



Pacific Islands Health Officers Association

Board Resolution

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“Continuing Professional Development”

WHEREAS, the PIHOA Board of Directors are concerned about the health disparities noted in the 1998 Institute of Medicine Report “Pacific Partnerships for Health” and the lack of coordinated efforts and infrastructure to maintain the knowledge and skills of the existing health workforce in the USAPIN; and

WHEREAS, the PIHOA Board of Directors recognize that given current infrastructure needs, competing priorities and available resources, strategic planning for health workforce development needs to occur, with continuing professional development as one component needed to maintain the existing health workforce; and

WHEREAS, the PIHOA Board of Directors have recognized that incentives need to be developed in order for health professionals to engage in meaningful continuing professional development activities; and

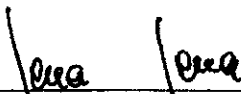
WHEREAS, the PIHOA Board of Directors recognize that mandating an appropriate amount of continuing education credits for relicensure is an example of a needed incentive for continuing professional development that is critical to the success of a sustainable continuing professional development program for health professionals; and

WHEREAS, the PIHOA Board of Directors recognize the importance of quality assurance programs in improving the delivery of health care in their jurisdictions and also in making newly learned material more relevant to the health professional.


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the PIHOA Board of Directors, understanding the urgency of the regional problem of human resource development and the role that continuing professional development for the existing health workforce plays in the overall human resource for health plans for the jurisdictions and the region,

- Will ensure that each member state effectively implements a formal continuing professional development committee that includes representatives from QA, nursing, lab, radiology, public health and other disciplines important to delivery of health care in the jurisdiction *
- Will continue to work with the Pacific Association for Clinical Training (University of Hawaii Department of Family Medicine and Community Health) to guide development of continuing professional development policies and procedures that are relevant to the jurisdiction, based on systematically identified needs and linked to meaningful outcomes
- Will ensure that each member state develops or expands quality assurance (QA) processes so that continuing professional development programs can be formally linked to QA *
- Will encourage close collaboration and coordination with the local community colleges to develop learning opportunities in topics that will augment the daily functioning of the health professional (i.e., computer skills, accessing medical information on the internet, management and administration, quality assurance) *
- Will ensure that licensure, credentialing and/or renewal of contract is tied to attaining a certain number of continuing education credits (based on existing opportunities and capacity in the jurisdiction) *
- Will develop and/or enforce existing laws and policies surrounding relicensure of health professionals *


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution will be sent to the professional licensing boards and Attorney Generals of each member state, to the local community colleges, HRSA, WHO, SPC, the University of Hawaii System including the John A. Burns School of Medicine, and other Institutions of Higher Learning and to the U.S. Congressional Delegation from Hawaii.



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“Regional Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan and Regional Registry”

WHEREAS, the PIHOA Board of Directors are concerned that cancer is amongst the leading causes of mortality and morbidity in every PIHOA jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, PIHOA has recognized the Cancer Council of the Pacific Islands (CCPI), as the regional coordinating and oversight body for cancer control efforts in the member states and have recently granted the CCPI Affiliate Membership to PIHOA so that CCPI and PIHOA can better coordinate efforts; and

WHEREAS, the PIHOA Board of Directors supports the development of a sustainable regional cancer registry that is controlled by the individual member states and the USAPI region; and

WHEREAS, the PIHOA board has desired to develop (a) a clearinghouse of information for practices and policies that are effective, (b) regional resources for training, (c) affordable, regional diagnostic capabilities, including cancer related laboratory support, (c) regional coordination with referral networks, consultations, and sustainable cancer treatment options, and (d) efficient and sustainable health information and cancer registry systems; and

WHEREAS, the PIHOA Board of Directors recognize the previous and current work, relationships built and advocacy done by University of Hawaii Department of Family Medicine and Community Health (UH DFMCH), and understands the CCPI prefers that the UH DFMCH administer the CDC Regional CCC Plan/Implementation Grant and the CDC Regional Cancer Registry grant on behalf of the region.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the PIHOA Board of Directors, understanding that certain regional minimum standards must be in place in order to compete successfully for the Centers for Disease Control's National Comprehensive Cancer Control Program (NCCCP) and National Program of Cancer Registries (NCPR) Cooperative agreements, will, in each member state,

- Enforce or create existing legislation and policies to mandate reporting of cancer-related information to the Ministry or Department of Health;
- Formalize Ministry or Departmental (of Health) policies and procedures by August 2007 to ensure sharing of information among programs and divisions and collaboration to better utilize existing resources, programs and services;
- Develop or expand quality assurance (QA) processes, specifically in the areas of laboratory and health information management so that cancer-related (and other) information is accurate and can serve as a strong base for future public health and health services planning;
- Continue to work collaboratively with CCPI and UH DFMCH as health information management (HIM) systems are developed so that the additional features of the regional cancer registry can be appropriately tailored to regional and individual jurisdiction needs and work in synergy with HIM systems; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PIHOA Board of Directors and the CCPI will work collaboratively to establish a set of recommended minimum regional standards relating to cancer control; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that PIHOA Board of Directors will begin a planning process necessary for successful implementation of regional resource centers for cancer and potentially other chronic diseases; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution will be sent to the Attorney Generals of each member state, the CCPI, CDC Division of Cancer Prevention and Control, NCI National Center of Minority Health and Health Disparities and NCI Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities, the University of Hawaii System including the John A. Burns School of Medicine, and to the U.S. Congressional Delegation from Hawaii, Guam and American Samoa.

