



## **Pacific Islands Health Officers Association**

### **NAHLAP**

### **Board Resolution**

#01 08032006

*“Cancer Council of the Pacific Islands (CCPI) Affiliate Membership to PIHOA”*

**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**, the PIHOA Board of Directors adopted Resolution 10 at their 41<sup>st</sup> meeting on March 16, 2006: *“Recognizing the Importance of the Comprehensive Cancer Control Planning Process and Development of Jurisdiction and Regional CCC Plans and a Regional Cancer Registry as a means to improve cancer prevention, early detection, treatment, data and quality of life in the Region”* which resolved to

- ❖ support the present process and development of jurisdiction and regional comprehensive cancer Control Plans;
- ❖ support the work of the Cancer Council of the Pacific Islands (CCPI), who with support of the NCI, CDC, the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine Department of Family Medicine and Community Health (JABSOM DFMCH) and ‘Imi Hale is developing and coordinating regional efforts in comprehensive cancer control planning and a regional cancer registry;
- ❖ support the development of a sustainable regional cancer registry that is controlled by the individual member states and the USAPI region; and

**WHEREAS**, PIHOA has recognized the Cancer Council of the Pacific Islands (CCPI) whose members are appointed by the PIHOA Board members, as the regional coordinating and oversight body for cancer control efforts in the member states; and

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Comprehensive Cancer Control plan has several goals that align with PIHOA interests and priorities:

- (a) Develop and maintain a sustainable regional entity to oversee/coordinate/set minimum regional standards for cancer control
- (b) Develop Regional Cancer Resource Centers focusing on appropriate training, diagnostic and therapeutic treatment services for the region
- (c) Develop plans and secure funding for a Regional Cancer Registry that is appropriate to the diverse resources and needs of the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the PIHOA Board of Directors strive to work collaboratively with partners to develop coordinated strategies that are appropriate to the diverse resources and considerations of the member states and the region; and

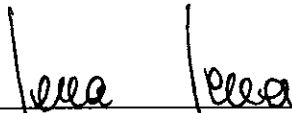
**WHEREAS**, the PIHOA bylaws allows for non-profit organizations in the region providing health services and programs with similar purposes and objectives of the Association may apply for affiliate membership (Article V; Section 2 (C)); and


**WHEREAS**, the CCPI submitted a written request dated July 7, 2006 to become an affiliate member of PIHOA,

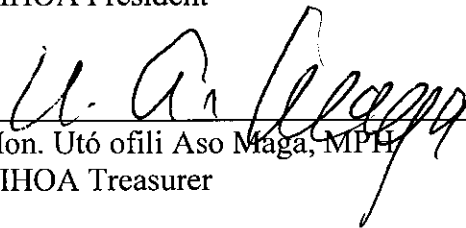
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the PIHOA Board of Directors,

- ❖ Has determined that CCPI meets the conditions specified in the PIHOA bylaws for affiliate membership, specifically, CCPI is a non-profit organization with similar purposes and objectives to those of the Association working in the region, has demonstrated through its work to be a valuable organization in the region and has developed a strong collaborative relationship with PIHOA; and
- ❖ Approves CCPI's request for affiliate membership, effective August 3, 2006; and
- ❖ Welcomes CCPI as an affiliate member, and will continue to work collaboratively with CCPI and the University of Hawaii Department of Family Medicine and Community Health to develop coordinated strategies that are appropriate to the diverse resources and considerations of the member states and the region.

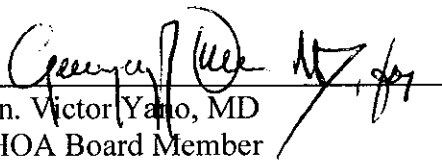
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution will be sent to the CCPI, CDC Division of Cancer Prevention and Control, NCI National Center of Minority Health and Health Disparities and NCI Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities, the University of Hawaii System including the John A. Burns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

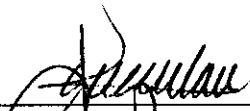
  
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### Board Resolution

#02 08032006

*“Recognizing the Need for Appropriate Water Purification Technology in the Outer Islands of the Pacific Jurisdictions”*

**WHEREAS**, the PIHOA Board of Directors recognizes that within the Pacific jurisdictions there is a widespread lack of safe drinking water, particularly in those outer island communities where environmental health and sanitation programs are not effectively conducted.

**WHEREAS**, PIHOA recognizes the serious threat posed to public health by unsafe, contaminated drinking water regardless of where it is encountered; and

**WHEREAS**, PIHOA believes that Pacific communities with inadequate access to safe drinking water would be interested in having access to and utilizing culturally-appropriate water purification technology.

