



# **74<sup>th</sup> PIHOA Executive Board Meeting**

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**March 25 - 29, 2024  
Honolulu, HI  
Ala Moana Hotel  
Hibiscus Ballroom**

# PIHOA Governing Board, PIHOA Members and Secretariat, and Pacific Partner Colleagues,

Welcome to PIHOA’s 74<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting and to the beautiful island of Oahu, Hawai’i’s traditional gathering place.

The theme of this meeting is impactful partnerships, and we look forward to meaningful and productive discussions on various priority issues impacting US Pacific Islander health and well-being.

In this post-COVID era, now more than ever, the Pacific region needs to critically reflect on our successes to build upon and nourish, but equally to drive strategic, innovative, and courageous action to address our ongoing challenges. Together, we are powerful!



## Agenda Overview

| DATE                                      | TIME               | SESSION                                                                                                               | LOCATION                                                                         |
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| Day 1<br>Monday,<br>March 25              | 8:30 am – 3:00 pm  | PIHOA Board Leadership Retreat<br>(CLOSED)                                                                            | Waianae<br>Comprehensive<br>Community Health<br>Center                           |
|                                           | <i>Times TBC</i>   | WHO for the Western Pacific Region<br>Regional Partner Agency Roundtable<br>(By Invitation Only)                      | Pacific Guardian Center<br>– Makai Tower, Lobby<br>Floor Conference<br>Rooms A-C |
| Day 2<br>Tuesday,<br>March 26             | 7:30 am – 12:00 pm | PIHOA Board Business Meeting<br>(CLOSED)                                                                              | Ala Moana Hotel,<br>Hibiscus Ballroom                                            |
|                                           | 12:00 – 5:00 pm    | Partnership Engagements – Selected<br>PIHOA Regional Initiatives<br>(OPEN)                                            | Ala Moana Hotel,<br>Hibiscus Ballroom                                            |
| Day 3<br>Wednesday,<br>March 27<br>(OPEN) | 7:00 am – 5:30 pm  | Partnership Engagements - Strategic<br>Visioning and Partnerships for the<br>USAPIs and the Pacific Blue<br>Continent | Ala Moana Hotel,<br>Hibiscus Ballroom                                            |
|                                           | 7:00 – 9:30 pm     | PIHOA-Sponsored Dinner Reception<br>for Board Members, Secretariat, and<br>Invited Guests                             | Hawaii Prince Hotel<br>(Waikiki) – Pi’inaio<br>Ballroom                          |
| Day 4<br>Thursday,<br>March 28<br>(OPEN)  | 7:00 am – 5:30 pm  | Partnership Engagements –<br>Partnerships in Action                                                                   | Ala Moana Hotel,<br>Hibiscus Ballroom                                            |
| Day 5<br>Friday,<br>March 29<br>(CLOSED)  | 7:00 am – 12:00 pm | PIHOA Business Meeting (CLOSED)                                                                                       | Ala Moana Hotel,<br>Hibiscus Ballroom                                            |
|                                           | 12:00 – 1:00 pm    | Networking Grab and Go Lunch for<br>PIHOA Board and Secretariat                                                       | Plumeria Room                                                                    |
|                                           | 1:00 – 5:00 pm     | Secretariat Staff Meeting/Excursion                                                                                   | Plumeria Room                                                                    |

# Detailed Agenda

## Day 1 - Monday, March 25

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| 8:30 am – 3:00 pm | PIHOA Board of Directors and Associate Member Leadership Retreat (CLOSED)<br><br>Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center Tour, Group Photo, and Lunch<br>Departure from Ala Moana Hotel Lobby at 8:30 am (breakfast on your own prior to departure). Departure from WCHC at 2:00 pm with estimated arrival back to the hotel at 3:00 pm. |
| <i>Times TBC</i>  | WHO for the Western Pacific Region (WPRO) Regional Director Partner Roundtable (By Invitation Only)<br><br>Pacific Guardian Center Conference Rooms A-C, Makai Tower Lobby Floor                                                                                                                                                           |

