

# 2020 Statewide Homeless Veterans Virtual Conference

## Sessions, Speakers and Panelists

September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

*The Mayors Challenge Team would like to acknowledge and thank all of the speakers and facilitators who have graciously given their time, knowledge, expertise, experience and services voluntarily for our very first Homeless Veteran's Virtual Conference. We hope that attendees enjoy the opportunity to learn new techniques and gain new skills to help in their efforts to help those most vulnerable in your communities.*

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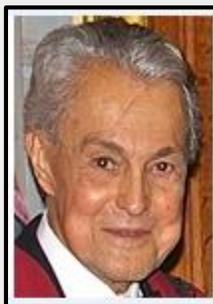
**Aloha and Welcome 9:00 – 9:10 A.M**

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**Kirk Caldwell**  
**Mayor, City and County of Honolulu**

*Born in Waipahu, Kirk Caldwell is the incumbent Mayor of Honolulu. Caldwell assumed the position on January 2, 2013. He previously held the position of Acting Mayor of Honolulu in 2010 following the resignation of Mayor Mufi Hannemann and held the office of mayor until a special election was held to determine a permanent successor. Previously, Mr. Caldwell represented the 24th Representative District in the Hawaii State House of Representatives of the Hawaii State Legislature from 2002 to 2008, serving as the House Majority Leader between 2007 and 2008. Mr. Caldwell is married and has one daughter. He holds degrees from Tufts University, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and William S. Richardson School of Law.*



**John Henry Felix**  
**Executive Chairman, Hawaii Medical Assurance Association**

*John Henry Felix is the Executive Chairman of HMAA one of Hawaii's largest health insurers, and founding and current Chair of the Homeless Veterans Task Force. He has had a distinguished career in business, government, labor management relations, community service, diplomacy, and education spanning six decades. He served as the Chief of Staff for the first Governor of Hawaii. President Reagan appointed him US Representative to the South Pacific Commission. He has chaired more than a dozen State and County boards and commissions and served for 16 years on the Honolulu City Council. A Menlo College alumnus (49) he holds two Oxford M.A. degrees (Harris Manchester College). At Oxford, he is a Fellow, Vice President, and a member of Congregation and the Chancellor's Court, is a retired business faculty member, and is a Life Member of the Oxford Union. He is also an Eagle Scout and head of the Salk Institute for Biological Studies. He has written six books and numerous articles on governance and volunteer development.*

## Opening Plenary and Q&A 9:10 – 9:40 A.M

### National Trends and the Impact of COVID-19



**Adam Ruege, MSW, LISW-S**

**National Deputy Director of Clinical Operations, VA Homeless Programs**

*Adam Ruege, MSW, LISW-S is the Deputy Director of Clinical Operations in the VHA Homeless Program Office and is responsible for overseeing operational planning and operational improvement throughout VHA Homeless Programs. He has led a number of national initiatives for the Homeless Program Office over the past seven years, including the national homeless program hiring initiative, deployment of the comprehensive homeless programs performance measurement system, and leading a team to support redesign of the Greater Los Angeles VA Healthcare System’s homeless services continuum, the largest in the VA system.*

## “A1-A3” Sessions and Q&A 9:45 – 10:30 A.M

### **[A1] Special Needs for Women and Gender Expansive Veterans**



**Mary Harlinger**

**Director, Veteran Affairs Pacific Islands Health Care System**

*Dr. Mary Harlinger is a clinical psychologist with the VA Pacific Islands Health Care System. She serves as the LGBT Veteran Care Coordinator and works as a part of the Health Promotion/Disease Prevention team.*

### **[A2] Suicide Prevention 2.0: From the Clinic to the Community**



**Justin Fienhold, LCSW, CSAC**

**Suicide Prevention Coordinator, VA Pacific Islands Health Care System**

*Justin Fienhold has been a social worker in the Mental Health field for approximately 20 years, working with adolescent and teen populations, families, soldiers, and Veterans addressing behavioral health and substance abuse concerns in residential and outpatient settings. Justin is currently the Suicide Prevention Coordinator for the VA PIHCS covering the Hawaiian Islands, Saipan and CNMI, Guam, and American Samoa. Justin resides in Kaneohe, HI, where he spends his time with his wife and 2 children.*

