Pacific Islands Primary Care Association (PIPCA)

Pacific Islands Primary Care Association – Community Health Centers

59th PIHOA Board Meeting
March 23, 2016 Honolulu, Hawai`i
OVERVIEW

- HRSA BPHC (Bureau of Primary Health Care) Update
- PIPCA New Access Point (NAP) Toolkit
- Ongoing PIPCA-PIHOA Collaboration
Mission

To promote and support quality Pacific Islands primary health care for all member islands.
Members

- American Samoa Community Health Center, American Samoa
- Ebeye Community Health Center, Republic of the Marshall Islands
- Kagman Community Health Center, CNMI
- Kosrae Community Health Center, Kosrae, FSM
- Northern & Southern Regional Community Health Centers, Guam
- Palau Community Health Center, Republic of Palau
- Pohnpeii Community Health Center, Pohnpei, FSM
- Wa`ab Community Health Center, Yap, FSM
- American Pacific Nursing Leaders’ Council
- Northern Pacific Environmental Health Association
- Pacific Basin Dental Association
- Pacific Basin Medical Association
- Pacific Islands Health Officers Association
- Pacific Behavioral Health Collaborating Council (PBHCC)

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HRSA UPDATE OVERVIEW

- HRSA BPHC (Bureau of Primary Health Care) Update
  - HRSA funding for FY2016, FY2017 and next 2 years
- Health Center Compliance Manual
- Public Entity CHCs: Reiterating governance requirement and MOAs
- Grants Management Concerns/HRSA Commitment
- New HRSA BPHC Project Officers for the Pacific CHCs and PIPCA
HRSA BPHC UPDATE

Meeting with the BPHC Leadership last week Tuesday, March 15

In conjunction with the annual NACHC Policy and Issues Forum held every year in March:

- PIPCA organized an all day visit/meeting at the HRSA Headquarters for the PI CHCs.
- Representatives from 7 of the 8 PI CHCs were present
  - Thank you for supporting the travel requests for 30 PI CHC staff and Board members who attended this year;
  - This is a big commitment of time and money; PIPCA believes it is worth it as it is the one opportunity each year for the PI CHCs to meet directly with the HRSA BPHC senior leadership, their respective Project Officer (PO) and Grants Management Specialist (GMS)

Keeping the Pacific Islands visible:

- 8 PI CHCs/over 1,300 total
- 500K PI population/5M US population
HRSA BPHC Update

• Meeting with the BPHC Leadership, Tuesday, March 15

• Meeting Topics:
  • “Pacific Islands 101” Orientation
  • Importance of BPHC staff travel to the Pacific
  • Current COFA treaties ending in 2023/24 and potential loss of US federal grant funds
  • Zika, Dengue, Chikungunya update
  • Impact of Climate Change in the USAPIJ
  • Individual CHC meetings with their respective PO and GMS
HRSA BPHC Update

• Primary Care Mission and Strategies

  • “Improving the health of the Nation’s underserved communities and vulnerable populations by assuring access to comprehensive, culturally competent, quality primary health care services.”

• Strategies
  • Increase access to primary health care services
  • Modernize primary care infrastructure and delivery system
  • Improve health outcomes and health equity
  • Promote performance-driven, innovative organizations
HRSA BPHC Update

• FY 2016 Funding
  • Oral Health Service Expansion
    • additional $50M for a total of $150M
    • approximately 420 CHCs expected to be funded
  • Delivery System Health Information Investment
    • $90M
    • Approximately 1,300 CHCs to be funded
  • Quality Improvement Awards
    • $100M
    • Approximately 1,300 CHCs to be funded
HRSA BPHC UPDATE

• Projected FY 2017 CHC Funding
  • As of last week, the President’s budget request includes $5.1 billion for the CHC program
  • This is level funding (same as requested and appropriated last year)
  • There will be a NAP funding opportunity released
  • While the funding level remains the same, HRSA has been tasked to increase the number of people served through the CHCs from 23 million to 27 million people
  • The President’s budget also proposes to extend current mandatory funding at $3.6 billion annually for FY 2018 and FY 2019
HRSA BPHC Update

- Health Center Compliance Manual (19 Program Requirements)
  - To be released “soon” (sometime this year)
- Public Entity CHCs: Strongly stressing and reiterating governance requirement and MOAs
  - History of the CHC “movement” and the critical importance of community involvement in the design and provision of care
HRSA BPHC Update

