# 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

March 31, 2021, 9:00 am, via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84299354893>

Draft Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions

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|  | **Name of Representative** | **Agency** |
| 1 | Lori Ferren | Athena Group |
| 2 | Pualiliehua Carriaga | Bay Clinic |
| 3 | Shali Fujiwara | Catholic Charities Hawaii |
| 4 | Elizabeth Murph | Catholic Charities Hawaii |
| 5 | Christina Basham | Child and Family Services |
| 6 | Sharon Hirota | County of Hawaii |
| 7 | Neve McAllister | Department of Education |
| 8 | Lane | Department of Education |
| 9 | Patrick Hurney | Habitat for Humanity Hawaii Island |
| 10 | Rep. Holeke Goro Inaba | Hawaii County Council District 8 |
| 11 | Susan Kim | Hawaii Governor’s Office |
| 12 | Carlos Palma | Hawaii Island Home for Recovery |
| 13 | Rita Palma | Hawaii Island Home for Recovery |
| 14 | David Deges | HIHAF – Hawaii Island AIDS Foundation |
| 15 | Kristen Alice | Hope Services Hawaii |
| 16 | Brandee Menino | Hope Services Hawaii |
| 17 | Ipo Morgan | Hope Services Hawaii |
| 18 | LaVerne Tolmie | ICIA - Interfaith Communities in Action |
| 19 | Heidi Teraoka | Neighborhood Place of Kona |
| 20 | Kaikea Blakemore | NPP - Neighborhood Place of Puna |
| 21 | Paul Normann | NPP - Neighborhood Place of Puna |
| 22 | Billie Jo Pike | NPP - Neighborhood Place of Puna |
| 23 | Cheryl Bellisario | Office of the Governor’s Coordinator on Homelessness﻿ |
| 24 | Renae Mathson | Project Vision |
| 25 | Requal Gali | Salvation Army - Kona |
| 26 | Shirley David | St. Michael’s Parish -  Kailua-Kona |
| 27 | Gerry Geronimo | Steadfast Hawaii |
| 28 | Taylor Quanan | Ulu Wini Family Assessment Center |
| 29 | Toni Symons | Ulu Wini |
| 30 | Natasha Ala | West Hawaii Community Health Center |
| 31 | Nate Hakeem | West Hawaii Community Health Center |
| 32 | Alysa Lovie | West Hawaii Community Health Center |
| 33 | Linda Vandervoort | Community Member |

1. Rapid Re-Housing presentation by Denise Oguma (HOPE Services)
   1. PowerPoint talk was presented.
   2. Questions
      1. Greatest strength of RRH? Getting into housing as quickly as possible that empowers better decisions
      2. Greatest weakness? Case management level of need is higher than identified before getting into housing.
2. Review Minutes from 02-24-2021 meeting.
   1. The minutes were approved as written.

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1. CAP’s **Policy for Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8) – Homeless Preference**
   1. The suggested amendments were discussed and all shelter providers were in support of the document. Brandee asked for a path for those who exit out of supportive housing to permanent non-supportive housing.
   2. Policy with amendments were agreed upon. Link to approved policy needed
2. County Report (Sharon)
   1. [2021 03 CAP Monthly Meeting - County Updates.docx.pdf](about:blank)
   2. The county is moving to #2 on the housing choice vouchers preference list. Sharon can email applications to requesting agencies. She recommends working with applicants now to complete the applications.
      1. Rita asked if it was a raffle. Yes.
3. BTG Updates — Brandee Menino
   1. Federal funds are being disbursed directly to the counties.
   2. There will be expense reimbursements for emergency shelters, street outreach, houseless prevention, rapid rehousing.
   3. Brandee has reached out to all affected agencies.
   4. Beth Murph announced Catholic Charities Hawaii will be working with those with 50% or less AMI, to pay up to six months past unpaid rent. They are providing intensive case management to keep them housed. Contact 961-7050 for application information.
4. Committee Chairs’ reports
   1. Advocacy and Awareness (Kristen and Kaikea)
      1. Kristen urged members to call Rep. Onishi’s office at 586-6120 to ask him to schedule a Labor and Tourism committee hearing on SB676 minimum wage.
      2. Kristen urged member to call Rep. Nakashima’s office at 856-6680 to ask him to waive SB36 housing discrimination to the next committee. Kristen shared an op ed on bigislandgazette.com. She urged others to write as well.
      3. SB159 automatic voter registration with drivers license and state ID registration or renewal still moving alone.
      4. We are opposing SB2 ceded lands.
      5. Hope Services was made aware that housing that is unpermitted or has additions that are unpermitted will not be eligible for section 8 voucher payments. The County position is that the housing is unsafe if it has not been inspected. Various options for CAP members to help landlords bring their property up to code was discussed. A working group that includes an architect was suggested. Kristin will put the issue on the Advocacy Committee agenda.
      6. Kaikea encouraged everyone to check out CAP’s webpage and like Facebook.
   2. Faith based - West: Heidi Teraoka
      1. The March meeting included a presentation by Yurts of Hawaii
      2. Sharon asked that the faith based community discuss safe parking opportunities in West Hawaii as recommended by the Chamber of Commerce. Paul said that the East Faith Based community can offer their experiences.
   3. Faith based - East: LaVerne
      1. The Hope Services modular home project was shared with the group. They donated $23,000 for the project. The funds were raised with a Taiko drummers Lion Dance.
      2. Hui Kai mediation services information will go out in their next email.
   4. Membership/Treasurer - Toni Symons

Please submit: Membership Applications and Fees for 2021

Added 5 members in March with paid members now at 18.

Toni is struggling with setting up a PayPal account.

Toni was able to set up a separate mail chimp list for East Faith based.

1. Breakout Groups for the: CAP 4 year Strategic Plan

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* 1. Group 1: Building Affordable Housing - Brandee and Patrick
  2. Group 2: Building Community Agency Through Advocacy - Kristen and Kaikea
  3. Group 3: Building Hope through Advocacy to Increase Supportive Services - Toni and LaVerne

Postponed to a future meeting.

1. Announcements
   1. HIHR – PSH
      1. Discussion around HIHR not being chosen as temporary supportive housing at the coordinated entry sessions. Issues were prospective clients not being document ready or not being referred to the system and a high bar for those with disabilities needing a licensed professional to sign off.
      2. Paul noted that the work of CAP is conducted by the committees. A roster of committees will be posted on the website.
2. Next meeting
   1. Next meeting - April 28, 2021, 9:00 am via Zoom

Minutes prepared by:

Shirley David

Secretary