

# BRIDGING THE GAP

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

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 – 9am-12pm

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Hawai'i County:	1 2 8 9	Brandee Menino, Hope Services Hawaii (BTG Advisor, Chapter Co-Chair) Paul Normann, Neighborhood Place of Puna (BTG Vice-Chair, Chapter Co-Chair) Sharon Hirota, Hawaii County Rep - <i>joined @ 9:06am</i> Tony Symons, Uluwini Family Assessment Ctr - <i>joined @ 9:06am</i>
Kaua'i County:	3 10 4	Makana Kamibayashi, Family Life Center (BTG Co-Secretary, Chapter Chair) Melody Lopez, Catholic Charities Hawaii (Chapter Treasurer) - <i>joined @9:20am</i> Ashton Varner, Kauai County Rep (Chapter Vice-Chair)
Maui County:	5 6 7	Maude Cumming, Family Life Center (BTG Chair, Chapter Vice-Chair) Thelma Akita-Kealoha, Catholic Charities Hawaii (BTG Co-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"> <li>• Scott Morishige (OHHS) - <i>joined @ 9:06am</i></li> <li>• Harold Brackeen III (HPO) - <i>joined @ 9:10am</i></li> <li>• Mary Nakooka (KHAKO-Maui-MHA)</li> <li>• Chris Molina (LT-Kauai-KCA) - <i>joined 9:05am</i></li> <li>• Dr. Ashley Kelly (FLC-Maui-MHA) – <i>joined 9:23am</i></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">• Members Present: 7 of 10 @ 9:03am</p> <p style="text-align: right;">• Recorder: Makana Kamibayashi</p>

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Outcome/ Action
<b>Meeting Date</b>	Wednesday 11/2/2022 via Zoom, 9am-12pm Site: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84772434010">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84772434010</a> Meeting ID: 847 7243 4010	
<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 9:03am. Roll call conducted, 7 of 10 members present.</p> <p><b>2. Review and approve BTG 10/5/2022 Meeting Minutes.</b> (<i>Minutes emailed to the group on 11/1/22 for review</i>)</p>	<p>1. Quorum met, Meeting Called to Order @ 9:03am</p> <p>2. Approval of 10/5/22 BTG Meeting Minutes Motion: Makana K. 2<sup>nd</sup>: David N. Vote: Approved 10/5/22 BTG Minutes</p>
<b>GCH: Scott M.</b>	<p><b>Visit from U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) on November 17-18.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• USICH Executive Director Jeff Olivet and Sr. Regional Representative Katy Miller will be in town for the Homelessness Awareness &amp; Housing Solutions Conference.</li> <li>• Hoping to set up a time for BTG board members to meet with Jeff and Katy at 8 a.m. at the Koolau Ballrooms on the morning of the conference (11/18), so</li> </ul>	

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that BTG board have the opportunity to meet with USICH staff and share your thoughts and perspectives with them.

- On 11/17, USICH will have the following meetings:
  - Meeting with Lt. Governor Green and staff.
  - Tour of the Puuhonua O Waianae Mauka property and meeting with Hui Aloha and Puuhonua O Waianae leadership.
  - Tour of Kamaoku Kauhale and meeting with U.S. Vets and HomeAid Hawaii.
  - Meeting with Honolulu Mayor Rick Blangiardi.
  - Meeting with Crisis Outreach Response & Engagement (CORE) Team and Ride-a-long with CORE in Chinatown.
  - Dinner with Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) and Weinberg Foundation.
- USICH E.D. Jeff Olivet will also be giving a keynote speech at the conference.

#### **Supportive Housing Work Group.**

- There are two more meetings of the Work Group:
  - **Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m.:**  
Presentations from HUD (Jesse Wu) and Ka Poe O Kakaako (Lindsay Pacheco).
  - **Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.:**  
Final meeting and overview of draft Supportive Housing Report summarizing the work group efforts and recommendations.
- For more information or to attend meetings, contact Cheryl Bellisario at 808-586-0009 or [Cheryl.a.bellisario@hawaii.gov](mailto:Cheryl.a.bellisario@hawaii.gov).

#### **Upcoming HICH Meeting**

- Last Meeting for the Year, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 10 a.m. – Noon
- BTG and PIC have been invited to provide updates on planning for 2023 PIT count.
- Other presentations planned include:
  - Presentation from HomeAid Hawaii and partners on recent visit to Community First! Village in Austin, TX.
  - Presentation from Hawaii Housing Affordability Coalition (HiHAC) on their summer visit to Finland, lessons learned, and advocacy priorities for 2023.
  - Presentation from UH Eco Lab (Jack Barile and Anna Pruitt) on evaluation of the City & County's Ohana Zone-funded PSH programs.
- The HICH will also vote on advocacy priorities for 2023, including the following three priority 'buckets':
  - Increase housing stock, including non-traditional housing for people experiencing homelessness.
  - Keep people housed and maintain existing services, including maintaining funding for core homeless services.

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- Provide quality services for vulnerable individuals, including scaling services and access for higher needs populations and paying workers a living wage.