## **[A3] Being Data Driven: Evidence as Guidance**



**Michael Kleiber**  
**HMIS/CES Network Specialist, Partners in Care**

*Michael Kleiber just completed a year of service through VISTA with the CES team. He is currently working with both the CES and HMIS teams on data analysis and integrity.*



**Joshua Fuentes**  
**Data Specialist, Partners In Care**

*Joshua Fuentes is a data specialist with the Homeless Management Information System team for Oahu's Continuum of Care, Partners in Care. He works with local service providers on data quality improvement and oversees the HMIS Helpdesk.*



**Wallace Engberg**  
**Research & Planning Analyst, Partners In Care**

*Wallace Engberg is the Research & Planning Analyst at Partners In Care. They are an Iowa State, University of Glasgow, and AmeriCorps VISTA alum with a strong background in evidence based research. At Partners in Care, they have led the 2020 Point In Time Count of those experiencing homelessness on O’ahu and pushed for greater inclusion of Youth and LGBTQ+ persons in the Count. Their love of data and data visualization has led to in-depth analysis of PIT Count data to further understand how different sub-populations are affected by homelessness, as can be seen through PIC’s PIT Count Sub-Reports.*

## **“A4-A6” Sessions and Q&A 10:45 – 11:25 A.M**

### **[A4] Peer Specialist Panel: Staying in Housing and in Recovery**



**Thomas “Bo” Botelho**  
**Peer Support Specialist, Honolulu VA Homeless Team, HUD/VASH Program**

*Thomas “Bo” Botelho is a Certified Peer Support Specialist with the Honolulu VA Homeless Team under the HUD/VASH Program; working out of Kalaeloa and servicing all H/V Veterans west of Aiea to Makaha and from Ewa Beach to the North Shore. He is a 71 year old Navy / Vietnam Veteran and has experienced homelessness first hand—he is a proud and grateful graduate of the U.S. VETS/ Veterans in Progress Program at Kalaeloa (C/o 2005). Bo is an “addict - in-recovery” with close to 15 years of being clean and continuous service in the NA Fellowship on Oahu. He is a member of the American Legion in Hawaii (Post #17) and the Hawaii Department of the Veteran of Foreign Wars (Post #2875)— both of which he has proudly served under for many years now.*

*A4 Panelist List Continues on Next Page*



**Anthony Ernst, MBA**  
**Peer Support Specialist, VA Homeless Program**

*Anthony Ernst is a Peer Specialist with Department of Veteran Affairs in the HUDVASH program. He is retired from the U.S. Army as an Airborne Infantryman. He has been on several deployments to Iraq, Bosnia and Panama. He has a Bachelor's degree and Master degree in Business Management. He currently works at the VA supporting homeless Veterans at Cloudbreak Community's as a project based peer support specialist. He helps Veterans recovering from PTSD and substance abuse on-site at Barber's Point.*



**Brian Hanchett**  
**Peer Support Specialist, VA Homeless Program**

*For the last five years, Brian Hanchett has had the privilege to be employed with the Department of Veterans as a Peer Specialist. He feels that he has the best job in the world and is blessed to be able to give back to his community. After traveling the world with the world's greatest Navy and retiring after 20 years, he believes that the world is his community.*

*He married the love of his life 19 years ago and they have two boys and now we are empty nesters. They are members of Trinity Missionary Baptist Church where Brian is a member of the Deacon board and along with his wife who teaches teen Sunday school. He also serves on the Agape ministry that feeds the homeless once a month at Next Step Shelter.*

*Brian has three life models—Jesus, his father Elvin Hanchett Sr., and Dr. Martin Luther King.*



**Pedro Ortiz**  
**Peer Support Specialist, VA Homeless Program**

*Pedro Ortiz served in the Army and Hawaii Army National Guard. He currently works for the VA Homeless Program as a Peer Support Specialist. He has a number of duties that are associated with helping homeless Veterans with employment, transportation, VA Benefits and other resources within the guidelines of the Homeless Program.*