## Day 2 - Tuesday, March 26

### PIHOA Governing Board Business Meeting (MORNING CLOSED) (Executive and Associate Board Members & Designated Secretariat Only)

| Date and Time   | Session Title                                                                    | Presenters/Facilitators |
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| 7:30 – 8:30 am  | Board Member Registration (Hibiscus Ballroom) and Full Breakfast (Plumeria Room) |                         |
| 8:30 – 12:00 pm | Closed Meeting                                                                   | TBD                     |

### Afternoon Sessions are Open to All PIHOA Board Members, Affiliates, Secretariat, and Invited/Registered Guests

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| 12:00 – 1:00 am | <b>LUNCH</b>                                                                                                                                                        | Plumeria Room |
| 12:00 – 1:00 am | Guest Registration (Hibiscus Ballroom) and Lunch (Plumeria Room). All registered guests are welcome to lunch with PIHOA Board Members, Affiliates, and Secretariat. |               |

### Thematic Area 1 – Partnership Engagements in Selected PIHOA Regional Initiatives

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| 1:00 – 1:15 pm | Welcome Remarks and Partnership Engagement Objectives                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | The Honorable Minister Gaafar Uherbelau, President, PIHOA Governing Board and Republic of Palau Minister of Health and Human Services                                                                                                           |
| 1:15 – 2:15 pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Regional OneHealth Concept Plan</li><li>Pacific Regional Climate and Health Summit Concept Plan (SPC/PIHOA/US DoState)</li></ul> Q&A and Discussion                                                                                                                                                                         | Dr. Gillian Dunn, PIHOA Regional HIS, Performance Management, and Health Security Coordinator                                                                                                                                                   |
| 2:15 – 3:30 pm | USAPI Regional Vector Management Improvement Plan (RVMIP) Progress and Next Steps<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mosquito Vector Surveillance</li><li>RMI Sterile Insect Technology (SIT) Mosquito Project</li><li>Pacific Island Vector Management Council and Pacific Vector Network</li><li>Dengue Early Warning System</li></ul> Q&A and Discussion | PIHOA Regional Mosquito Vector Team<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dr. Limb Hapairai, Regional Medical Entomologist</li><li>Dr. Tamara Buhagiar, SIT Project Manager – RMI SIT</li><li>Rosanna Rabago, Technical Consultant</li></ul> |

| Day 2 - Tuesday, March 26 continued (OPEN) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| 3:30 – 3:45 pm                             | <b>AFTERNOON BREAK (15 minutes)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 3:45 – 5:00 pm                             | <div>USAPI Regional NCD Crisis Response Progress and Next Steps<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ USAPI NCD Surveillance Framework</li><li>○ NCD Profile and MANA Dashboards</li><li>○ NCD Hybrid Surveys and Other Data Collection Efforts</li><li>○ Strengthening CRVS</li></ul>Q&amp;A and Discussion</div> | <div>PIHOA Regional NCD Response Team<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Dr. Haley Cash, PIHOA/CDC Regional NCD Epidemiologist</li><li>○ Rasmi Davu, Regional NCD Surveillance Officer</li><li>○ Dr. Gillian Dunn, Regional HIS and PM Coordinator</li></ul></div> |
| 5:00 pm                                    | <div>Concluding Remarks and Tomorrow's Agenda</div> <div>Housekeeping Announcements</div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <div>PIHOA Governing Board President</div> <div>Pamela Santos Bermudes, PIHOA Secretariat Office Administrator</div>                                                                                                                                                   |