**Med-QUEST Division, Community Integration Services (CIS).**

- Please continue to flag issues or concerns providers encounter with CIS roll-out.
- MQD is continuing discussions with the health plans and is working on developing a FAQ for providers to respond to common questions that have been raised about the program.
- A continuing challenge is potential duplication of service/supplanting of existing services.
- The main contacts for MQD and CIS are Madi Silverman ([msilverman@dhs.hawaii.gov](mailto:msilverman@dhs.hawaii.gov)) and Alana Souza ([asouza2@dhs.hawaii.gov](mailto:asouza2@dhs.hawaii.gov)).

**Office of Youth Services, Implementation of Safe Spaces for Youth Pilot Program (Act 130, SLH 2022)**

- OYS is planning for implementation of Safe Spaces Youth Pilot Program to get input on how to better serve youth, ages 14-25, experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness.
- They will be reaching out in 2023 to the counties, as well as to county police and first responders, to convene a series of meetings about how to reach this population, including runaways.
- There may be bills in the next session seeking funding for expansion of youth shelter, including youth shelters on the neighbor islands – Want input from this group.

**Dept. of Hawaiian Home Lands Data Sharing.**

- Thank you to BTG for data sharing with DHHL. Per Cynthia Rezentes, the data sharing identified 68 unique individuals on Hawaii, Maui and Kauai who are on the DHHL wait list and also experiencing homelessness. This list of beneficiaries has been sent to BTG.

**Dept. of Transportation, Homeless Coordinator.**

- On 10/27, held a meeting with DOT and Family Life Center to discuss DOT enforcement efforts on Maui and Kauai.
- DOT is committed to better coordination with homeless outreach providers and the counties. If there are concerns, contact DOT Coordinator Jun Yang at 808-859-0829 or [jun.d.yang@hawaii.gov](mailto:jun.d.yang@hawaii.gov).
- If there are concerns regarding Dept. of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) properties, DLNR also has a designated homeless coordinator Pua Aiu who can be reached at [Pua.Aiu@hawaii.gov](mailto:Pua.Aiu@hawaii.gov).
- According to recent study conducted by UCLA, Hawaii is one of two states that has an established Homeless Coordinator in their DOT.

**End of Term for GCH-Scott M.**

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The current term for GCH ends on December 5, 2022 at 12 noon. In anticipation of the term ending, GCH and staff will be focused on execution of Ohana Zones contracts, finalizing a report on supportive housing, and submitting end-of-term reports for the Legislature.</li> <li>It is anticipated that SOHHS staff will continue past the ending of the GCH’s term. However, these positions are at-will and it will be up to the new GCH to determine if positions will be continued.</li> <li>Thank you to the BTG board, KMNH, and other partners at the counties and HPO for your support of our office’s work and your commitment to end homelessness.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>HPO-Homeless Programs Office – Harold Brackeen III</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No updates at this time</li> <li>HPO monthly meetings by service types.</li> <li>Encourage to attend and participate in discussions to mold and shape services for years to come.</li> <li>Appreciate your feedback in meetings</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Advocacy/Awareness Committee – Brandee Menino</b></p>	<p><b>Homeless Awareness &amp; Housing Solutions Conference</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>November 15 (Hilo luncheon),</li> <li>November 18 (Oahu, Koolau Ballrooms)</li> <li>November 17 &amp; 19 (Oahu UH campus)</li> <li>Brandee to email agenda/topics for 11/18 Main Conference</li> </ul>	
<p><b>CES Oversight Committee</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No update to report</li> </ul>	
<p><b>HMIS Data Committee: Carlos</b></p>	<p>Auto-Exits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data Committee met on Monday 10/31/22 to discuss extending the 90 day auto-exit rule.</li> <li>Consensus was to change from 90 to 120-days</li> <li>When auto-exits happen it hurts the system performance data</li> <li>A lot of administrative time is taken on helping to resolve auto-exits</li> <li>Makana Q: will there be a condition to the extension to not allow auto-exits reverts all together?</li> <li>KMNH A: Will track outcomes in the # of requests to re-open auto-exits and bring that info back to BTG.</li> <li>Data Committee’s recommendation to extend the auto-exit from 90 to 120 days</li> </ul> <p>KMNH received the DHHL list of clients identified</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BTG used FY 2022 (July – June) unduplicated SO, ES &amp; TH active clients to cross-reference DHHL’s data.</li> <li>68 individuals identified of the thousands enrolled.</li> <li>DHHL is offering 12 months of rental assistance (NAHASDA funds) for the eligible matches</li> <li>Provider agencies will be notified.</li> <li>Hawaii - 27</li> </ul>	<p>Vote to approve extending auto-exits from 90-120 days.</p> <p>Motion: Brandee M. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Makana K. Vote: Approved</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kauai - 8</li> <li>• Maui – 33</li> <li>• Scott Q: is it possible to identify specific areas of these populations</li> <li>• KMNH A: currently identified by program. Programs will be able to identify specific areas of concentration.</li> <li>• Maude Q: What is the hope for the identified? Next steps?</li> <li>• Scott/KMNH A: Cynthia asked Oahu providers to reach out to her directly. Also mentioned the same at last BTG. Scott will follow up with Cynthia for the next steps.</li> <li>• Sharon H Q: Could a participants DHHL match also be reflected in the CES Referral system to show the connectivity of the participant to the appropriate assistances/programs</li> <li>• KMNH A: We can look at how we could build that in if possible. Also looking at who will keep the information accurate, timely and efficient.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>KMNH-Ka Mana O Na Helu</b></p>	<p>HUD EHV Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued progress on lease ups for BTG</li> <li>• Maui 46%</li> <li>• Kauai 46%</li> <li>• Hawaii 29% (decrease? 2 HH left the program)</li> <li>• National average is 52.1%</li> <li>• KMNH request for Hawaii County to identify the 2 that left so Exits can be made in the HMIS as well.</li> </ul> <p>ESG-CV Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit any Sept invoices by the end of this week.</li> <li>• Projects ended 9/30/2022.</li> <li>• Sharon Q: was there an exit plan for the Care Hi Outreach contract?</li> <li>• KMNH A: CH was instructed upon their program ending notification</li> </ul> <p>Special NOFO Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BTG's Application was Submitted by KMNH on 10/19</li> <li>• CoC application and priority listing was also emailed</li> <li>• Actual Award should be distributed around Feb 2023</li> </ul> <p>Scott Q: Did each of the County's submit for the stability housing voucher assistance? KMNH: No, not all. Only Maui &amp; Hawaii County's did submit. Kauai County did not submit an application</p> <p>NOFO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Streamlining dashboards for next year</li> <li>• Focus on building capacity on islands</li> <li>• Could there be training and support for new providers leading up to the next NOFO? How can we support this?</li> </ul> <p>BTG Website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Added Urban Institute to the resources page</li> </ul>	<p>Paul left the meeting 10:12am, returned @ 10:32am</p> <p>Break at 10:15 Return 10:25</p>