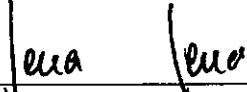
**WHEREAS**, PIHOA is aware that there are a number of economically viable, second generation water purification technologies that could be tested for appropriateness in Pacific communities where access to safe drinking water is lacking; and


**WHEREAS**, a well-constructed project to evaluate the benefit of in-residence water purification systems could demonstrate the appropriateness of such technology in Pacific communities where access to safe drinking water is lacking.

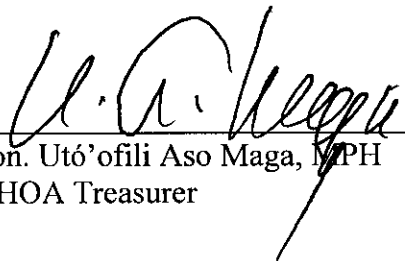
**WHEREAS**, a well-constructed water purification demonstration project should point to the utility of an appropriate technology for use in other Pacific communities where safe drinking water is lacking, particularly in outer island communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**; that the PIHOA Board of Directors supports a water purification demonstration project in an appropriate Pacific community to evaluate the most promising technology for this purpose.

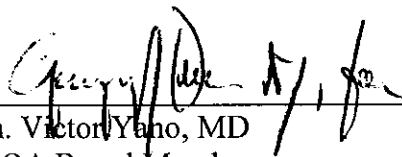
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;** that a copy of this resolution be provided to Captain John Walmsley, Region 9, 50 United Nation Plaza, Room 320, San Francisco, Ca.

  
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## **Pacific Islands Health Officers Association**

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### **Board Resolution**

#03 080306

*“Affiliate Membership for the Pacific Islands Primary Care Association (PIPCA)”*

**WHEREAS**, the improvement of regional health indicators is greatly dependent on the development of primary and community health care systems, which can be best be done by capitalizing on the spirit and efforts of the Pacific peoples, with the support from the U.S., regional and international institutions that are critical in developing a sustained primary and preventive health care services within the region; and

**WHEREAS** the Pacific Island Primacy Care Association (PIPCA), has been established as a non-profit organization, with the support of PIHOA, to promote and support primary health care services in American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau, and offers a coordinating mechanism for defining, advocating, promoting and coordinating primary and community health development in the region; and

**WHEREAS** the PIHOA Board of Directors, at the March 2006 Board meeting, passed Resolution #11 031706, which resolves that PIHOA

- ❖ Will work in partnership with PIPCA in annually developing and implementing a proactive, coordinated and collaborative advocacy plan supporting primary care service development and delivery in the US-affiliated Pacific Island Jurisdictions, including collaboration in identifying whom to focus on and who key allies are, and developing an annual legislative agenda, including key messages; and

- ❖ Supports PIPCA in seeking adequate funding support, as the Pacific Island community health centers will benefit greatly by the support and technical assistance provided by an adequately funded Pacific Islands Primary Care Association; and
- ❖ Believes funding for PI primary health care services, including CHC funding for the Pacific, is a major priority for the PI jurisdictions, and as such supports and will work in collaboration with PIPCA in facilitating the process for supporting the development of primary health care services, including additional CHCs in the Pacific; and
- ❖ Will continue to provide guidance and consultation to PIPCA in its organizational growth and development.

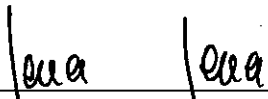
**WHEREAS**, the PIHOA bylaws allows for non-profit organizations in the region providing health services and programs with similar purposes and objectives of the Association may apply for affiliate membership (Article V; Section 2 (C)); and

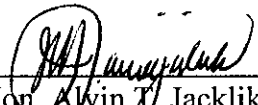
**Whereas** PIPCA has submitted a written request dated July 25, 2006 to become an affiliate member of PIHOA,

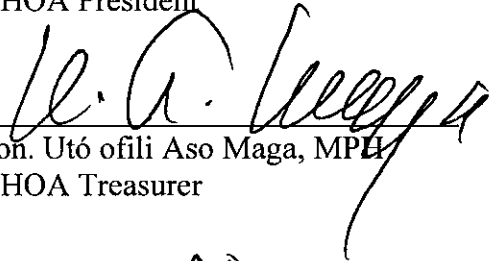
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the PIHOA Board of Directors,

- ❖ Has determined that PIPCA meets the conditions specified the PIHOA bylaws for affiliate membership, specifically, PIPCA is a non-profit organization with similar purposes and objectives to those of the Association working in the region, has demonstrated through its work to be a valuable organization in the region and has developed a strong collaborative relationship with PIHOA; and
- ❖ Approves PIPCA's request for affiliate membership, effective August 3, 2006; and
- ❖ Welcomes PIPCA as an affiliate member, and will continue to provide guidance and consultation to PIPCA in its organizational growth and development.