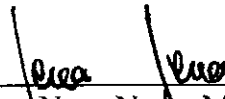
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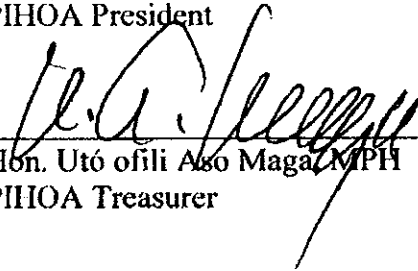
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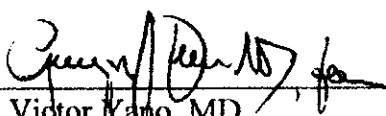


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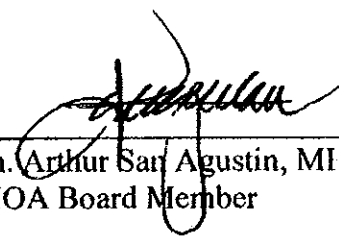


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"In support of the Nahlap HRH Action Plan"

WHEREAS, Human Resources for Health is one of the 10 priorities in the PIHOA's Strategic Plan;

WHEREAS, there is a chronic regional shortage of students academically prepared to enter all levels of health professions training – particularly in medicine, nursing and allied health;

WHEREAS, many of the current health workforce are under-trained in their respective disciplines, especially in allied health;

WHEREAS, all the jurisdictions recognize that there is a shortage of qualified nurses at all levels;

WHEREAS, there is a need for ongoing training for clinical, public health, oral health and psychiatric nurses;

WHEREAS, the primary and secondary school systems need strengthening in English, Study Skills, Mathematics, and Science;

WHEREAS, there are too few career ladder and bridging training programs that provide in-country health workforce training;

WHEREAS, management training for the health workforce has been identified as a priority need for Nursing, Public Health, and Health Services Administration;

WHEREAS, there is the need for appropriate planning for better HRH development among the USAPI member jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, PIHOA, within its 42nd Meeting on Nahlap Island, Pohnpei, 1-2 August 2006, conducted a 2-day workshop to address regional HRH issues;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the PIHOA HRH Subcommittee will develop a PIHOA Strategic HRH Report – the Nahlap Action Plan, which will address HRH regional challenges and focus on critical issues including

- 1) Strengthening the Educational Pipeline for the new workforce,

- 2) Career Ladder and Bridging Training for the current workforce,
- 3) Management training,
- 4) Overall HRH planning; and
- 5) Partnerships with local institutions for higher learning for delivery of needed accredited curricula.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED for developing the new workforce, the Nahlap Action Plan will include ways to strengthen the Educational Pipeline to increase the numbers of regional students who are academically prepared to enter all levels of health care training; *

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Nahlap Action Plan will address training issues associated with Career Ladder and Bridging Training Programs for the current members of the health workforce; *

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED as an example of a action item, PIHOA will work with WHO to make available more Pacific Open Health Learning Network (POHLN) distance learning modules for regional Allied Health Workers (AHW) as a first step credited academic training activity which will later complement follow-up hands-on clinical training; *

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED additionally, PIHOA will work with donor and granting agencies establish clinical allied health Centers of Excellence to provide hands-on clinical training for regional AHW who have completed discipline related POHLN distance learning modules; ? *

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED PIHOA will advocate with local and regional health professions institutions to strengthen management training for regional nurses, public health workers, and health services administrators;

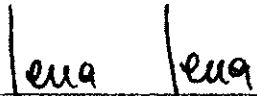
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Nahlap Action Plan will provide a framework for regional gathering of HRH data with a view to appropriate HRH planning for the region; The HRH Subcommittee will develop a PIHOA Strategic HRH Report – the Nahlap Action Plan, which will address regional HRH regional; *

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED PIHOA will present the first installment of its Strategic HRH Plan at the next regular PIHOA meeting; DOMG

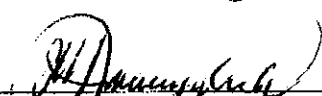
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that PIHOA extends its gratitude to the South Pacific Office of WHO for allowing Dr. Juliet Fleischl, WHO HRH Officer, Suva, Fiji; to assist it in conducting the Nahlap Island HRH Meeting; DOMG

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED PIHOA will work with the regions scholarship boards and international donors to provide scholarships for all levels of the health workforce;

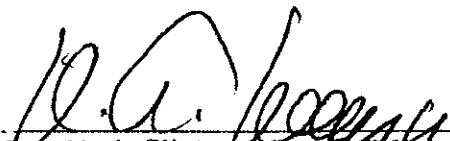
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution will be sent to Dr. Chen Ken, WHO South Pacific Representatives, Suva, Fiji, PREL, Ministers of Education, College of Micronesia, College of the Marshall Islands, University of Guam, John A. Burns School of Medicine, Fiji School of Medicine, Fiji School of Nursing, Guam Community College, University of the South Pacific, AUSAID, JICA, NZAID, Palau Community College, U.S. Embassies of Freely Associated States, Scholarship Boards USAPI.



