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COVID-19 UPDATE

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Bobby Benson Center

- Non-Profit agency with a licensed 30-bed capacity to treat Substance Abuse and Co-Occuring Disorders
- **Services Provided**:
  - Residential (Youth ages 13-17)
  - Outpatient Services (Youth ages 13-17, and adults 18+)
- Main Facility is on the island of O'ahu, on the North Shore in Kahuku
  - Residential Services: Kahuku
  - Outpatient Services: Honolulu

Bobby Benson Center COVID-19 Response

- April 2020:
  - BBC Safehouse (SH) was formed
    - *Located off main facility*
    - *1 male SH; 1 female SH*
- PPE (masks, antibacterial wipes, hand sanitizers, etc)
  - Acquired through donations from staff, community, Amazon Business Account
- Partnered with S&G Labs for COVID-19 testing
  - As of June 2020, BBC RN administered COVID-19 tests for all youth (nasopharyngeal)
- Developed and created P&P's for Positive Cases for both youth and staff

Bobby Benson Center "Safehouse"

Who: All youth being admitted to BBC

Unapproved Quarantine Locations	Approved Quarantine Locations
Home/Homelessness	Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility
Hale Ho'omalu Juvenile Detention Facility	Queens FTC
Home Maluhia	Kahi Mohala

**determined by length of quarantine days at the locations above and/or whether extensive testing for all youth is done when they enter the locations*

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- **What**:
  - **Upon admission, all youth will be tested**
    - ***COVID-19 results in 48 hours***
    - ***If youth refuses test, youth will quarantine for 14 days at SH***
- **Purpose:** Testing is done to determine the presence of COVID-19 and to expedite the process of transitioning youth into general milieu and acclimated to the facility and program.

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- **Process**:
  - Negative Result: Youth transitions to main facility ASAP
  - Positive Result: Youth continues to quarantine at SH
    - *Carefully monitored by staff and RN for any symptoms and/or if symptoms worsen*
    - *Based on CDC guidelines, if patient is asymptomatic, is clear to end isolation after 10 days*

COVID-19 Positive Case

- Youth was admitted through SH on 08/21/20
- Results came back on 08/25/20 (delay in results due to uptick in COVID cases in the state) as positive
  - Client remained in quarantine and isolation
  - Temperature is taken 2x/day and symptoms are logged
  - Staff is wearing PPE and using social distancing of 6ft and/or more
- BBC implemented P&P's on Positive COVID-19 Client
  - Notified client, client's team (Care Coordinator, Probation Officer, etc), Legal guardian
  - Contact Tracing is done to determine any close contacts amongst staff that worked closely with you
  - Communication is key!

COVID-19 Positive Case

- **Challenges / Recommendations for Improvement on State Level**:
  - *Mass Testing for staff was not available by Department of Health*
  - *What we did to ask for help*
    - Called Hawaii Department of Health → Disease Outbreak Control Division (DOCD)
      - *Took 48 hours for a response since the positive results came in*
    - Unfortunately no help was given, at the time we only had 1 positive case, we were told to call back for more info and help if we have more
    - Even with more than 1 positive case, and possible cluster or outbreak, ***BBC was not considered a "healthcare facility"*** (despite being a Community Based Residential III, for Substance Abuse and Co-Occuring Disorders under Department of Health, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division)
      - *If we have more than 1 positive case, DOCD will put BBC on a waitlist for the Hawaii National Guard to come and do mass testing, which could take weeks*
      - *Recommendations were given to have staff go find testing on their own (luckily at this point in time, mass surge testing began on O'ahu and testing was free and available all over the island)*
        - Testing results were delayed by 3-4 days, even 7 days for some employees
  - *Lack of resources and direction could have resulted in outbreak and would have been detrimental*

COVID-19 Positive Case

❖ Safehouse ❖ Proper PPE wearing ❖ Social Distancing	Proved to be effective in containing and preventing a COVID-19 outbreak

Mahalo!

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Questions?

Mahalo

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