii (BTG Secretary, Chapter Chair)</li> <li>9 David Nakama, Maui County Rep</li> </ul>     |
| HMIS Lead / Collaborative Applicant: | <p>Carlos Peraro, Ka Mana O Na Helu</p> <p>Alison Hinazumi, Ka Mana O Na Helu</p>  |
| Guests:                              | <p>Scott Morishige, (GCH)Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness</p> <p>Elizabeth Murph, Catholic Charities Hawaii</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9 Members Present</li> </ul>  |

Recorder: Thelma Akita-Kealoha

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Outcome/ Action
<b>Meeting Date</b>	<p><b>Wednesday 8/4/2021 via zoom, 10am-12pm</b></p> <p>Site: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/422792008">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/422792008</a></p> <p>Meeting ID: 422 792 008 Passcode: 2887</p>	
<b>Welcome &amp; Housekeeping</b>	<p><b>1. Introductions:</b> BTG Chair Maude Cumming conducted roll call and having determined quorum was met, called the meeting to order at 10:03am.</p> <p>Attendees introduced themselves for the record.</p> <p><b>2. Review and approve BTG Meeting Minutes of July 7th, 2021.</b> <i>(Minutes emailed to the group 7/7/21 for review)</i></p>	<p><b>1. Quorum Met, Mtg Called to Order @ 10:03am</b></p> <p><b>2. Motion: Makana 2<sup>nd</sup>: David</b> <b>Vote: 7/7/21 BTG Minutes Approved</b></p>
<b>Advocacy &amp; Awareness Committee Report</b>	<p>Brandee M</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forwarded email for State Homeless Awareness Committee PIC.</li> <li>• Would BTG Board like to contribute to this conference? Would like to have 1 rep from each island.</li> <li>• Monthly meetings on first Tuesday's 10am-11:30am</li> <li>• Friday, 11/19/21 Statewide HA Conference</li> </ul>	
<b>CES Oversight / HMIS Data</b>	<p>HMIS DATA: Carlos Peraro</p> <p>Re: Outreach encounter form with Geolocation</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Couple weeks out from testing with SO providers</li> <li>• Currently getting assistance from Caseworthy to streamline the workflow</li> <li>• Will allow in the field data of encounters that could help to gauge the PITC 2022 unsheltered data collection.</li> <li>• Live, real-time data collection</li> <li>• Streamline, reduce and streamline form</li> <li>• To use with either phones or tablets for encounters in the field</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Governor’s Coordinator (GCH), Scott Morishige</b></p>	<p>CDC Eviction Moratorium:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Critical that renters apply for the available assistance.</li> <li>• Be aware of their legal rights</li> <li>• Counties working with mediation centers to provide mediation services to tenants and landlords.</li> <li>• Mediation Centers are ready to take applicants</li> <li>• Hawaii gets assessed on a rolling basis depending on COVID case counts</li> <li>• Updated rental assistance resource lists for each county</li> <li>• Able to share a script with any call centers that are interested.</li> </ul> <p>Legislative session just ended. Budget proposals starting to prep for next session.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Looking at re-introducing the bill for source of income discrimination issue for people receiving housing assistance</li> <li>• Regulation for applicant/tenant screening fees, currently no regulation. Can be a barrier as fees can stack and it is a barrier for lower income folks.</li> <li>• Exemptions from Gov Homeless Proclamation to accelerate/expedite development or housing projects for those coming out of treatment facilities, homelessness, temporary shelters, etc.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>KMNH – Alison Hinazumi &amp; Carlos Peraro</b></p>	<p><b>1. HUD EHV (Emergency Housing Voucher)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Executed MOUs for all 3 County’s</li> <li>• Cleaned up the P&amp;P from last mtg.</li> <li>• HUD refers to the EHV referral process as a “referral triangle” (County/CES Convener to KMNH to PHA)</li> <li>• All parties will be looped in once each case has been approved</li> <li>• RRH: Recently Homeless category = housed 12 months from the EHV referral date</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KMNH has established another program in HMIS “EHV” where participants will be enrolled upon being “placed/housed”</li> <li>• Ready for referrals, KMNH’s role is to vet and make sure prioritization is met and will pass this back to the local jurisdictions</li> <li>• Includes CSHI, ESG, ESG CV, KMNH will provide a list of programs</li> </ul> <p><b>2. CoC Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electronic vote on 8/9/2021 for formal BTG approval to transfer the Steadfast Kauai PSH Project to Family Life Center Maui PSH Project.</li> <li>• Steadfast (SHDC) Kauai PSH Program will be officially transferred to FLC (Maui) PSH.</li> <li>• Will send out an updated expenditure report once the July HUD report comes in</li> </ul> <p><b>3. ESG CV Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All invoices thru June have been included in expenditures report.</li> <li>• On track to make the Sept. expenditure deadline (20% = \$2,006,934.60) Only \$270k away.</li> <li>• 80% (\$8,027,738.00) deadline in March 31, 2022 is a long way ahead of us and we’ll have to stretch to meet.</li> <li>• Activity and Expenditures dashboards are all updated on the BTGHawaii.org website.</li> </ul> <p>Maude: Are other jurisdictions spending on target?          Carlos: There are other large jurisdictions also behind in spending but no advice from HUD.          Sharon/Brandee: Housing stability services are an eligible service for the County CARES funding and Hawaii Island is planning to roll out this service, check with Lori or David          Unsure if the MERA program is providing this service</p>	<p><b>Electronic Vote: To approve the transfer of SHDC Kauai PSH Project to FLC Maui PSH. Motion: Toni S. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Makana K. Ayes: 8 Vote Approved</b></p>
<p><b>County Updates</b></p>	<p><b>Big Island:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocacy around local issues like affordable housing</li> <li>• Focusing on ERAP</li> <li>• CAP &amp; Agency Testimony for the County to support ordinances and rules for approval of 2018 SBCC (State Building County Code). This will include factory built housing, language on tiny homes, and HOPE Service’s current project without adding additional conditions, etc.</li> </ul>	

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	<p><b>Kauai:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CRUA rental assistance, lunch and learn and the office</li><li>• KCA's Treasurer resigned, recruiting</li><li>• No Secretary so only have two officers right now</li><li>• County updates: rental assistance is going on (Aston)</li></ul> <p><b>Maui:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Social Media attacks against organizations and service providers on Maui from a particular individual.</li><li>• County Council Members attend meetings in response to this person disinformation, they want to take the MHA/CoC in a different direction and asking questions regarding encounters, HMIS</li><li>• Compassionate Care on Homelessness Committee helping to encounter and respond but it's still very difficult to deal with</li><li>• Trainings and education for newcomers to the MHA to help acclimate them to services, resources (HUD Exchange, BTG website), providers and procedures for homeless services.</li><li>• Lori Tshako is a wealth of information since she was the head of HPO at one time and is willing to help educates new folks who are interested</li></ul>	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Next BTG meeting, Wednesday, 9/1/21 9am-12pm via zoom.	<b>Adjourn 11:34am</b>