## **[A5] Roadmap for Veterans Benefits**



**Eric Gaskin**  
**Coach of the Public Contact and Outreach team, Honolulu VA Regional Office**

*Eric Gaskin was appointed Coach of the Public Contact and Outreach team at the Honolulu VA Regional Office in October 2015. He oversees outreach services in Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. He is the Coach of the Integrated Disability Evaluation System, designed to improve the disability evaluation process and facilitate transition for service members facing potential medical discharges. Eric began his career with the Department of Veteran Affairs in October 2006 as a Field Examiner in the Fiduciary Department. He served as a Coach in the Honolulu Regional Office Veterans Service Center. He is an U.S. Air Force Veteran and holds a Master of Arts Degree in Management from Wayland Baptist University, Plainview TX.*

## **[A6] Criteria and Benchmarks for Ending Veteran Homelessness**



**Beverley Ebersold**

**Director of National Initiatives, U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness**

*Bev has extensive experience building local partnerships to end homelessness, and has held leadership roles in supportive housing development and service design, delivery, and coordination. Her background includes capacity building and technical assistance with HUD grantees, strategic planning and restructuring of Continuums of Care, and convening stakeholders to promote the alignment of resources for persons experiencing homelessness, with an emphasis on developing permanent supportive housing. Bev holds an MSW from Wayne State University.*

### **Closing Plenary 11:30 – 11:55 A.M**

#### **Stand Strong Together**



**Admiral RJ "Zap" Zlatoper**

**Retired**

*Ronald Joseph Zlatoper is a retired United States Navy four star admiral who served as Commander in Chief, United States Pacific Fleet (CINCPACFLT) from 1994 to 1996, the world's largest naval command encompassing half the Earth's surface, and including more than 190 ships, 1,600 aircraft, and 200,000 personnel. He is a combat experienced naval aviator with over 4,000 flying hours and 1,000 aircraft carrier landings, having also served as the Chief of Naval Personnel, Battle Group Commander in Desert Storm and Desert Shield, and Program Coordinator for the F/A-18 jet aircraft on the Navy staff in Washington, D.C. After his distinguished military career, Admiral Zlatoper served as Co-Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Sanchez Computer Associates, Inc., leading the growth of that company from a \$50 million market capitalization organization to a \$1 billion corporation. In October 2017, he completed his duties as the 24<sup>th</sup> Trustee of The Estate of James Campbell, a private trust with real estate assets valued in excess of \$2.5 billion. He is a founding member of the Homeless Veterans Task Force.*

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## **Aloha and Welcome 9:00 – 9:10 A.M**

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**Adam M. Robinson, Jr., MD, MBA, FACS, FASCRS, CPE  
Director, VA Pacific Islands Health Care System  
36th SG US NAVY VADM, MC, (USN-Retired)**

*Dr. Adam M. Robinson, Jr., was appointed Director of the VA Pacific Islands Health Care System effective August 15, 2020. Prior to his appointment, he served as the Director for the VA Maryland Health Care System.*

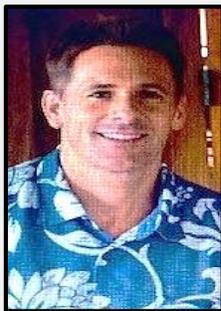
*He has over 30 years of experience as a senior leader in the United States Military Healthcare System, culminating in his selection as the 36th Surgeon General of the United States Navy. The Surgeon General is the Chief Executive Officer for Navy and Marine Corps health care systems and serves as the primary advisor on all health-related care issues and policies for the Secretary of the Navy, the Chief of Naval Operations and the Commandant of the Marine Corps.*

*He received his Doctorate of Medicine from Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis, Indiana, and completed his Residency in General Surgery at the National Naval Medical Center and Fellowship in Colon-Rectal Surgery at the Carle Foundation Hospital and the University of Illinois School of Medicine in Urbana, Illinois. Dr. Robinson also has a Master of Business Administration from the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida.*

*Dr. Robinson's personal decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal (three awards), Legion of Merit (two awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy Achievement Medal and various service and campaign awards.*