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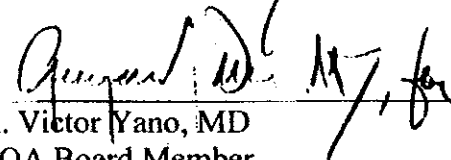


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Board Resolution #45-01

*“Urging continued funding and support by the United States for
the Pacific Island Health Care Project”*

WHEREAS, the Pacific Island Health Care Project (PIHCP) was founded in 1986 to strengthen graduate medical education at Tripler Army Medical Center and provide humanitarian care to underserved Pacific Islanders residing in PIHOA member states:

WHEREAS, PIHCP has provided nearly \$70 million in health care since 1990 to more than 6,000 Pacific Island children and adults suffering from a variety of serious and debilitating health conditions, including cancers, tumors and disabling deformities:

WHEREAS, U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye has provided the vision and leadership to ensure the creation and continued funding of PIHCP for more than two decades:

WHEREAS, Dr. Donald Person, MD, COL, MC has served as PIHCP coordinator, advocate, and chief humanitarian since its inception and will soon retire from the U.S. Army:

WHEREAS, at the time of this resolution, no funding has been identified to continue PIHCP beyond fiscal year 2008:

AND WHEREAS, PIHCP is in accordance with US Public Law 99-239, dated January 14th, 1986, 49 U.S.C. 1905(k) and amended on July 14, 2003, which states that “the Secretary of Defense shall make available the medical facilities of the Department of Defense for use by individuals from the FSM, the RMI and the ROP who are properly referred to such facilities by government authorities responsible for provision of medical services of the FSM, the RMI, the ROP, Guam, ... the CNMI and American Samoa”:

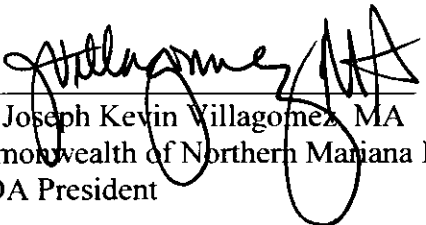
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that PIHOA thanks the US Government, including the U.S. Congress—and in particular Senator Daniel Inouye—and the U.S. Department of Defense, for more than two decades of support and care imparted to Pacific Islanders in PIHOA member states through PIHCP:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that PIHOA requests that the government of United States commit continued. long-term funding for PIHCP. as a unique. essential program for both graduate medical education and Pacific Island health care:


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the U.S. Department of Defense consider a succession plan to ensure project continuity after Dr. Donald A. Person ceases to serve as coordinator and advocate for PIHCP:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be communicated to the chief executives of PIHOA member states. during the Western Micronesian Chief Executives Summit. for their consideration and endorsement:

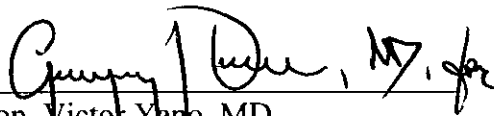
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be sent to the U.S. Congressional delegates from American Samoa, Guam and Hawai'i. and appropriate leadership at the Department of Defense.



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Board Resolution #43-19

"Requesting a Formal Waiver of HHS Federal Grants Cooperative Agreement Cost-Sharing Requirements for all of the PIHOA member states"

WHEREAS, all of the PIHOA Member states presently depend on U.S. HHS funding to support many health programs:

WHEREAS, U.S. Legislation and the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) presently authorizes all of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention programs, including specifications regarding cost-sharing or matching requirements by CDC grantees:

WHEREAS, the Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program of the CDC Division of Cancer Prevention and Control (DCPC), presently allows for waiver of the 33% cost-sharing requirements for American Samoa, Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, up to \$250,000:

WHEREAS, other DCPC programs (and perhaps others) who do require cost-sharing / matching do not have a waiver for the Flag territories and have no waiver for any of the FAS:

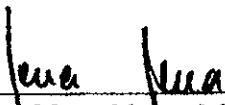
WHEREAS, all PIHOA member states will suffer financial hardship and detriment to their health system by adhering to these cost-sharing requirements:

WHEREAS, many of the PIHOA members states cannot meet U.S. CFR cost-sharing requirements by virtue of the high percentage of U.S. Federal funding that supports the general government and health sectors:

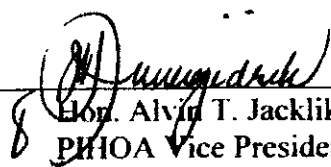
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED. the PIHOA Board of Directors strongly advocate for an amendment to the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations to waive any cost-sharing/matching requirements for all of the CDC Division of Cancer Prevention and Control programs for all PIHOA member states; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the PIHOA Executive Director, with the assistance of the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine Department of Family Medicine and Community Health, work closely with U.S. HHS, CDC, and other relevant agencies and Congressional leadership to develop appropriate strategies that will result in enactment of appropriate Legislation to waive the cost-sharing/matching requirements, as indicated above, for all PIHOA member states, and

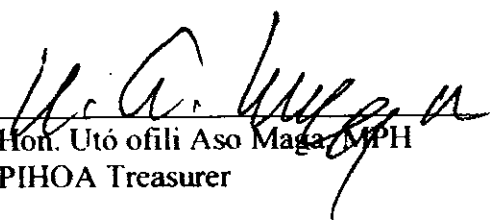
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this PIHOA Board Resolution be sent to CDC, DOI Office of Insular Affairs, U.S. Congressional delegates from American Samoa, Guam and Hawaii, the Washington Representative of CNMI and other appropriate entities.



