

Greetings to Association for Conflict Resolution (Hawai'i) members and all Hawai'i peacemakers and facilitators from Levani Lipton and Malina Kaulukui, Co-Chairs, Kailua Neighborhood Board (KNB), Subcommittee On Homelessness in Kailua:

“The subcommittee on homelessness in Kailua is a new initiative of the Kailua Neighborhood Board launched in September 2017. We are comprised of a diverse group of individuals--including nonprofits, faith based institutions, law enforcement, legislators, businesses, and community members. Our objective is to come together as a community to develop a multi-pronged advisory plan to address the growing number of homeless individuals and families in Kailua.

“We feel that this will be an exciting opportunity for peacemakers and facilitators to help us engage with the community and help us discover solutions to a critical issue of our time. The role of a facilitator is essential to helping us move forward in this process.”

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**Summary of KNB's “Sub-committee on Homelessness in Kailua” Meeting
October 7, 2017**

Over-all goal: to come together as a community to develop a multi-pronged advisory plan to address the growing number of homeless individuals and families in Kailua.

Number of people in attendance: 16

Participants included representatives from the legislature (Senator Thielen) law enforcement (HPD), non –profits, faith-based, businesses, interested community members and a person who is currently homeless.

The meeting was chaired by members of the KNB Public Safety, Public Health and Civil Defense Committee, and facilitated by professionals trained in conflict resolution.

Over-all purpose of this first meeting:

- 1) Attendees introduced themselves and identified their interests and general perspectives of the problems and issues and of homelessness in Kailua;
- 2) The facilitators established a process for respectful discussions and methods of decision-making. One facilitator was responsible for note-taking.

3) Participants identified other key stakeholders who should be invited to the next meeting;

4) Participants wanted to remain as a whole group for a few more meetings before being split into interest-focused sub-groups. It was important for them to understand all of the issues and potential solutions.

4) The group came to a general consensus about the content and processes of future meetings: how often, possible locations, the need to prioritize agenda items, prioritizing potential speakers who are knowledgeable about specific data by which sub-committee members can make informed decisions.

Proposed items for our next agenda:

- 1) Establish objectives/points of significant impact.
- 2) Establish preliminary subject matter working/task groups.
- 3) Identify and clarify the parameters of the sub-committee.
- 4) Request educational presentations from our committee members.

Next meeting: Saturday, Nov. 4 or Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017 from 1:00-3:00
(site to be determined)