| DAY 3 - Wednesday, March 27 (OPEN)                                                                   |                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| Open to All PIHOA Board Members, Affiliates, Secretariat, and Invited/Registered Guests              |                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 7:00 – 8:00 am                                                                                       | Guest Registration (Hibiscus Room) and Continental Breakfast Open to All Invited/Registered Guests (Plumeria Room) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Thematic Area 2 - Strategic Visioning and Partnerships for the USAPIs and the Pacific Blue Continent |                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Date and Time                                                                                        | Session Title                                                                                                      | Presenters/Facilitators                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 8:00 – 8:05 am                                                                                       | Welcome, Agenda Overview, and Introduction of Special Guest Speakers                                               | The Honorable Minister Gaafar Uherbelau, President, PIHOA Governing Board and Republic of Palau Minister of Health and Human Services                                                                                              |
| 8:05 – 9:30 am                                                                                       | Partner Session 1: World Health Organization for the Western Pacific Region (WPRO)<br><br>Q&A and Discussion       | Dr. Saia Piukala, Regional Director, WPRO                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 9:00 – 10:30 am                                                                                      | Partner Session 2: The Pacific Community (SPC)<br><br>Q&A and Discussion                                           | Dr. Berlin Kafoa, Director, Public Health Division, SPC                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 10:30 – 10:45 am                                                                                     | MORNING BREAK (15 minutes)                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 10:45 am –12:00 pm                                                                                   | Partner Session 3: US Health and Human Services (HHS)<br><br>Q&A and Discussion                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ David Johnson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Health, HHS HQ</li><li>○ Dr. Jeffrey Reynoso, Regional Director, HHS R9</li><li>○ CDR Matthew Johns, Regional Administrator, HHS R9</li></ul> |
| 12:00 – 1:00 pm                                                                                      | GROUP PHOTO AND LUNCH                                                                                              | Conference Floor Foyer and Plumeria Room                                                                                                                                                                                           |

DAY 3 - Wednesday, March 27 continued (OPEN)

Thematic Area 2 - Strategic Visioning and Partnerships for the USAPIs and the Pacific Blue Continent

| Date and Time  | Session Title                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Presenters/Facilitators                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| 1:00 – 2:00 pm | Partner Session 4: US Food and Drug Administration (FDA)<br><br>Q&A and Discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Dan Solis, Assistant Commissioner for Import Operations, Office of Import Operations, FDA HQ</li><li>○ Kathleen Turner, DVM, Director of Division of West Coast Import, FDA HQ</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 2:00 – 3:00 pm | Partner Session 5: US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)<br><br>Q&A and Discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Dr. Jose Montero, Director, Office of Recipient Support and Coordination, Center for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Public Health Infrastructure and Workforce (PHIC), CDC</li><li>○ Dr. Gayle Holmes, Acting Division Director, Division of Partnership Support, PHIC</li><li>○ CAPT Elizabeth Garza, CDC Liaison to US INDOPACOM, Office of the Command Surgeon (JO7), presenting on behalf of Dr. Michelle McConnel, Regional Director, CDC East Asia and Pacific Regional Office</li></ul> |
| 3:00 – 3:15 pm | <b>AFTERNOON BREAK (15 minutes)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 3:15 – 4:15 pm | Partner Session 6: US Indo-Pacific Command (INDOPACOM) Command Surgeon<br><br>Q&A and Discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ COL (Dr) Teresa Hinnerichs, Deputy Surgeon, Office of the Command Surgeon (PCJ0), US INDOPACOM</li><li>○ Donald Schlack, International and Interagency Services, US Army District Honolulu, USACE</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 4:15 – 5:15 pm | Partner Session 7: Veterans Affairs<br><br>Q&A and Discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ VA Representative <i>TBC</i></li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 5:15 – 5:30 pm | Open Discussion, Close, and Tomorrow's Agenda<br><br>Housekeeping Announcements                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | PIHOA Governing Board President<br><br>Pamela Santos Bermudes, PIHOA Secretariat Office Administrator                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 7:00 – 9:30 pm | <b>PIHOA Hosted Dinner Reception</b> for PIHOA Board, Affiliates, Secretariat, Fellows, and Invited Partner Guests<br><br>Hawaii Prince Hotel (Waikiki) – Pi'inai Ballroom<br><br>RSVP is required with Pamela Santos Bermudes ( <a href="mailto:pamelas@pihoa.org">pamelas@pihoa.org</a> ) and Tammy Enos ( <a href="mailto:tammye@pihoa.org">tammye@pihoa.org</a> ) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

## Day 4 - Thursday, March 28 (OPEN)

### Open to All PIHOA Board Members, Affiliates, Secretariat, and Invited/Registered Guests

7:00 – 8:00 am      Guest Registration (Hibiscus Room) and Continental Breakfast Open to All Invited/Registered Guests (Plumeria Room)