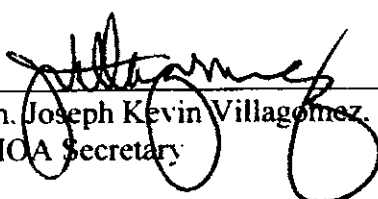
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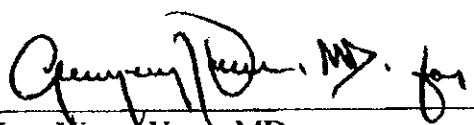
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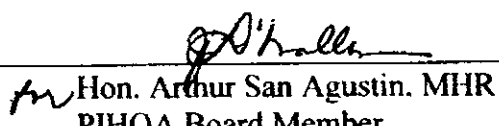
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Board Resolution #43-18

“Support for a the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration ‘Island Designation’”

WHEREAS, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) currently gives special consideration for sparsely populated rural areas, and is in the process of developing a “frontier” designation, which recognizes the unique challenges these areas face in the delivery of primary health care services; and

WHEREAS, the US-associated Pacific Island jurisdictions also face numerous, unique challenges, including

- geographic isolation, with the people of the Pacific Island living on islands spread over thousands of miles of ocean, with many living in areas only accessible by boat and with only two-way radio communications to the “outside”;
- increased costs of all aspects of doing business, including the high cost of shipping, cost of goods and infrastructure;
- broad diversity of health conditions and needs, with the Pacific Island populations suffering from both conditions of the “developed world” such as diabetes, heart disease and cancer, as well as from conditions—parasitic, infectious and communicable diseases—found most often in underdeveloped areas;

WHEREAS the Senate Appropriations Committee, in it’s FY2006 Committee Report, requested that HRSA develop an “island designation” that would recognize, promote and support programs in geographically isolated locations such as the Pacific Island jurisdictions and Hawai’i;


WHEREAS, in recent meetings in March 2007 with Dr. Betty Duke, HRSA administrator, she indicated she welcomed the assistance of the Pacific Island

jurisdictions in developing an appropriate and acceptable language defining an "island designation":

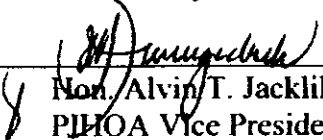
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the PIHOA Board of Directors,

- ❖ strongly supports the creation, by HRSA, of an "island designation" that recognizes the numerous unique challenges faced by the Pacific Island jurisdictions in providing quality primary health care services and provides the same special consideration as given to "sparsely populated rural areas:" and
- ❖ requests a copy of the "Island Designation" workgroup report from HRSA; and
- ❖ will work closely with the Pacific Islands Primary Care Association (PIPCA) and the Hawai'i Primary Care Association (HPCA) to advocate for the creation of such a designation with the appropriate Island and US government and elected officials; and
- ❖ will work closely with PIPCA and HPCA in providing HRSA with suggested language for such an "island designation."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this PIHOA Board Resolution be sent to HRSA, CDC, the U.S. Congressional delegates from American Samoa, Guam and Hawai'i, the Washington Representative of CNMI, Papa Ola Lokahi, the Hawaii State Office of Rural Health, and other appropriate entities.



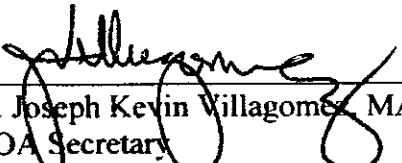
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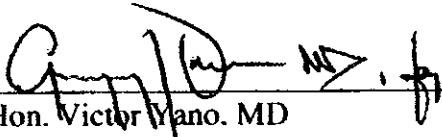
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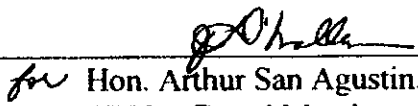
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Board Resolution #43-17

“Concerning HRH Plan Development”


WHEREAS. PIHOA adopted the resolution to develop the Nahlap Action Plan for HRH in August 2006:

WHEREAS. development of jurisdiction HRH plan is part of the Nahlap Action Plan:

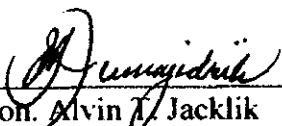
WHEREAS, the HRH Working group formally met at the April 2007 PIHOA meeting and produced a report which recommends focused technical assistance be provided to each jurisdiction to complete their HRH plan:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED. the PIHOA Board of Directors will work with the Fiji School of Medicine and WHO to obtain technical assistance to develop the jurisdiction HRH plans as recommended in the HRH Working Group Report of April 20, 2007: and

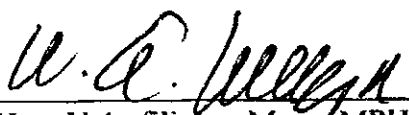
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this PIHOA Board Resolution be sent to WHO WPRO HRH Office and the Fiji School of Medicine.