## **Opening Plenary and Q&A 9:10 – 9:40 A.M**

### **[B1] Self-care for staff during COVID-19**



**Brian Kelley  
Neuropsychologist, Homeless Patient Aligned Care Team (H-PACT) at the  
Pacific Islands VA**

*Dr. Kelley is a Neuropsychologist for the Homeless Patient Aligned Care Team (H-PACT) at the Pacific Islands VA. He also serves as Assessment Coordinator and Assessment Training Coordinator for the VA and its Psychology Internship and Residency Training Programs. After completing his internship at the Pacific Islands VA, he moved to Arizona to complete a 2-year fellowship in Neuropsychology at the Barrow Neurological Institute. Since 2012, he has resided back in Hawaii and enjoyed providing healthcare for homeless Veterans. During his time off, he likes to surf, play ukulele, and spend time with family and friends.*



**Danielle Eakins, PhD**  
**Psychology Resident, VA Pacific Islands Health Care System**

*Danielle Eakins received her doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Washington. Dr. Eakins' research and clinical work has focused on collaborative, community-based partnerships with rural communities. She recently completed her internship and post-doctoral fellowship at the VA Pacific Islands Health Care System where she worked with the Homeless Patient Aligned Care Team to help Veterans access wrap around mental health, medical and case management services.*

## **"B2 –B3" Sessions and Q&A 9:45 – 10:30 A.M**

### **[B2] Outreach to Unsheltered Veterans: Engaging, Listening, and Persuading**



**Art Minor LCSW, CSAC**  
**Health Care for Homeless Veterans Social worker, VA Pacific Island Health Care System**

*Art has lived in Hawaii for 16 years and earned his Masters in Social Work from the University of Hawaii in 2010. He has been working with the Department of Veteran Affairs on Oahu as an outreach Social Worker with the Homeless program for nearly six years. Have been a Licensed Clinical Social Workers and Certified Substance Abuse Counselor in the state of Hawaii for seven years.*

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**Mark Gerum, LCSW, MPH**

**Outreach Social Worker, VA Health Care for Homeless Veterans Program**

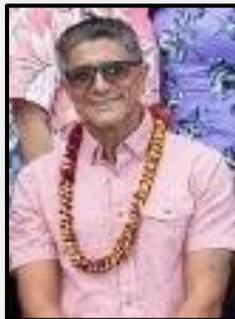
*Mark has worked for the last three years in the VA's Health Care for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) Program as an Outreach Social Worker. Prior to that, Mark worked 4 years as a VA HUD-VASH Social Worker. He has also served as a Clinical Social Worker at Tripler Army Medical Center providing individual and group psychotherapy to OEF/OIF active duty service members and their dependents. He was born in Honolulu and was raised in Waialua and Haleiwa.*



**Macy Sevaaetasi**

**Outreach Coordinator, U.S.VETS**

*Macy Sevaaetasi has been with U.S.VETS for over 7 years. She started out as an outreach case manager, and after 1 and a half years, she transitioned into Outreach Coordinator. While she never took the opportunity to serve in the Armed forces, Macy has been surrounded by Veterans all her life: her father served in the Marine Corp, her grandfather served in the Army (Korean War Veteran), and her husband is an Army Veteran. Macy always knew she wanted to help others, and found her niche working at U.S.VETS helping the most vulnerable and at-risk Veterans in the community.*



**Steve Kahana`oi, BSP**

**Outreach Supervisor, Kalihi-Pālama Health Center**

*Steve Kahana`oi is a Veteran of the United States' Marine Corps. He has a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and has 15 years of service with non-profit organizations. He has been with the Kalihi-Pālama Health Center outreach team for 3 years. He is the proud son of a Hawaiian father and Portuguese mother.*

## **[B3] Connection, Purpose, and Perseverance**



**David G. Brown, Psy.D.**

**Director, Indo-China Area Behavioral Health, Defense Health Agency  
Behavioral Health Consultant, U.S. Indo Pacific Command (INDOPACOM)**

*Dr. Brown is the DoD lead for Behavioral Health in the Indo-China area. He previously served as the U.S. Army's Director of Psychological Health for the Pacific region with approximately 750 Behavioral Health staff serving more than 470,000 beneficiaries throughout Indo-Asia Pacific. He is also the INDOPACOM Behavioral Health Consultant. Dr. Brown came to the Pacific from the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) where he was the lead Clinical Psychologist and subject matter expert for suicide prevention. He functioned as the Director of the Defense Suicide Prevention Oversight Council, responsible for the creation of the Defense Suicide Prevention Office and responding to all Congressional and Senate Armed Services Committee testimonies on suicide.*

