



## Pacific Islands Health Officers Association

### Board Resolution

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*"Recognizing the Importance of Supporting the Continuation of the PIHOA/Guam Regional Public Health Lab"*

**WHEREAS**, the PIHOA Board of Directors express a strong desire for continuous regional access of logistic support and/or testing from Guam Public Health Laboratory (GPHL) with regards to Dengue, Influenza and BT agents (anthrax, tularemia, plague); and

**WHEREAS**, the PIHOA Board of Directors is committed to assisting GPHL attain registration with the Laboratory Response Network; and

**WHEREAS**, the PIHOA Board of Directors would like to see the implementation of Dengue screening tests in **all** the level 1 U.S. Affiliated Pacific Island laboratories (USAPI); and

**WHEREAS**, the PIHOA Board of Directors would like to see the continuation of level 2 Leptospirosis testing at GPHL; and

**WHEREAS**, the PIHOA Board of Directors would like to see the implementation of influenza screening tests in **all** the level 1 USAPI laboratories; and

**WHEREAS**, the PIHOA Board of Directors would like to see the GPHL through the Regional Lab Coordinator (RLC) provide logistic support in shipping of Dengue, Leptospirosis, and Influenza specimens for testing at identified level 3 reference laboratories; and

**WHEREAS**, the PIHOA Board of Directors would like to see the RLC oversee the proposed lab activities of the HIV/STI Second Generation Surveillance Projects in the Region in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention, HIV Project Officer.

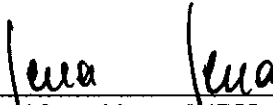
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**; the PIHOA Board of Directors approves:

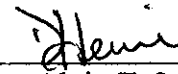
1. The discontinuation of Dengue ELISA testing at GPHL (L2) and the referral of all positively screened Dengue specimens to Dr. Duane Guebler, Director, Asia

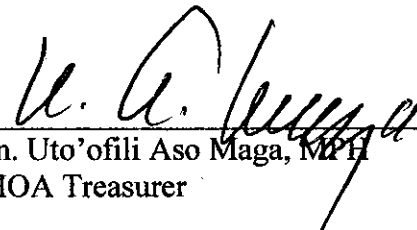
Pacific Institute of Tropical Medicine, University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine and Infectious Diseases, for confirmatory testing and typing of dengue strain.

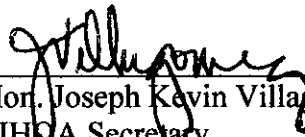
2. The discontinuation of influenza screening test (Directigen Flu A + B) at GPHL (L2), and the referral of all positively screened influenza specimens from L1 laboratories to identified L3 lab for confirmatory Avian Influenza testing.
3. The continuation of Leptospirosis ELISA testing at the GPHL.
4. The RLC to collaborate with SPC and CDC to oversee the proposed lab activities of the SGS projects in the Region.
5. The action plans and timelines jointly developed by the RLC and the GPHL Administrator to enhance and further develop the services of the regional public health laboratory (see attachment).
6. The RLC to collaborate with the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services (GDPHSS) through the Administrator of the Bureau of Communicable Disease Control in the further development and further enhancement of the PIHOA Regional Public Health Laboratory Services.

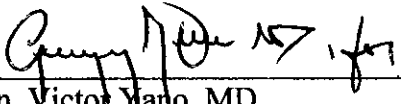
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;** that copies of this PIHOA Board Resolution be provided to the Director of GDPHSS; SPC; and CDC.

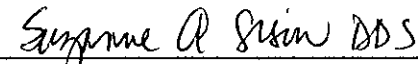
  
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