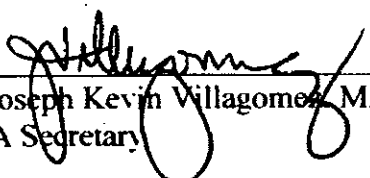
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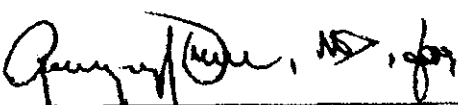
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Pacific Islands Health Officers Association
Board Resolution #43-16

"Supporting undergraduate public health training among the Freely-Associated States"

WHEREAS the Nahlap Human resources for Health Action Plan (HRH) has identified the need for Public Health Training among the US-API jurisdictions:

WHEREAS the Fiji School of Medicine has successfully initiated both undergraduate and postgraduate Public Health Training among the FAS countries:

WHEREAS, there is a need to develop local public health training capacity among the regional Community Colleges of the USAPI which can be more focused towards local Public Health needs:

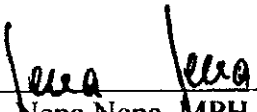
WHEREAS there is also a need for Public Health continuing professional education and accreditation:

WHEREAS the Palau AHEC has identified seed money resources to initiate the Project:

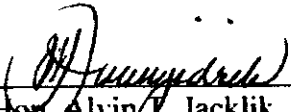
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that PIHOA strongly endorses and supports the development and implementation of a Community College-based Public Health Training Project in Micronesia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that PIHOA will adopt this Community College-based Public Health Training Project as one of its Human Resources for Health initiatives.

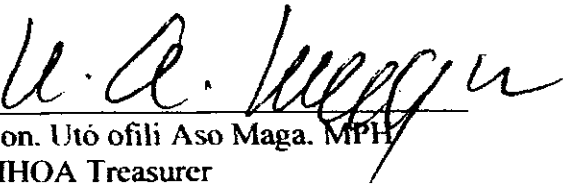
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PIHOA Secretariat will work with the Palau Area Health Education Center and the College of Micronesia-FSM and other regional Community Colleges to facilitate the development and implementation of the Project and its interface with other PIHOA HRH initiatives.



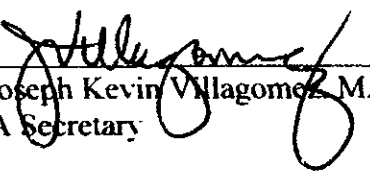
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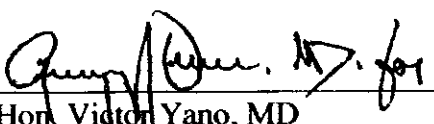
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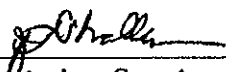
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Pacific Islands Health Officers Association
Board Resolution #43-15

“Establishing the support of PIHOA for a nurse training program in the Federated States of Micronesia.”

WHEREAS there is a severe shortage of nursing personnel in the Federated States of Micronesia: and

WHEREAS a significant portion of the nurses have only been trained on-the-job without an opportunity for formal education: and

WHEREAS the health programs in the FSM states are increasingly utilizing ex-patriate nurses because of the shortage of FSM citizens trained as nurses, which is a costly and non-sustainable solution: and

WHEREAS nurses with training at all educational levels (vocational/practical, RN/GN [associate-degree and bachelors degree] and masters) are needed: and

WHEREAS there is no current nurse education program available in the FSM at the College of Micronesia-FSM: and

WHEREAS many potential candidates are unable to leave the FSM because of work and family commitments: and

WHEREAS planning for a nursing program at the COM-FSM has begun:

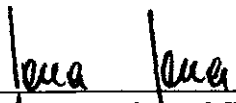
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that PIHOA fully endorse the development and implementation a College of Micronesia-FSM nursing program in the Federated States of Micronesia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that PIHOA encourage American Pacific Nurse Leaders Council to support such a program:

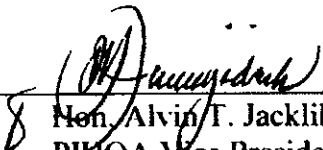
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that PIHOA encourage close collaboration between

this COM-FSM nursing initiative and other regional health initiatives: and

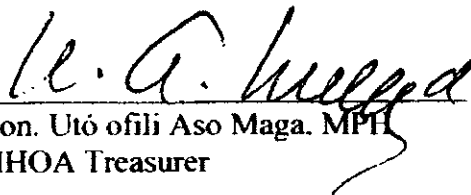
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that PIHOA work with outside experts and potential resource agencies to procure needed resources for such a program.



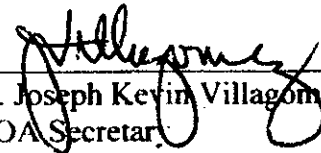
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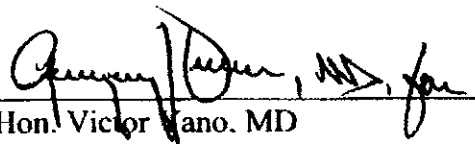
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Board Resolution #43-14

"Recognizing the Need to Establish a Regional Dental Para-professional Training Program and On-site Workforce trainings"

WHEREAS, PIHOA recognizes that there is extremely high prevalence of dental caries, especially among children, along with a low number of experienced providers within member states.

WHEREAS, PIHOA has identified primary health care as one of ten priority areas in PIHOA's current strategic plan and also recognizes that dental health is a key component of primary health care.

WHEREAS, primary oral health care and prevention of dental diseases are most effectively addressed through collaborative efforts between the education and health agencies of governments.

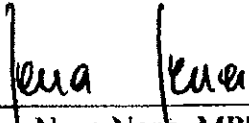
WHEREAS, PIHOA recognizes the need for training mid-level dental providers in the region—including dental therapists and dental nurses—along with the dental preventive workforce—including dental hygienists and dental preventive assistants—to meet the needs of the jurisdictions.