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- Standard monitoring reports Sept.
- New Adult-only Household dashboard (to compliment the Family report)
- This is updated weekly
- Utilization report should be ready in the next few months
- Reports/Publications section of the website will be adding more reports and publications in the next few months.
- If there's anything that BTG wants to integrate
- Hawaii County to discuss with KMNH adding non-traditional access point data that may not be captured in the dashboards
- BTG to include this conversation in a combined CES & Data Committee Meeting

#### LOS and PSH Capacity Data Update:

- KMNH-BTG asks that each County's CoC have LOS and capacity for PSH discussions with their on-island ES and TH providers for LOS discussion and their CoC-PSH providers for capacity
  - Use COC funded projects report
  - Use LOS Report "stayers" for ES & TH
  - Bring HH listing with Vispdat
  - Suggestions to look at stayers and ensure all have an active vispdat for housing referrals
  - For those with really low vi-scores providers should be prepared help their participant with other assistance routes.
- PSH Capacity: SHDC has not spentdown their Eha (Maui) project adequately
  - KMNH to draft a BTG's Notice to SHDC of their current spenddown and capacity for Eha S+C Maui project to discuss deadlines and amounts remaining, request possible corrective action plan.
  - Last year lapsed \$104k
  - This year may lapse around \$200k
  - Also looking ahead for the next NOFO, that they only apply for what they have capacity to manage.
  - BTG must show attention to the matter.
  - HUD will hold BTG responsible

Toni left the meeting @ 11:38am

#### PITC 2023

- KMNH has not seen any changes from HUD identifying data standards
- Hawaii County has more questions they would like to add/change
- Maude/BTG will be updating at Scott's HICH meeting on 11/21.
- CAP to come back with additions at BTG Dec mtg

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<p><b>Updates:</b></p>	<p>Hawaii:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• County RFP by the end of November</li> <li>• Delegates from Finland on 11/15</li> <li>• Toni leaving Ulu Wini on 12/15, going to be the ED for Neighborhood Place of Kona 1/3/2023.</li> </ul> <p>Kauai:</p> <p>KCA events on Kauai for Hunger and Homeless Awareness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nov 14 – Mayor’s Proclamation</li> <li>• Nov 14 – KCA HAW Sign Waving</li> <li>• Project Housing Connect (2 locations)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nov 16 – Westside</li> <li>• Nov 17 – Central</li> </ul> </li> <li>• KCA By-Laws being revised to align with BTG and to promote new member interest</li> </ul> <p>Maui:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• County RFP to write the strategic plan to end homelessness</li> <li>• RFP Deadline Fri 10/28, 8 proposals submitted</li> <li>• RFP Award date is 11/11/22</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• County's Wahi Hoomalu of Wailuku ran by FLC, ended 10/31/2022, housing the last 9 households.</li><li>• Pallet-style to provide shelter during Covid</li><li>• Astounding 82% Exit rate to permanent housing.</li><li>• Participants were of a very high acuity level</li><li>• Took a lot of coordination of FLC's housing staff and case management working with LL's and aligning funding and subsidies to provide long-term housing stability.</li></ul>	
<b>Adjournment:</b>	Meeting adjourned @ 11:59am	<a href="#">Adjourn 11:59am</a>
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	Next BTG Meeting, <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wednesday, 12/7/2022</li><li>• 9am-12pm, via zoom</li></ul>	