*Prior to joining OSD, Dr. Brown served at Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health & Traumatic Brain Injury as the DoD Subject Matter Expert for Recovery Care Support. He supported the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of the Veteran Affairs to jointly develop and implement processes, procedures, and standards for the transition of recovering service members. He also consulted with all 16 elements of the Intelligence Community on their respective redeployment and reintegration needs in addition to supplementing the speeches of the President of the United States, the First Lady, numerous Secretaries, Senators, Congressmen, Flag, and General Officers when speaking on psychological health.*

*Dr. Brown is a recipient of the Office of Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Civilian Service, the highest level career medaled award, and is a member of the Order of Military Medical Merit. He is a Harvard Kennedy School—Alumni and an Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies—Fellow.*



**Sequoia Carr-Brown  
Founder, StRaNgE FrUiT XPrEsS (SFXP)**

*Sequoia Carr-Brown is an international performance artist and founder of a collaborative, creative arts, and education company, StRaNgE FrUiT XPrEsS. She is the proud daughter of John L. Carr, a United States Air Force Vietnam veteran. Her educational modules and performances explore hidden figures and social systems in American history. Her award winning company strives to empower communities with engaging educational, mixed media performances, and workshops. She has dedicated more than thirty years working with active duty, veterans, and their families. From 1996-99, she created an Association of Fine Arts group for the US Army Garrison Commander in Baumholder Germany and was credited and awarded for directly reducing early return of dependents as well as improving numerous wellbeing indicators. In 2019, SFXP was the lead for all entertainment at the Hawaii Veterans Summit.*

*Sequoia has been a guest lecturer and performer in France, Germany, Japan, and Korea and has been featured in the Honolulu International Film Festival. In addition to working with numerous Broadway performers, her mixed abilities students were winners of the Hawaii Stars People with Extraordinary Abilities Contest. She is a recipient of a prestigious 2020 MAP Fund and is currently in production to present an art installation with seven other talented artists for the Shangri La Museum of Islamic Art, Culture & Design's "8x8" exhibition.*

## **“B4-B6” Sessions and Q&A 10:45 – 11:25 A.M**

### **[B4] Veterans Health Administration Services For Military Sexual Trauma (MST)**



**Desiree C. Cabinte, Ph.D.**  
**MST Coordinator, Pacific Islands Health Care System**

*Desiree C. Cabinte, Ph.D. is a Staff Psychologist and the Military Sexual Trauma Coordinator for the Pacific Islands Health Care System. Dr. Cabinte completed her doctoral training at University of Wisconsin, Madison in Counseling Psychology with a clinical internship and post-doctoral residency at the VA Pacific Islands Health Care System. Her clinical interests include treatment of PTSD and depression, working with survivors of sexual trauma, women veterans, combat veterans and underrepresented and underserved groups.*

### **[B5] Managing to Success: Coordinated Entry, Case Conferencing, and the BFZ Approach**



**Lindsey Kaumeheiwa, LSW**  
**Coordinated Entry Specialist, VA Homeless Veterans Program**

*Lindsey Kaumeheiwa is a Coordinated Entry Specialist/LSW with the Homeless Program at The VA. As a CES Specialist, Lindsey represents the VA in leading efforts to end Veteran homelessness within the community, alongside the Continuum of Care. Lindsey has experience working with diverse populations such as those who are homeless, those with Substance Use Disorders, and those with Serious and persistent mental illness.*



**Morgan Esarey**  
**Coordinated Entry System (CES) Lead, Partners In Care**

*Morgan is currently employed with Partners In Care administering the Coordinated Entry System (CES), a federal mandate designed to connect the most vulnerable homeless clients with the scarce resources available within the local Continuum of Care, Partners In Care. Morgan serves in this capacity alongside Tani Fujimoto-Kim, Michael Kleiber, Brynn Miranda, and Darrell Edelhoff. Morgan previously worked at Aloha United Way and PHOCUSSED where she specialized in administering the Coordinated Entry System for families and other sub-populations.*