### Thematic Area 3: Partnerships in Action

| Date and Time          | Session Title                                                                                                                                                                  | Presenters/Facilitators                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| 8:00 – 8:05 am         | Welcome and Introduction of Special Guest Presenters                                                                                                                           | The Honorable Minister Gaafar Uherbelau, President, PIHOA Governing Board and Republic of Palau Minister of Health and Human Services                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 8:05 – 9:05 am         | Session 1: Mass TB Screening in the USAPIs<br><br>Q&A and Discussion                                                                                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dr. Dorina Fred, CD Clinician and CD Director, Chuuk DHS</li><li>Dr. Richard Brostrom, Medical Officer, CDC</li><li>Stephanie Kern-Allely, PIHOA Regional CD Epidemiologist</li></ul>                                                                                                           |
| 9:05 – 10:05 am        | Session 2: USAPI TB Law and Policy Review Summary Findings<br><br>Q&A and Discussion                                                                                           | Manel Kappagoda, Manel Kappagoda LLC, PIHOA Technical Consultant                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 10:05 – 10:20 am       | <b>MORNING BREAK (15 minutes)</b>                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 10:20 am – 12:00 pm    | Session 3: USAPI NCD Crisis Declaration and NCD Law and Policy Summit Planning<br><br>Q&A and Discussion                                                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Emi Chutaro, PIHOA ED</li><li>Landisang Kotaro, Chief of Staff, Office of the President, Government of Palau and Representative of the MIF Secretariat</li><li>Dr. Jeanne Alongi, Vice President - Public Health Leadership and Director - Center for Public Health Leadership, NACDD</li></ul> |
| <b>12:00 – 1:00 pm</b> | <b>LUNCH</b>                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 1:00 – 2:00 pm         | Session 4: Public Health Accreditation Board – Supporting Public Health Accreditation Efforts in the USAPIs<br><br>Q&A and Discussion                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dr. Paul Kuhnert, President and CEO, PHAB</li><li>Lisa Pivec, PHAB Board Member and Director of Health, Cherokee Nation</li><li>Megan McClaire, Senior Vice President, Program Operations, PHAB</li></ul>                                                                                       |
| 2:00 – 3:15 pm         | Session 5: Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) – USAPI Legislative Priorities and Public Health Infrastructure Development<br><br>Q&A and Discussion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Karl Ensign, Vice-President, Island Support, ASTHO</li><li>Alex Wheatley, Director, Island Support, ASTHO</li><li>Lindsey Myers, Public Health Workforce and Infrastructure</li></ul>                                                                                                           |

## DAY 4 – Thursday, March 28 continued (OPEN)

| Date and Time  | Session Title                                                                                                                                                                     | Presenters/Facilitators                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| 3:15 – 3:30 pm | <b>AFTERNOON BREAK (15 minutes)</b>                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 3:30 – 4:30 pm | Session 6: Expanding Joint Efforts to Profile the USAPI Workforce – de Beaumont Foundation PH WINS and PIHOA USAPI Health Workforce Enumeration Surveys<br><br>Q&A and Discussion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mindy Sugiyama, PIHOA HRIT Technical Consultant</li> <li>○ Rachel Hare Bork, Director of Research and Impact, de Beaumont Foundation</li> <li>○ Emi Chutaro, PPIHOA ED</li> </ul> |
| 4:30 – 5:30 pm | Session 7: The Pacific Against Cervical Cancer (PACe) – Primary HPV Screening in Yap, FSM and Guam<br><br>Q&A and Discussion                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dr. Neal Palafox, Project Lead, PIHOA Technical Consultant, and Faculty, Family Medicine and Community Health, UH JABSOM</li> <li>○ Maria Marfel, Director, Yap DHS</li> </ul>    |
| 5:30 pm        | Appreciation to Partners and Closing Remarks<br><br>Housekeeping Announcements                                                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ PIHOA Governing Board President</li> <li>○ Pamela Santos Bermudes, Office Administrator, PIHOA Secretariat</li> </ul>                                                             |

## Day 5 – Friday, March 29 (CLOSED)

### **CLOSED Morning PIHOA Business Meeting (PIHOA Board of Directors, Associate Members, and Designated Secretariat Staff and Guest Presenters)**

| 7:00 – 8:00 am      | Full Breakfast for PIHOA Board Members (Plumeria Room)                                                                         |                                   |
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| Date and Time       | Session Title                                                                                                                  | Presenters/Facilitators           |
| 8:00 – 11:00 am     | Closed Meeting                                                                                                                 |                                   |
| 11:00 am – 12:00 pm | <b>Grab &amp; Go Lunch and Informal Gathering of PIHOA Board Members and Secretariat Staff and Consultants (Plumeria Room)</b> |                                   |
| 1:00 – 3:00 pm      | PIHOA Secretariat Staff Meeting                                                                                                | Plumeria Room                     |
| 3:00 pm onwards     | PIHOA Secretariat Staff Retreat                                                                                                | Details to be provided separately |



