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November 30, 2022

Honorable Gabe Johnson, Chair Affordable Housing Committee Maui County Council 200 S. High Street Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Johnson:

SUBJECT:

ANNUAL REPORT AND OPERATIONAL REVIEW OF THE COMMISSION ON HEALING SOLUTIONS FOR HOMELESSNESS

(AH-4(12))

As requested, please find the information on the Commission on Healing Solutions for Homelessness's (CSHS) recommendation to initiate a "medical street outreach pilot project," including updates relating to applications for funding. The information is provided in partnership with the Department of Housing and Human Concerns (DHHC).

## Summary and Timeline of Medical Street Outreach Pilot Project Recommendation

**September 23, 2021 -** Commission decided to convert all current subcommittees into Temporary Investigative Groups (TIG).

October 28, 2021 - A Street Medical/Mental Health TIG was formed with the following members: Vice Chair Kaimiola, Commissioners Kawakami, Chase, Hansen and Trotto.

**November 18, 2021** – Commissioner Kawakami reported to the Commission that the TIG is researching what is needed on Maui, and what resources and support have been successful on Oahu. TIG informed Department that it would eventually propose program that would require funding.

**December 23, 2021** – TIG still doing research. Vice Chair Kaimiola moved to extend the end date of the TIG from 1/26/22 to 4/28/22.

February 24, 2022 – TIG reported it would be formally requesting Department follow up to explore a potential pilot project regarding a Medical Street Outreach. Vote taken. The TIG's

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discussion/research continued. DHHC informed Commissioner Kawakami that the Department had initiated a medical street outreach project in fall, 2019 and had been prepared to contract a licensed medical professional to pair with Family Life Center's outreach teams. However, when the COVID-19 pandemic hit, those plans were put on hold. The Department's program planning included resources/exploration of formal training (crisis intervention, deescalation, etc.) and a formal, academic evaluation of any pilot project. Discussions with the UH Center on the Family have already been pursued.

April 28, 2022 – DHHC Director reported to Commission that it had received request from Commission to further explore the Commission's recommendation for a medical street outreach pilot project. Director explained that DHHC had already conducted outreach/discussion with Malama I Ke Ola regarding securing medical personnel.

May 26, 2022 – DHHC's Homeless Coordinator, Mr. David Nakama, reported to the Commission that the Department's work in program development was continuing.

**August 25, 2022** – DHHC Director provided an update to Commission on the Medical Street Outreach Pilot Project proposal. Program development has proceeded. DHHC has a written agreement with Malama I Ke Ola to provide medical personnel to join with outreach teams to serve the unsheltered. DHHC will be submitting an application to the Continuum of Care (Bridging the Gap)/HUD via their recently announced Supplemental Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for unsheltered homelessness.

The goal of the proposed Medical Street Outreach Pilot Project is to have more unsheltered people receive medical care in the field and improve their access to center based treatment including medical and behavioral health. The efficiency of making determinations of disability status may result in more chronically homeless individuals being added to the Coordinated Entry System (CES), thus hastening placement in permanent supportive housing. Data from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) will be used to evaluate the program's performance measures.

In August, 2022 the Department submitted an application for funding to Bridging the Gap for funding through the Supplemental NOFO as published. The Department was notified in October, 2022 by the Collaborative Applicant (Ka Mana O Na Helu) that the proposal scored well enough to be included in the CoC's larger application to HUD. HUD is expected to announce awards in the spring of 2023.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information. Please let us know if you require further information or clarification.

Sincerely,

Zhantell K.M. Lindo, Chair

Commission on Healing Solutions for Homelessness

## **AH Committee**

From: Kimberly Ferguson < Kimberly.Ferguson@co.maui.hi.us>

Sent: Thursday, December 1, 2022 8:16 AM

**To:** AH Committee

Cc: LoriAnn Tsuhako; Zhantell K. Lindo

**Subject:** Annual Report and Operational Review of the Commission on Healing Solutions for Homelessness

AH-4 (12)

Attachments: DOC120122.pdf

## Aloha Chair Johnson.

Please see the attached response to your request which is being sent on behalf of Zhantell Lindo, Chair of the Commission on Healing Solutions for Homelessness. Kindly confirm receipt.

Mahalo,

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