WHEREAS, PIHOA recognizes the need for retraining the current dental and public health paraprofessionals on latest evidence-based primary oral health care and preventive procedures, and to achieve this in collaboration with the dental schools and shared expertise in the region, for the purpose of developing a local work force for the prevention of dental diseases

WHEREAS, Pacific Basin Dental Association, an affiliate member of PIHOA, has requested that PIHOA support a proposed strategy to meet primary oral health care needs

in the region through a regional training program for dental paraprofessionals and on-site in-service trainings in primary oral health care.

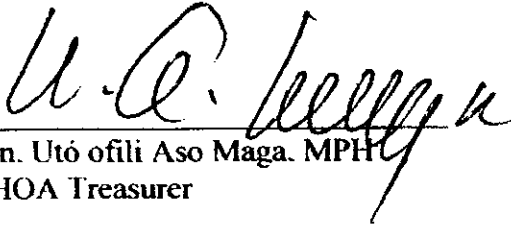
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that PIHOA will advocate, support and assist in the development and establishment of a formal Dental Para-Professional Training Program in the region, and also support on-site primary oral health care workforce trainings by expertise in the Pacific region and, as necessary and appropriate, other expertise.



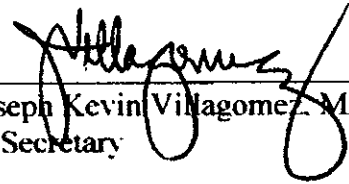
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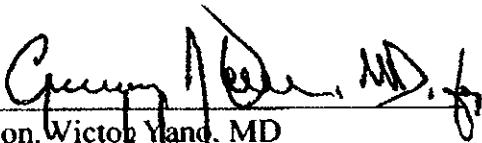
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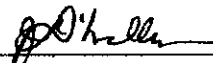
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Pacific Islands Health Officers Association

Board Resolution #43-13

"Concerning the development of a regional strategy for safe drinking water"

WHEREAS, the consumption of contaminated drinking water is a public health issue causing great morbidity and mortality throughout the world.

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has made access to safe drinking water a primary goal for world health.

WHEREAS, PIHOA has made "Safe Drinking Water" one of its top ten priority areas due to the lack of potable water systems in many communities throughout member states.

WHEREAS, PIHOA recognizes that efforts to identify and implement culturally appropriate water purification technology in member states—and in particular, remote outer island communities—could lead to substantially reduced incidence of waterborne disease.

WHEREAS, the development of a regional strategy to provide the jurisdictions with a secure, dependable source of safe drinking water could greatly reduce the incidence of waterborne disease.

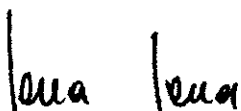
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that PIHOA will develop a regional strategy to address the lack of secure, dependable sources of safe drinking water in the jurisdictions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that PIHOA will dedicate a half to full day of the 44th PIHOA Meeting, currently scheduled for August 2007, to the development of this regional strategy.

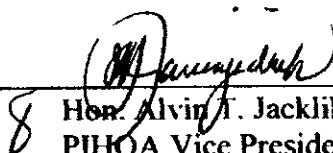
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that PIHOA will request the participation of the Northern Pacific Environmental Health Association in the development of the strategic plan.

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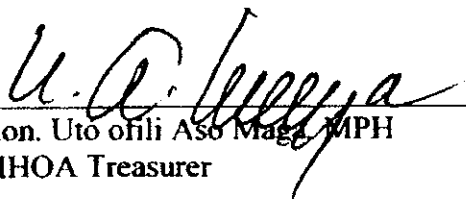
Northern Pacific Environmental Health Association, and where appropriate other stakeholders, in the development of the strategic plan for water safety.



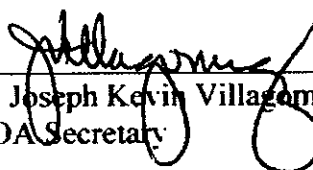
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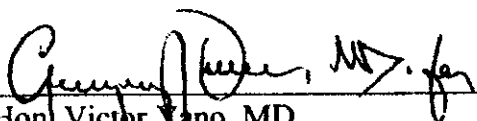
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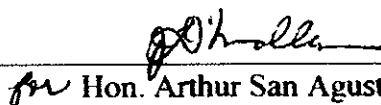
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Pacific Island Health Officers Association

Board Resolution #43-11

"Federal Funding Supporting Primary Health Care in the Pacific Island Jurisdictions"

WHEREAS, the US federal government Health Center Program The Health Center Program currently funds 6 community health centers (CHCs) in the Pacific Island Jurisdictions, and

WHEREAS, PIHOA supports the development of additional CHCs in the Pacific Island jurisdictions: and

WHEREAS, the Pacific Island jurisdictions are not eligible to apply for funding under the second President's Initiative (PI 2), which has just been launched by HRSA, for the addition and expansion of CHCs targets the 200 poorest counties in the US that currently do not have a CHC: and

WHEREAS, the 200 poorest counties are certainly deserving of targeted funding for new CHCs and expanded medical services, so are the Pacific Island jurisdictions: and

WHEREAS, there is no provision in the President's FY 2008 budget request for funding for new CHCs in areas other than those qualified under the PI 2(or for expanded medical capacity for existing CHCs): and

WHEREAS, The National Health Services Corps is essential to CHCs to help with the recruitment and retention of well-qualified health care providers of medical, dental and behavioral health services: and