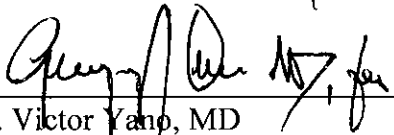
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this PIHOA Board Resolution be sent to WHO-WPRO, HRSA, CDC, the U.S. Congressional delegates from American Samoa, Guam and Hawai'i.

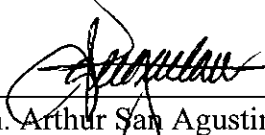
  
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#04 08032006

*“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

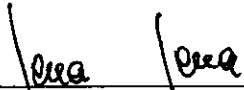
**WHEREAS**, the PIHOA Board of Directors recognize that mandating an appropriate amount of continuing education credits for relicensure is an example of a needed incentive for continuing professional development that is critical to the success of a sustainable continuing professional development program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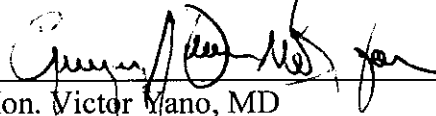


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## **Pacific Islands Health Officers Association**

### **Board Resolution**

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#05 08032006

*“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.

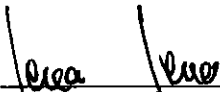
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;** the PIHOA Board of Directors, understanding that certain regional minimum standards must be in place in order to compete successfully for the Centers for Disease Control's National Comprehensive Cancer Control Program (NCCCP) and National Program of Cancer Registries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

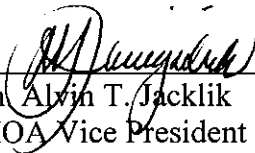
- Enforce or create existing legislation and policies to mandate reporting of cancer-related information to the Ministry or Department of Health;
- Formalize Ministry or Departmental (of Health) policies and procedures by August 2007 to ensure sharing of information among programs and divisions and collaboration 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

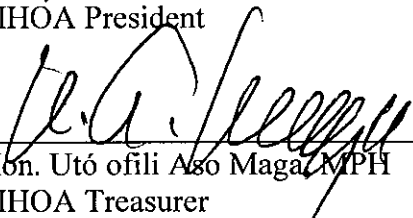
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the PIHOA Board of Directors and the CCPI will work collaboratively to establish a set of recommended minimum regional standards relating to cancer control; and

**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

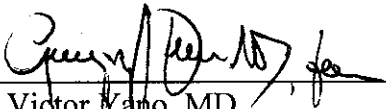
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution will be sent to the Attorney Generals of each member state, the CCPI, CDC Division of Cancer Prevention and Control, NCI National Center of Minority Health and Health Disparities and NCI Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities, the University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

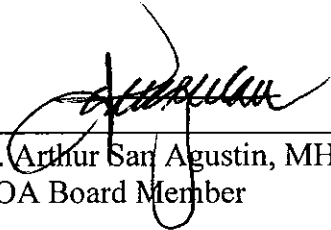
  
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### Board Resolution

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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 42<sup>nd</sup> 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;

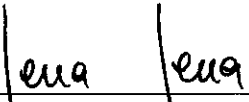
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Nahlap Action Plan will provide a framework for regional gathering of HRH data with a view to appropriate HRH planning for the region; The HRH Subcommittee will develop a PIHOA Strategic HRH Report – the Nahlap Action Plan, which will address regional HRH regional;

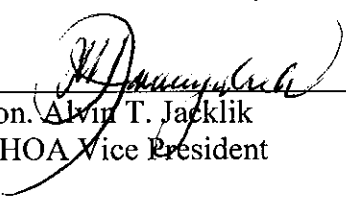
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** PIHOA will present the first installment of its Strategic HRH Plan at the next regular PIHOA meeting;

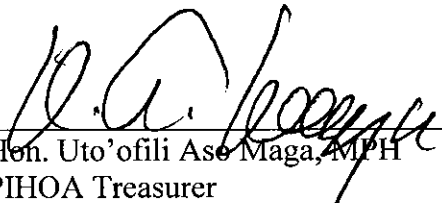
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that PIHOA extends its gratitude to the South Pacific Office of WHO for allowing Dr. Juliet Fleischl, WHO HRH Officer, Suva, Fiji; to assist it in conducting the Nahlap Island HRH Meeting;

**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;

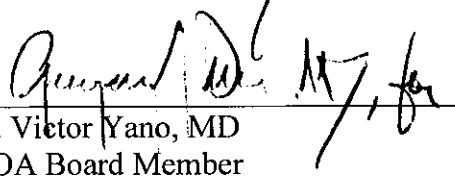
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution will be sent to Dr. Chen Ken, WHO South Pacific Representatives, Suva, Fiji, PREL, Ministers of Education, College of Micronesia, College of the Marshall Islands, University of Guam, John A. Burns School of Medicine, Fiji School of Medicine, Fiji 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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