The Pacific Region's **Healthy Islands Vision** is one where:

Children are nurtured in body and mind;  
Environments invite learning and leisure;  
People work and age with dignity;  
Ecological balance is a source of pride; and,  
The ocean, which sustains, us is protected.

*Pacific Health Ministers Meeting, 2015*

# Meeting Details

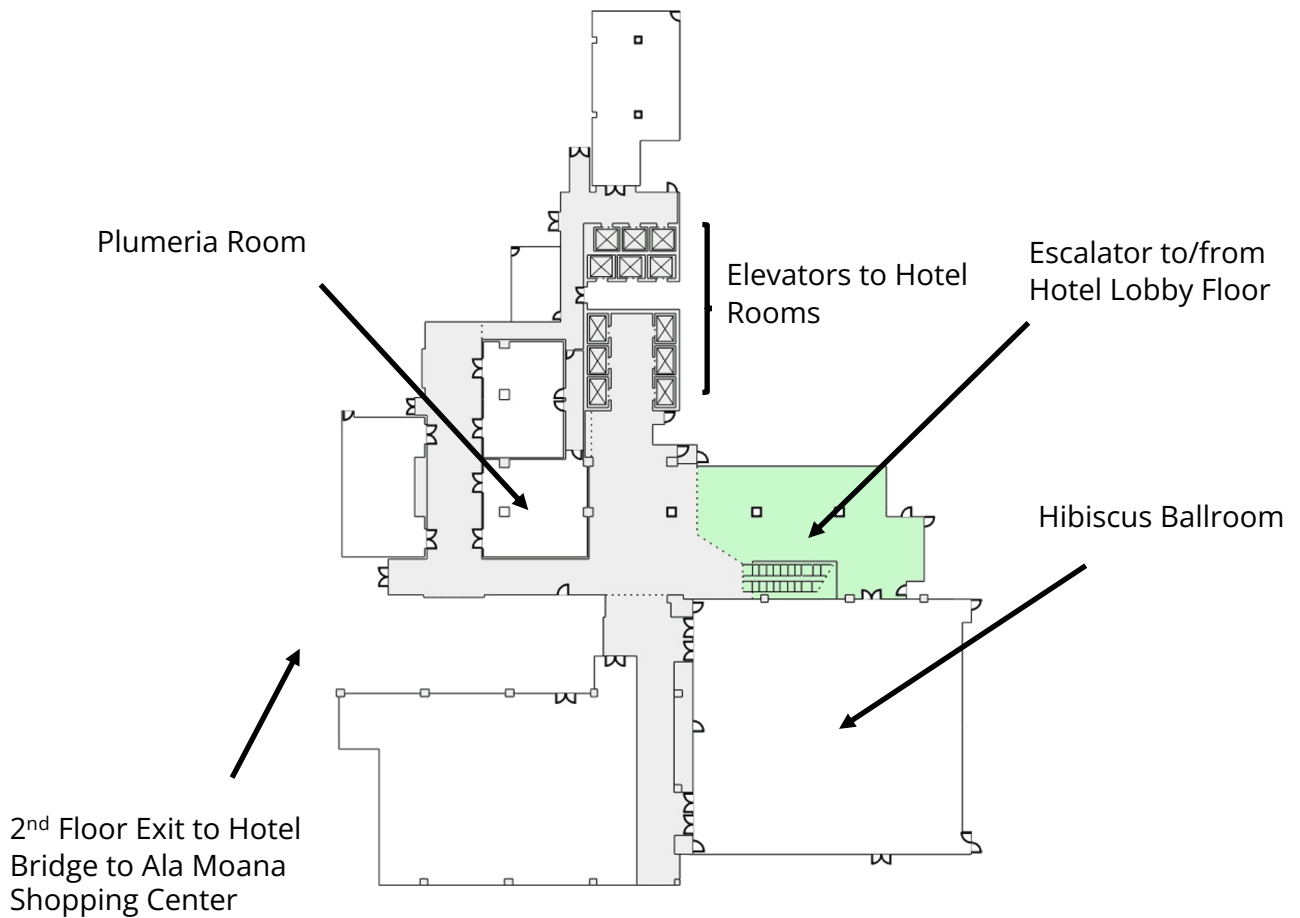
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**Event:** 74<sup>th</sup> PIHOA Executive Board Meeting

