**STATE HOMELESSNESS STRATEGIC PLAN**

**Draft State Plan to End Homelessness**

The draft State Plan to End Homelessness is the outcome of the ongoing work of the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness (HICH), established by Gov. Neil Abercrombie in July 2011. The HICH is responsible for developing a statewide strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness for the Governor’s review and approval, and advising on its implementation.

The draft State Plan is closely aligned with the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness’ 2010 strategic plan, titled “Opening Doors – Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness.”  The draft State Plan contains four overarching goals, as well as 11 objectives, and 37 strategies.

**Four Goals**

* Retool the homeless crisis response system
* Increase access to stable and affordable housing
* Increase economic stability and self-sufficiency
* Improve health and stability

Eight community meetings were held across the state in March 2012 to 1) explain the draft State Plan and 2) obtain public comment on it. Meetings were held on Kauai, Oahu (Downtown, North Shore and Leeward), Maui, Molokai, and Hawaii Island (Kona and Hilo). Service providers, homeless and formerly homeless persons, members of the public and representatives from government, and the faith and business communities attended the meetings and provided meaningful input.

**Next Steps**

The draft State Plan will be updated as necessary based on the public comments received and then shared with the HICH. The HICH will then present the draft State Plan to the Governor for his review and approval.

**Links**

* [Draft State Plan to End Homelessness (PDF)](http://archive2014.abercrombie.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/Draft-State-Plan-to-End-Homelessness.pdf)
* [Plan of the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness (PDF)](http://archive2014.abercrombie.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/Appendix-1-HICH-Plan-Adopted-9-10-12.pdf)

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