*Prior to moving to Hawaii, Morgan served as an AmeriCorps VISTA Member at the College of Charleston located in Charleston, South Carolina. There she worked closely with the local Continuum of Care, Lowcountry Homeless Coalition, assisting with the Point In Time Count and creating Charleston's first ever Youth Count.*

*Morgan holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Economics and Human Resources from the University of South Carolina and is passionate about systems change and fighting poverty, specifically related to housing and homelessness.*



**Nate French**  
**Portfolio Lead, Community Solutions**

*As a Portfolio Lead for Community Solutions, Nate works directly with communities to build and improve systems to end homelessness. He manages Built for Zero's Breakthrough Collaboratives portfolio, where he works intensively with local partners to push towards the goal of ending Veteran and chronic homelessness using data-driven interventions. Nate comes to Community Solutions from the grassroots work in Los Angeles to build a coordinated entry system. Through his first-hand experience he believes that our greatest hope in solving our most pressing complex social problems is through empowering local communities to create unique solutions and take collective action.*

## **[B6] Ending Veteran Homelessness in Washington D.C.: Lessons Learned from a Sister City**



**Kally Canfield**  
**Systems Transformation Advisor, Community Solutions**

*Kally is the Systems Transformation Advisor (AKA Transformer) for Charlotte, NC and Washington, DC. Kally helps manage the project plans developed by the teams in both large cities, providing support to build and improve their systems in order to reach the goal of ending Veteran homelessness. She has a BA in Sociology with a minor in Social Work and is currently pursuing her MBA with a nonprofit management concentration, expecting to graduate in the spring of 2020. Kally has been working in social services since 2001 and has held a variety of direct service positions, including PSH case management. Kally has nearly 10 years of experience in leadership roles, most recently coming from a Division Director position of a SSVF program in Washington DC. She grew this nationally recognized program through her strong leadership skills and grew it from being a team of 1 to most recently a team of 28, making it the largest SSVF program in the DC metro region. She is very involved in community leadership groups working to end homelessness and has served as the co-chair for the DC-ICH Veterans NOW! workgroup.*



**Lindsay Curtin, LSW**  
**Policy Advisor, DC's Interagency Council on Homelessness.**

*Lindsay Curtin currently serves as a Policy Advisor for DC's Interagency Council on Homelessness. In this role Lindsay solicits community feedback through work group meetings, helps develop policies for the veteran and singles adult homeless services system, and supports the work laid out by DC's strategic plan, Homeward DC. Before her time at DC ICH, Lindsay served as the Director of Outreach at Miriam's Kitchen. In this role, she managed a street outreach team that worked to engage, provide services to, and house individuals experiencing homelessness in the District. Immediately prior to this role, Lindsay worked as a street outreach worker and case manager directly serving individuals experiencing homelessness in DC. Lindsay received her Master's in Social Work from the Catholic University of America and is a Licensed Social Worker.*

## Closing Plenary 11:30 – 11:55 A.M

### **Becoming Built for Zero: The Future of our Work**



**Nate French**  
**Portfolio Lead, Community Solutions**

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## Mahalo 11:55 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.



**Andy Taylor, LCSW**  
**Health Care for Homeless Veterans (HCHV), VA Pacific Island Health Care System**

*Andy has been the Health Care for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) Coordinator at VA Pacific Islands for the last three years and is co-chair of the Honolulu Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness. Andy's previous experience includes serving as a HUD-VASH Social Worker and Clinical Social Worker with an Embedded Behavioral Health Team at Schofield Barracks. He is a graduate of Baylor University and has been practicing social work in Hawaii for 12 years.*



**Marc Alexander**  
**Executive Director, City and County of Honolulu Mayor's Office of Housing**

*Marc Alexander was born in Sagami, Japan, and raised in Hawaii. Appointed by Mayor Caldwell in 2017, he is the Executive Director of the Office of Housing for the City and County of Honolulu and co-chair of the Honolulu Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness. Prior to this appointment, he served at the Hawaii Community Foundation, the Institute for Human Services, the first Hawaii State Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness, and in administrative and pastoral positions in the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii.*

*He holds a doctorate in theology from the Gregorian University in Rome, and has published and spoken in the fields of public policy, bioethics, and theology.*