WHEREAS, human resources for health (HRH) or health workforce development and training is a critical issue facing the Pacific Islands. A well-funded National Health Services Corps could result in health care providers choosing to serve in the Pacific Islands: and

WHEREAS, Area Health Education Centers (AHECs) address key health workforce needs with a focus on the delivery of community-based primary care services: and

WHEREAS, The Hawai'i/Pacific Area Health Education Centers, with locations and services currently in Palau, Saipan, Yap and Hawai'i, has been instrumental in providing

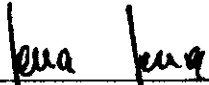
health workforce training in the Pacific Islands. for example pharmacy assistant program in Palau. nursing training in Saipan. nursing and community health worker training in Yap: and

WHEREAS, the Pacific Island jurisdictions are facing a serious shortage of health care providers, with the situation only getting worse, with the AHEC program in the Pacific is a critical component in addressing the health workforce training needs:

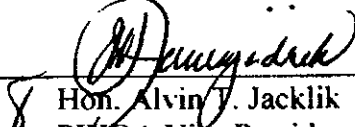
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the PIHOA Board of Directors, strongly urges the US Congress to:

- ❖ Reauthorize the Health Center Program, and appropriate an increase of \$200 million in FY 2008 for this program: and
- ❖ Reauthorize the National Health Service Corps program and appropriate \$150 million for this program in FY2008: and
- ❖ Reauthorize the Titles VII and VIII health professions programs and appropriate \$450 million, with \$30 million specifically the Area Health Education program, in FY 2008.

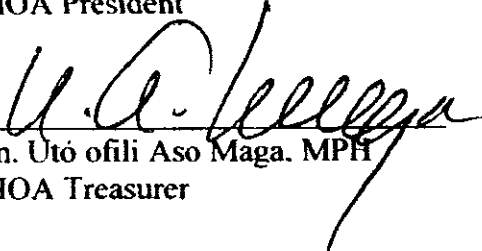
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this PIHOA Board Resolution be sent to the U.S. Congressional delegates from American Samoa, Guam and Hawai'i, the CNMI Washington Representative, other elected and government officials in the Pacific and US as appropriate, HRSA and the National Association of Community Health Centers.



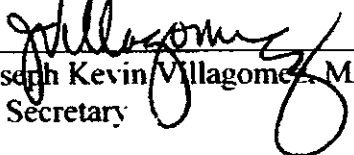
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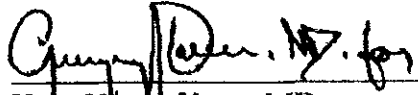
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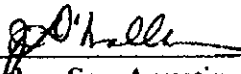
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Pacific Islands Health Officers Association

Board Resolution #43-12

"Establishment of a Center of Excellence in Eliminating Disparities in the U.S. - Affiliated Pacific Islander population with a focus on breast and cervical cancer and associated risk factors"

WHEREAS, the PIHOA Board of Directors recognize that breast and cervical cancer are amongst the leading causes of mortality and morbidity in every PIHOA jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the PIHOA Board of Directors are concerned about the disparities both within and beyond our population in breast and cervical cancer; and

WHEREAS, the PIHOA Board of Directors acknowledge that multiple factors, from the individual level through to the broader social, cultural and environmental levels contribute to these disparities; and

WHEREAS, the PIHOA Board of Directors recognize the need for multi-level systems approaches to address these disparities; and

WHEREAS, the PIHOA Board of Directors have desired to develop (a) multi-level partnerships, (b) regional resources for training and appropriate dissemination, (c) a clearinghouse of information for practices and policies that are effective within the region; and

WHEREAS, the PIHOA Board of Directors have been the advisory body to and supportive of the Pacific Comprehensive Cancer Control Program (PCCCP) and its efforts within the region; and

WHEREAS, the PIHOA Board of Directors have previously demonstrated commitment through their authority to effect policy changes at both local and regional levels; and

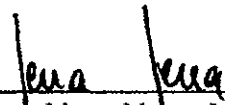
WHEREAS, the PIHOA Board of Directors have previously recognized the Cancer Council of the Pacific Islands (CCPI) as the regional body for coordination of cancer control activities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the PIHOA Board of Directors supports the continued efforts of the Pacific Comprehensive Cancer Control Program to address disparities in the health priority area of cancer, as identified by community coalitions within each jurisdiction, specifically breast and cervical cancer and associated risk factors; and

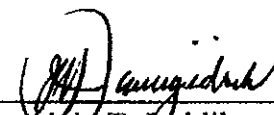
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that PIHOA Board of Directors supports the work of the Pacific Cancer Coalition, with the Cancer Council of the Pacific Islands (CCPI) serving as the steering committee, who with support of multiple partners, including the NCI, CDC, and the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine Department of Family Medicine and Community Health (JABSOM DFMCH) is developing and coordinating regional efforts in comprehensive cancer control planning, including a regional cancer registry and a regional resource center; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; the PIHOA Board of Directors supports the University of Hawaii Department of Family Medicine's application to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to Establish a Center of Excellence in the Elimination of Disparities (CEED) to address disparities in breast and cervical cancer and associated risk factors in the U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that a copy of this resolution will be transmitted to CDC, NCI and University of Hawaii System including the John A. Burns School of Medicine.



