

Pacific Islands Primary Care Association (PIPCA)

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MISSION

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



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Broad Overview

- **Expansion of Primary Care.** Support the PI community health centers. Support the expansion and improvement of primary care systems specific to local needs.
- **Advocacy.** To advocate for local and regional health care issues to expand and improve integrated systems of care.
- **Capacity Building and Sustaining.** To appropriately build and sustain local and regional capacity.
- **Networking and Collaboration.** To develop and support a system for collaborating and networking.



Some Current Activities

- Continuing to work with and support the existing federally funded CHCs
 - Complying with the HRSA CHC grant requirements (translating "HRSA speak")
 - New Quality Assurance measures and reporting requirements
 - Assistance with renewal and continuing funding applications
 - Assistance with technical assistance requests through HRSA
 - Developing capacity to support CHCs regarding delivery of care (e.g. health disparities collaboratives, quality assurance)
- Supporting the development of additional CHCs



Some Current Activities

- Advocacy
 - Keeping the Pacific Island jurisdictions visible to the US Federal Government
 - Better understanding of the PI jurisdictions
 - Visit of HRSA staff to the Pacific later this year
 - Proposed HRSA revision of MUP/MUA/HPSA designation
 - Getting HRSA to adopt an “Island Designation”
 - Continuation of funding for the CHC program (appropriation and reauthorization)



HRH and QA

- One time funding supplement of \$50,000 to support workforce development activities
- Partnering with PIHOA on quality assurance
 - HRSA new reporting requirements include:
 - Trimester entry into prenatal care
 - Childhood immunization rates by 2nd birthday
 - PAP tests in adult women
 - Infant birth weight
 - People dx'd with Hypertension with last BP <140/90
 - People with diabetes, HbA1C level (<7%; b/w 7-9%; >9%)
- Working with PIHOA on getting funding for a primary care organization



Thank you.

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