

Hawai'i Going Home Plus Operational Protocols

B. DEMONSTRATION IMPLEMENTATION AND PROCEDURES

B.4 Stakeholder Involvement

Design Phase

After receiving the grant award, the State established a Stakeholder Group composed of representatives from hospitals, and nursing home associations, policymakers, and key advocacy groups. Many of the participating individuals also served on the Olmstead Task Force to develop the Olmstead Implementation Plan. Consumers were identified who had successfully navigated the transition from institution living to community living.

As members were recruited, they were informed of the level of commitment that would be required during the design phase as well as the ongoing responsibilities to monitor the implementation of the project. The Stakeholder Group members were tasked with the following responsibilities over the five years of the project.

- Represent consumers and/or their family members, advocacy groups, provider associations, and state agencies.
- Provide input as draft processes, guidelines, and criteria are developed for structuring the project.
- Provide input on policy and technical matters to the Department of Human Services to achieve rebalancing outcomes.
- Monitor achievement of grant benchmarks.
- Monitor implementation progress of the grant during the five-year period.
- Recommend changes to improve the grant implementation.

The members of the Stakeholder Group and their affiliation is shown in Table B.4.1

Table B.4.1. Stakeholder Group and Affiliation.

Member	Affiliation
Government Agencies	
Patty Johnson	Department of Human Services (DHS) Social Services Division (Medicaid home & community based waiver services)
Patti Bazin	DHS Med QUEST Division (Medicaid QExA health plan services)
David Fray	Department of Health (DOH)- Developmental Disabilities Division
Terri Byers	DOH Office of Health Care Assurance
Thomas Hester	DOH Adult Mental Health Division
Noemi Pendleton John McDermott	Executive Office on Aging
Michael Flores	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Honolulu Office of Public Housing

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Hospitals, Nursing Homes & Residential Providers	
Ruthie Agbayani Lani Akee	Adult Foster Home Association
Ron Gallegos	Alliance of Residential Care Administrators
Richard Meiers Coral Andrews	Healthcare Association of Hawaii (representing hospitals and nursing homes)
Sharon Ogawa	Hawaii Long-Term Care Association (representing nursing homes, Type II- adult residential care homes, and Assisted Living Facilities)
Advocacy Agencies/ University Units	
Janet Eli	Alzheimer's Association:
Waynette Cabral	State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Sheryl Nelson	State Independent Living Council
Rebecca Ozaki	University of Hawaii Center on Disability Studies
Leolinda Parlin	Family Voices
Gary Smith	Hawaii Disability Rights Center
Pat Lockwood	Hawaii Center for Independent Living
Consumers	
Anne Smith	Elderly, physically disabled, transitioned from hospital
William Burwell	Developmentally disabled, institutional transitioned
Going Home Plus Management Team	
Madi Silverman	DHS Med-QUEST Division
Jean Johnson	University of Hawaii Center on Disability Studies
Christy Nishita	University of Hawaii Center on Disability Studies

The members of the stakeholder groups were given specific responsibilities. Government agency personnel were asked to determine whether the changes, if any, can be made operationally with or without amending the Administrative Rules. The hospitals, nursing homes, and residential providers were asked to explain the medical conditions and challenging circumstances of waitlisted patients in the hospitals and nursing home residents. Residential providers gave input on the type of additional assistance/training/support that might be needed in order to care for these individuals with complex needs in the community. Organizations representing consumers and community-based providers are being asked to participate to identify any difficulties or barriers within the system and the supports needed to assist individuals and families in the transition process.

To ensure the full participation of consumers, all transportation expenses of consumers, family members, and attendants were and will be reimbursed using grant funds. For consumers living on the neighbor islands, airfare and ground transportation will be reimbursed. An effort was made to also involve a key group of stakeholders – those who were currently living in institutions and would be eligible to participate – but were not able to effectively participate in group meetings. Advocacy groups began referring potential participants to members of the Management Team. Individual members of the Management Team have been meeting individually with some of these difficult-to-place individuals, assessing their challenges which were delaying placement, and getting their input for planning purposes.

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In addition to the two identified consumers, a number of the representatives from advocacy groups were also individuals with disabilities.

At the first Stakeholder Group meeting, the *Going Home Plus* Management Team asked stakeholders to either participate in one of several workgroups or nominate others in their organization who were appropriate for the workgroups. Three formal workgroups were formed to address: benchmarks, informed consent and guardianship, and housing. The benchmark and housing workgroups met twice over the course of the pre-implementation phase and the informed consent and guardianship workgroup met three times. The purpose of these meetings was to develop the associated sections of the Operational Protocol. The following is a list of the membership of the three workgroups:

Benchmark Workgroup- Representatives from:

Family Voices
Hawaii Long-term Care Association
University of Hawaii, Center on Disability Studies
Department of Human Services- MedQUEST Division

Informed Consent and Guardianship Workgroup-Representatives from:

Hawaii Disability Rights Center
Office of the Public Guardian
Department of Human Services, Nursing Home Without Walls Program
Queens Hospital, Community Based Programs
Aloha Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
Pearl City Nursing Home
Executive Office on Aging- Ombudsman

Housing Workgroup-Representatives from:

Department of Health, Adult Mental Health Division (DOH-AMHD)
Catholic Charities Hawaii
Hawaii Public Housing Authority
Department of Housing and Urban Development, Honolulu Office
City and County of Honolulu-Housing
Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Board
Developer

Quality Assurance- Representatives from:

Department of Health, Developmental Disabilities Division
Department of Human Services, Social Services Division

In addition to these formalized groups, *Going Home Plus* Management Team held over 45 meetings with different community organizations and state agencies (e.g., Developmental Disabilities Council, waiver case managers, waiver provider associations, foster home and care home associations, licensing agencies, hospitals, advocacy groups) to solicit specific information

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that would aid in the development of the Operational Protocol. See Appendix X for a list of all meetings.

Implementation Phase

During the implementation phase, *Going Home Plus* Project Director will convene the Stakeholder Group semi-annually basis. The Stakeholder Group will be responsible to update their constituencies on the status of the project and discuss both successes and challenges. *Going Home Plus* Management Team will ask targeted questions of the stakeholder group and will make necessary adjustments to the project's operations based on their responses.

The first workgroup, quality, will be contributing to the development of the quality benchmark. Future quality meetings will be coordinated with the Quality Monitoring Committee established by the Social Services Division whose membership includes state staff, a consumer and representatives from a waiver provider agency, a care home association, and an advocacy agency.

The second workgroup, housing, will be a continuation of the workgroup convened during the pre-implementation phase. Given the limited supply of accessible and affordable housing in Hawaii, the housing workgroup will find accessible housing in the community for persons with disabilities and nursing level of care and identify new strategies to expand the affordable housing stock.

The third workgroup, Service and Supports, will monitor the implementation of the demonstration and supplemental services. Specific subgroups may be identified to explicitly address areas such as service coordination, service delivery barriers and recruitment of service providers

Evaluation

The stakeholder group will review, comment, and approve the state evaluation. Specifically, the group will approve: 1) the demonstration hypotheses that will be tested; 2) the outcome measures that will be included to evaluate the impact of the demonstration; and 3) the data sources that will be utilized. During semi-annual stakeholder meetings, Dr. Christy Nishita, project evaluator, will update the group on the status of the state evaluation. She will present the latest data related to recruitment, enrollment, and transition. The stakeholder group will be asked to provide advice and feedback for any barriers or challenges found in the evaluation process.