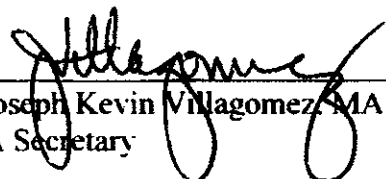
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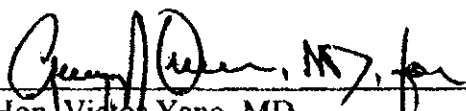
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Pacific Islands Health Officers Association
Board Resolution #43-9

"Concerning improving access to pharmaceuticals through a partnership with the Perry Point Supply Center of the US Department of Health and Human Services."

WHEREAS, lack of access to appropriate pharmaceuticals is a significant cause of mortality and morbidity among many communities in PIHOA member states.

WHEREAS, PIHOA has made "Pharmaceuticals" one of its top ten priority areas.

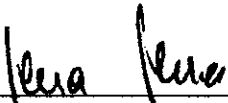
WHEREAS, PIHOA recognizes significant opportunities to improve access to, and the affordability of, appropriate pharmaceuticals, through more effective distribution systems, economies of scale, better financial management, and the leveraging of partnerships.

WHEREAS, Perry Point, a program of the US Department of Health and Human Services and a distributor of pharmaceuticals for the United States military, has made its services available to PIHOA member states.

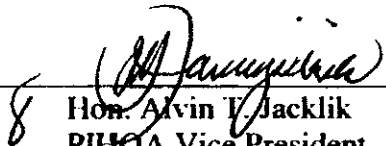
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that PIHOA supports the concept of a satellite supply center in the Pacific Basin, to improve the distribution of pharmaceuticals to member states.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that PIHOA encourages the development of a regional formulary to leverage economies of scale and therefore cost savings available through pharmaceutical supply entities.

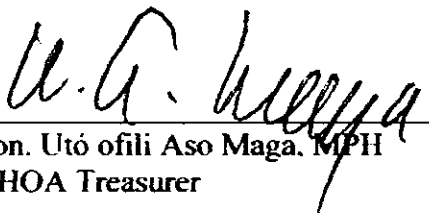
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that PIHOA encourages the continued development of sound financial stewardship among its member states, and effective communication between member states and pharmaceutical supply entities.



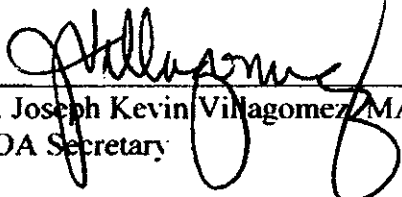
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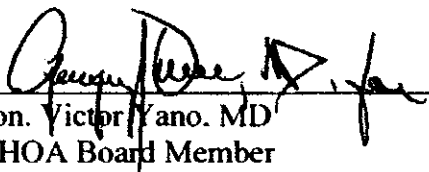
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Pacific Islands Health Officers Association
Board Resolution #43-8

*“Concerning tuberculosis control the continued development
of the Pacific Islands Tuberculosis Controllers Association ”*

WHEREAS, tuberculosis continues to be a serious health issue, causing mortality and morbidity in PIHOA member states.

WHEREAS, the Pacific Islands Tuberculosis Controllers Association (PITCA) was established to support health professionals focused on the prevention and treatment of tuberculosis in member states.

WHEREAS, PITCA was initiated through PIHOA with financial and significant logistical support from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

WHEREAS, health initiatives in the Pacific are made more sustainable by increasing leadership by Pacific Islanders at the appropriate time.


WHEREAS, PITCA has been in existence for three years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that PIHOA supports measures that appropriately increase the leadership and participation of Pacific Islanders in the continued development of PITCA and, most importantly, in the fulfillment of PITCA's mission.

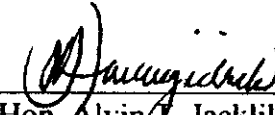
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that these measures include, for example, convening PITCA meetings in the Pacific Basin rather than Hawaii or the continental United States; increasing resources that foster effective Pacific management and leadership in tuberculosis control; and effectively targeting existing resources to ensure sustainable local capacity building.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each of the PIHOA Secretaries, Ministers and Directors of Health will foster the development of licensure boards, through such measures as providing technical support, direct funding and/or in-kind resources, so that the licensing boards can operate effectively.

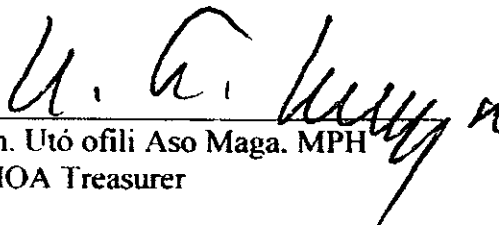
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that PIHOA requests that PBMA, PBDA and APNLC add the development of standards for continuing professional education to their agendas, if they have not already done so, and to provide recommendations to PIHOA with regard to these standards by the 44th PIHOA meeting, currently scheduled for August of 2007, or within six months of the passing of this resolution.



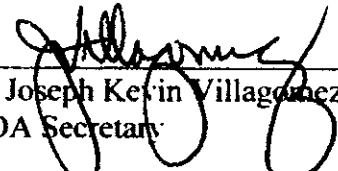
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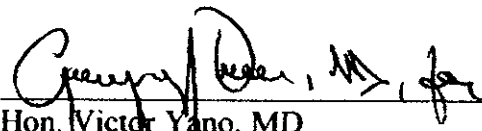
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