- Grants Management Concerns
  - Several PI CHCs continue to be on drawdown restriction or have grant conditions related to administrative/fiscal management issues

- HRSA Commitment
HRSA BPHC UPDATE

- New HRSA BPHC Project Officers for the Pacific CHCs and PIPCA
  - *Sara Stepahin*: Kagman, Palau, Wa`ab
  - *Debora Kiel-Dickens*: Ebeye, Guam, Pohnpei
  - *Suganthi (Su) Walter*: A Samoa, Kosrae
  - *Michael Weaver*: PIPCA

- 3 of the 4 POs involved with the Pacific are new; it is a PIPCA priority to assist in their PI orientation and to support their getting to visit the Region
NAP TOOLKIT:

Translating back and forth between “US Federal-speak” and island needs and values.

- PIPCA has contracted with Michael Epp to develop this toolkit
- Goal: Make it easier for the USAPI to prepare successful NAP applications by:
  - Creating simple tools for planning and grant development that take into account the unique conditions in the islands.
  - Collecting from across the Pacific lesson’s learned in CHC development.

COMING SOON TO AN ISLAND NEAR YOU!
NAP TOOLKIT

- Translating the Pacific for grant reviewers:
  - What must we explain to reviewers so we are understood rather than penalized?
    - Tip sheet: Here’s what you should probably explain to a grant reviewer from Kansas.
  - Boiler plate language, for example:
    - Medicaid/Medicare in CNMI, AS, Guam (compared to mainland US)
    - Insurance systems in RMI, FSM, Palau (compared to US)
    - Credentials (MO’s, Dental Nurses, MBBS, etc.)
    - Public entity CHC’s
    - Procurement and it’s impact on startup
    - Geography
    - Etc.
NAP TOOLKIT

Sample modifiable Attachments, with tips for how to prepare each one:

- Support letters by kind stakeholder (school, village council, etc. . . .)
- USAPI maps
- Draft co-applicant agreement and development guide
- Template contract & MOA/ MOUs for primary CHC partnerships common to the Pacific
- By-laws for a Pacific CHC Board of Directors
- Sliding-fee-discounts
- Schedules of fees
- QA/QI plans
- Organizational charts
- Floor plans (common minimum requirements)
- Job descriptions for key staff
- Financial Performance Measures appropriate for public entity health centers in the USAPI
- Common clinical performance measures appropriate for the Pacific (besides those required)
NAP TOOLKIT

- Excel Budget templates:
  - With prompts and budget line items adapted to the unique conditions of the Pacific (calculating fuel, travel, salaries & benefits, etc.)
  - Clearly identifies and highlights data required in Forms, Attachments and Project Narrative (to help ensure data continuity across the application)
  - Includes sample justifications for common USAPI budget line items (e.g., mopeds; gas prices; travel needs; etc.)
NAP TOOLKIT

- Guides, tip sheets, and lessons learned based on the PI experience:
  - Grant planning: Suggestions on how to effectively organize the grant development process? What kind of time and resources are needed?
  - CHC Planning: What are the common steps? E.g. what would Yap say is most important when planning a CHC in the Pacific? What were the timelines and challenges for Kosrae?
  - Toolkit may include sample handouts and PP presentations for communicating with different stakeholders on island.
  - Designing Startup & Implementation: What needs to be done NOW to make startup easier? E.g. what did Kosrae, Saipan and Yap wish they did BEFORE they got funded? What can be expected for startup, given the experience of other Pacific CHCs?
NAP TOOLKIT

- Other items:
  - Bibliography of common data sources for preparing USAPI needs assessments
  - Availability of sample, funded applications from other USAPI CHCs
  - Standard presentations and handouts for communicating with stakeholders on-island

- When and Where?
  - Target: at some of the tools available for use online by the end of April

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PIPICA-PIHOA Collaboration and supporting Regional Partners

- PIPCA-PIHOA collaboration:
  - Since PIPCA inception in 2005 over $500,000 has been contracted with PIHOA to the benefit of PIPCA, PIHOA and PI regional work
    - Thanks for the ongoing work of Dr. Mark Durand, Dr. Greg Dever, Dr. Angie Techur-Pedro and all the PIHOA secretariat for all the support and assistance to PIPCA and the PI CHCs
  - Ongoing, collaborative support to the Regional Health Organizations: e.g. APNLC, PBDA, PBMA, NPEHA
THANK YOU

QUESTIONS?

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