**COMMUNITY ALLIANCE PARTNERS (CAP)** 

*A coalition of Hawaii Island’s homeless service providers, government representatives and community stakeholders working together in partnership to end homelessness.*

General Membership Meeting

February 24, 2021, 9:00 am, via Zoom

**Approved Minutes**

1. Welcome and Introductions

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|  | **Name of Representative** | **Agency** |
| 1 | Lori Ferren | Athena Group |
| 2 | Charlene Edayan | Aunty’s House, West Hawaii Domestic Abuse Shelter |
| 3 | Kyra Ketcheson | Better Tomorrow |
| 4 | Elizabeth Murph | Catholic Charities Hawaii |
| 5 | Christina Basham | Child and Family Services |
| 6 | Sharon Hirota | County of Hawaii |
| 7 | Flo Amen | Evo B.T. |
| 8 | Aaron Esparza | Evo B.T. |
| 9 | Trillium Simington | Going Home Hawaii |
| 10 | Patrick Hurney | Habitat for Humanity Hawaii Island |
| 11 | Rep. HolekeGoro Inaba | Hawaii County Council District 8 |
| 12 | Susan Kim | Hawaii Governor’s Office |
| 13 | Carlos Palma | Hawaii Island Home for Recovery |
| 14 | Rita Palma | Hawaii Island Home for Recovery |
| 15 | David Deges | HIHAF – Hawaii Island AIDS Foundation |
| 16 | Kristen Alice | Hope Services Hawaii |
| 17 | Brandee Menino | Hope Services Hawaii |
| 18 | Ipo Morgan | Hope Services Hawaii |
| 19 | Denise Oguma | Hope Services Hawaii |
| 20 | LaVerne Tolmie | ICIA - Interfaith Communities in Action |
| 21 | Kehau Gomes | KVBID |
| 22 | Heidi Teraoka | Neighborhood Place of Kona |
| 23 | Kaikea Blakemore | NPP - Neighborhood Place of Puna |
| 24 | Paul Normann | NPP - Neighborhood Place of Puna |
| 25 | Cheryl Bellisario | Office of the Governor’s Coordinator on Homelessness﻿ |
| 26 | Joy Matsumora | Salvation Army - Hilo Temple |
| 27 | Shirley David | St. Michael’s Parish - Kailua-Kona |
| 28 | Wendy Swartz | U.S. Department of Veteran’s Affairs |
| 29 | Natasha Ala | West Hawaii Community Health Center |
| 30 | Eve Love | Save All Children International |
| 31 | Mari Ebersole | Community Member |

2. Housing First Coordinated Entry System Presentation by Sharon Hirota a. The powerpoint for Sharon’s presentation is available on the Community Alliance Partners website [www.communityalliancepartners.org](http://www.communityalliancepartners.org)

3. Review Minutes from 01-27-2020 meeting.

1. Minutes approved with update to attendance list
2. [21\_01\_27 CAP General Meeting Minutes](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1XXoLOs3N9YWnm4s26rASo6DGjTEY30XM)

4. County Report (Sharon)

1. [21\_02\_24 CAP Monthly Meeting - County Updates.docx.pdf](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1XXoLOs3N9YWnm4s26rASo6DGjTEY30XM)

5. BTG Updates — Brandee Menino

1. New chair is from Maui, Brandee is the past chair.
2. Next meeting is March 3.
3. Legislative bills are the focus

6. Committee Chairs’ reports

a. Advocacy and Awareness (Kristen and Kaikea)

Kristen’s how to advocate document is available on the CAP website

[www.communityalliancepartners.org](http://www.communityalliancepartners.org)

Kristen reviewed the legislative priorities list

[CAP Legislative Priorities List - 2021](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FubJb4uAGNnMMonQsiTlUYt80xKGh1qBrSGoSyhay5o/edit?usp=sharing)

The Awareness committee is working with the advocacy committee. Legislative information is on the website. Follow CAP’s Facebook page and submit your agency events on this page.

b. Faith based - West: Heidi Taraoka

At the February meeting HPM representatives shared a powerpoint of their manufactured house options with prices, Legislation was discussed, Melody Stone announced new shelter for adult women who have been sex trafficked is being planned. She will be the program director.

c. Faith based - East: LaVerne Tolmie

At their February meeting Kristen’s graphics were shared, there was an election of 2021 officers, they reaffirmed their commitment to ending homelessness, especially family homelessness.

d. Membership/Treasurer - Toni Symons

i. Please submit: Membership Applications and Fees for 2021

Membership packet is at: [www.communityalliancepartners.org](http://www.communityalliancepartners.org)

Paid members are listed on the membership report.

[Community\_Alliance\_Partners\_Membership\_Report\_2.24.21.pdf](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nKZyH8HvThN_B9f40gJ5tjnHChF20ck_EoSnU23WNaQ/edit?usp=sharing)

7. Review CAP 4 year Strategic Plan

Paul reviewed the strategic plan. The plan is available on the website. [www.communityalliancepartners.org](http://www.communityalliancepartners.org)

Paul suggested that in a future meeting, participants could break out into working groups to work on strategic plan goals.

8. Announcements

1. Aaron announced that the evo non-profit is looking for donated land for sustainable projects.
2. Council Member Inaba is working on an affordable housing bill for the County.
3. West Hawaii Community Health Center is working with the new physician assistant program to increase the number of people giving vaccines.
4. Sharon Hirota said the county has been working on the issue of encampments on private property. Thirteen people have been moved to housing. She will call a meeting with the West Hawaii outreach workers to coordinate efforts so that there is a more even outreach effort.
5. The County Housing Division is using Cares Act funding for a landlord incentive program to generate more low income rentals.
6. The Section 8 waiting list is open for the first time in six years.
7. The County posted a RFP on February 11, 2021 for the Emergency Rent Assistance Program. The ERAP will provide up to $ 21,518,200 in financial resources in rent and utilities payments for eligible households. The County anticipates that the program will be implemented before the end of March 2021.

9. Next meeting

a. Next meeting - March 31, 2021, 9:00 am via Zoom

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Minutes prepared by,

Shirley David

Shirley David, Secretary