

MINUTES  
COMMISSION ON HEALING SOLUTIONS FOR HOMELESSNESS  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS  
COUNTY OF MAUI  
ON-LINE VIA BLUEJEANS  
THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2022

**REGULAR MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hudson at 1:52 p.m.

*Present:*

Wendy Hudson, Chair  
George Kaimiola, Vice-Chair  
Lisa Darcy  
Mary Trotto  
Rochelle Tempo  
Saul Kahihikolo  
Faith Chase

*Excused:*

John Decker  
John Tomoso

*Absent:*

Scott Hansen  
Zhantell Lindo

*Present Staff:*

Lori Tsuhako, Director of Housing and Human Concerns  
Daniel Kunkel, Deputy Corporation Counsel  
Pili Nahooikaika, Secretary

1. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON ALL ITEMS  
There was no public testimony presented.
2. WELCOME NEW MEMBERS ROCHELLE TEMPO, AND SAUL KAHIHIKOLO, JR.  
Commissioners Tempo and Kahihikolo provided their introductions to the Commission.
3. OLD BUSINESS
  - a. Letter to Chair Hudson, Commission on Healing Solutions for Homelessness, from Affordable Housing Committee Chair Johnson, dated February 3, 2022 relating to

subject matter: Comprehensive Affordable Housing Plan: Right to Shelter (AH-14(1))

Chair Hudson to draft a letter to Committee Chair Johnson with responses, and or suggestions to the following topics:

Definition of Residents

Intent

Definitions

Encampment Removal and Notice Requirements

Identifying or Providing Alternative Shelter before Removing Encampments

Outreach for Encampment Removal

Encampment Removal and Cleanup

Post Encampment Removal Notice

Right to Shelter

Administrative Rules

- b. Draft letter of support for the Hale Mahaolu Ke Kahua Affordable Housing Community Project  
Chair Hudson to draft a letter of support for this project.
- c. 2.31.080 (A) Requiring the council to review operations of the commission within 18 months after its first meeting and (B) requiring an annual report to council  
The Commission is to submit a report to the Maui County Council by September 30, 2022.
- d. Report by Department of Housing and Human Concerns, Director Lori Tsuhako regarding a potential pilot project proposal by the Street Medical/Mental Team TIG  
Director Tsuhako reported that the Department of Housing and Human Concerns met with Malama I Ke Ola Health Center who is currently operating a medical outreach program. Director Tsuhako explained that together they discussed avenues for partnership that will allow the community clinic to focus on the following objectives:

Harm Reduction

Readmission Prevention

Unnecessary use of the Emergency Room

Unnecessary Readmission

Providing Permanent Shelter for the Unsheltered

Director Tsuhako reported that in the next three to four months the department hopes to have a formal evaluation of a program and will partner with the University of Hawaii to collect data and report on whether objections have been achieved or not.

e. Temporary Investigative Group Status Updates

- Resource Mapping TIG (End Date April 28, 2022) – Vice-Chair Kaimiola and Members Chase, Kawakami, Hansen and Trotto  
Commissioner Trotto moved and Commissioner Tempo seconded the motion to extend the TIG end date to September 30, 2022. The motion carried.
- Monthly Reporting TIG (End Date March 25, 2022) – Vice Chair Kaimiola and members Kawakami, Chase, Hansen and Trotto  
Commissioner Trotto asked Commission Secretary Nahooikaika to distribute the “Monthly Housing and Services Report” spreadsheet to Commission members for review with a notation to provide feedback at the next meeting.

Commissioner Tempo moved and Commission Trotto seconded the motion to extend the TIG end date to September 30, 2022. The motion carried.

- Diversified Housing Solutions TIG – Members Darcy, Decker, Lindo, Tomoso, and Chase  
No updates to report.
- Social and Community Impacts TIG – Members Darcy, Decker, Kawakami, Tomoso, and Chase  
No updates to report.
- Sustainable Housing TIG – Vice-Chair Kaimiola and Members Chase, Decker, and Darcy  
No updates to report.
- Temporary Investigative Group Membership Reassignments  
Commissioners Kahihikolo and Tempo expressed that they will not be committing to a TIG at the moment.
- Rename Diversified Housing Solutions TIG to Sustainable Housing Solutions TIG  
Commissioner Chase requested that the Diversified Housing Solutions TIG and the Sustainable Housing Solutions TIG remain as two separate entities.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Presentation by Sgt. Jan Pontanilla (Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Homelessness Division) and Sgt. James Terry (Community Policing Division) regarding current Maui Police Department policies on the Unsheltered.

Sgt. Pontanilla reported that the Maui Police Department’s Mobile Medical Unit (M.M.E.U.) partners with agencies such as, Mental Health Kokua, and private practitioners to offer medical care i.e. flu shots, Covid-19 vaccinations, vision screening, etc. with donations of medical supplies and bandages from Maui Memorial Medical Center. She also mentioned that services for free haircuts, and other

resources through the Maui Aids Foundation, and the Maui Humane Society are also available.

Sgt. Terry reported Maui Police Department's Compassionate Action Plan as an eight-step process:

1. Assessment
2. Preparation
3. Notification
4. Outreach
5. Vacate
6. Clean Up
7. Follow Up
8. Re-Enforcement

b. Cost of Government Commission Report on Homelessness in Maui County  
Cost of Government Commission Chair Williams reported on its recommendations from the Commission's annual report discussing matters of homelessness.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were made.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hudson adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m. No motions were made and no votes were taken.