

*Pacific Basin Dental  
Association (PBDA) Report  
2007 - 2008*

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## Brief Summary

- Formed in December 2001 with the Dental Directors and Chiefs from Pohnpei, Chuuk, Kosrae, Yap, Marshall Islands, and Palau
- Dental Chiefs from Guam and American Samoa joined in 2003, and the Dental Chief from Saipan joined in 2007

## Current Officers

- Dr. Ohnmar Tut (RMI) – President
- Dr. Maria Hindenburg (Palau) – Vice President
- Dr. Marcelle Gallen (Pohnpei) – Secretary/Treasurer

# Major Challenges

- Lack of dental care infrastructure
- Extremely high prevalence of caries especially among children
- Low number of experienced providers
- Professional isolation
- Limited budgets / federal grants

# Objectives

- Promote continuing education and human resource development in oral health
- Strengthen capacity and infrastructure of dental programs in the Pacific
- Support oral and related health initiatives in the region
- Encourage exchange of information between dental and health care professionals, and with supporting organizations

# Proposed Strategy to meet Primary Oral Health Care Needs in the region

- A certified regional training program for dental para-professionals
- On-site in-service trainings on Primary Oral Health Care

# PBDA Activities 2007 - 08

A. Proposals and Report

B. Continuing Dental Education

a. On-site Trainings

b. Dental Text Books

## A. Proposals and Report

- Regional Dental Para-professional Training Program Proposal with Budget and Justification for - **Planning Phase**
  - **August 14, 2007**
- Regional Dental Paraprofessional Training Program Proposal with Budget and Justification for - **Development Phase**
  - **January 19, 2008**
- Oral Health Workforce Development Advisory Board - **Progress Report**
  - **April 7, 2008**  
(funded by HRSA/PIHOA)

## B. Continuing Education

### a. On-site Trainings

- Pohnpei State, FSM
- Chuuk State, FSM
- Majuro, RMI
- Koror, ROP
- May 16 to 18, 2007
- May 21 and 22, 2007
- June 2 and 3, 2007
- February 26 to 28, 2008
- **Funded by Pacific Islands Early Childhood Caries Prevention Project (PIECCPP) 2004-2008, UW /PBDA**

# Pohnpei State On-site Training May, 2007



# Chuuk State On-site Training May, 2007



# Majuro On-site Training July, 2007



# Palau On-site Training February, 2008



## b. Dental Text Books

- **Specific Dental Text Books sent to:**
  - **Guam, Am Samoa, CNMI, Palau, all FSM States, and RMI as requested by Dental Chiefs of individual islands**
- **February, 2008**
- **Funded by Pacific Association for Clinical Training (PACT) mini-grant 2007/PBDA**

Thank you from PBDA members!

