Hawaii Homeless Healthcare Hui “H4”

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H-4 Vision

➢ A Private / Public partnership, supported by all healthcare professionals, regional health systems and philanthropists to create a new model to address chronic homelessness
H-4 Mission

➢ To care for the people of Hawaii who are struggling the most among us.
Community in Crisis: Homelessness in Hawaii
Hawaii’s Homeless

➢ Highest per capita homelessness in the US

➢ 8,000-12,000 homeless individuals

➢ Average life expectancy of homeless individuals in Hawaii is 51 (Average life expectancy in Hawaii is 81 - highest in the nation)
How did we get here?

➢ Highest per capita homelessness in the US...

http://www.partnersincareoahu.org
2017 Statewide Summary

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Homelessness and Substance Abuse In Hawaii

- Only 4% of addicted treated
- Drug and alcohol use during pregnancy
- Generational Homelessness
- Opioid Epidemic
The Tipping Point

Homelessness and Poverty

Drug Addiction

Mental Health

Ground Zero
“The Gary Challenge”

➢ Gary is a homeless man who has been to the hospital 241 times in the last year.

➢ His total cost to Hawaii Medicaid in 2016 was $1,229,570.
Nationwide Homelessness: The People

- **564,708** homeless people in the United States on any given night
- **25%** of this population are children
- **15%** of this population are chronically homeless
- **8%** of this population are veterans
- **46%** have chronic illnesses
- **39%** have mental health problems
- **26%** have issues with addiction and drug use
Nationwide Homeless: The Overall Cost

- Cost to society per homeless person = $35,000-$150,000 per person annually
- Housing costs = $13,000- $25,000 per person annually
- Homeless patients = 30% of emergency visits
- Nationwide, 5% of Medicaid users = half of its spending
- Emergency visit and hospitalization rates are 9-12 times higher for homeless individuals vs low income housed patients
The High Price of Homelessness: Hawaii

➢ 3.61% of Medicaid population consumes 61% of $2 billion budget (Almost total overlap with homeless population)

➢ 13,000 people = $1.2 billion

➢ $4,450 average cost per day per person in hospitals

➢ Median cost for highest utilizers = $82,000 per person annually
Impact to Health System

Homeless Encounters

Source: HHIC Special Homeless Project
Cost of Healthcare

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- 2013: $ (9.2M)
- 2014: $ (12.4M)
- 2015: $ (10.6M)

Net Loss

Source: HHIC Special Homeless Project, 2016 and QMC financial data
Proposed Solution

➢ Private & Public collaboration with leaders from Government, Health, and Social Services Community, focused on the chronic homeless with moderate to severe medical conditions
Proposal: “H4” at Kuwili Street

- **Humanitarian**: (4th floor)
- **Housing**: (3rd floor)
- **Healthcare**: (2nd floor)
- **Hygiene**: (1st floor)
Objectives

➢ Provide a safe, functional environment for those in need to get services and treatment
➢ Alleviate the financial and medical strain on over taxed emergency rooms
Services

➢ New Urgent Care Facility in Iwilei catering to homeless and struggling populations.

➢ Overall health and wellness facility
  ▪ Showers
  ▪ Laundry services
  ▪ Health clinic
  ▪ Drug treatment
  ▪ Mental health services
  ▪ Extended stay care
  ▪ On-site case workers to assist patients in obtaining permanent housing
Timeline (Estimates)

Hygiene: Construction - Open (Est. April 2018)

Health: Design → Permit → Construction - Open

Housing: Construction - Open

Humanitarian: Construction - Open

Dependencies

c&cProcess: RFP - Award Site Contract (Est. Mar 2018)
Housing is Healthcare
Health and Financial Benefits of Housing

Health Complications from Homelessness

➢ Exacerbates existing medical conditions
➢ High levels of stress
➢ Cleanliness challenges resulting in infections
➢ Nowhere to store prescriptions
➢ Exposure to the elements
➢ Heightens risk for injuries

Benefits of Housing

➢ Medicaid expenses drop an average of 43% for individuals in Hawaii when they receive housing
➢ 55% in Seattle

*Housing Hawaii’s 1800 chronically homeless would result in savings of $300 million in Medicaid funds annually and drastically improve the health and quality of life for those currently suffering with chronic homelessness.*
Hawaii Senate Bill 2

➢ Classifies homelessness as a medical condition

➢ Allows healthcare providers to “prescribe” housing for chronically homeless

➢ Allocates Medicaid dollars for housing

➢ Follows housing first and compassionate care initiatives