**Dates:** March 25 – 29, 2024

**Venue:** Hibiscus Ballroom at the Ala Moana Hotel (meeting meals will be served in the Plumeria Room), 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Rooms

**Accommodation Venue for Sponsored Travelers:** Ala Moana Hotel, 410 Atkinson Drive, Honolulu, HI 96814 (Waikiki), Island of Oahu



# List of Acronyms

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**ASTHO** – Association of State and Territorial Health Officials  
**CDC** – US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
**CEO** – Chief Executive Officer  
**CHCC** – CNMI Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation  
**CNMI** – Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
**DHS** – Department of Health Services  
**DHSA** – FSM National Department of Health and Social Affairs  
**DOD** – US Department of Defense  
**DOS** – US Department of State  
**DPHSS** – Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services  
**EBM** – Executive Board Meeting  
**FDA** – US Food and Drug Administration  
**FSM** – Federated States of Micronesia  
**GBHW** – Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center  
**HIS** – Health Information Systems  
**HRH** – Human Resources for Health  
**INDOPACOM** – US Indo-Pacific Command  
**LBJ** – American Samoa Lyndon B. Johnson Tropical Medical Center  
**MANA** – Monitoring Alliance for NCD Action  
**MHHS** – Palau Ministry of Health and Human Services  
**MOHHS** – RMI Ministry of Health and Human Services  
**NACDD** – National Association of Chronic Disease Directors  
**NCDs** – Non-Communicable Diseases  
**NCSTLTPHIW** – CDC National Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Public Health and Infrastructure  
**NNPHI** – National Network of Public Health Institutes  
**PHAB** – Public Health Accreditation Board  
**PHF** – Public Health Foundation  
**PH WINS** – Public Health Workforce Interests and Needs Survey  
**PIHOA** – Pacific Island Health Officers' Association  
**PM** – Performance Management  
**PPHFP** – Pacific Islands Public Health Fellowship Program  
**RMI** – Republic of the Marshall Islands  
**SPC** – The Pacific Community  
**UH JABSOM** – University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine  
**USAPIs** – US-Affiliated Pacific Islands  
**USACE** – US Army Core of Engineers  
**VA** – US Veterans Affairs  
**VP** – Vice-President  
**WHO** – World Health Organization  
**WPRO** – WHO for the Western Pacific Region



# About PIHOA



## MISSION

PIHOA's mission is to improve the health and well-being of USAPI communities by providing, through consensus, a unified credible voice on health issues of regional significance.

Established in 1986, the Pacific Island Health Officers' Association (PIHOA) is governed by and represents the collective priority health interests of the chief health officials of the six US-Affiliated Pacific Islands (USAPIs) of American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Guam, Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), and the Republic of Palau.

Operating as an independent nonprofit organization with headquarters in Honolulu, Hawai'i, and a field office in Hagåtña, Guam, PIHOA provides, through collective action and decision-making, a credible regional voice for health advocacy in and for the Pacific.

## MEMBERSHIP AND SECRETARIAT

PIHOA's Governing Board is comprised of the chief ministers, directors, and secretaries of health of the six USAPIs (Executives). Additional Board members include the twelve state-level directors of health of the FSM, directors of public health, behavioral health, and ancillary services, and chief executive officers of local public hospitals (Associates). PIHOA also has thirteen Pacific regional professional associations, development partners, and academic institution members (Affiliates).

PIHOA's Secretariat, made up of executive, administrative, and technical staff, and short- and long-term technical consultants, provides support to the USAPI health ministries and departments to strengthen health systems and capacities. The Secretariat is comprised of 25 full-time staff and over 30 technical consultants and project field assignees, along with 25 Pacific Public Health Fellows embedded within 8 USAPI health agencies sites. PIHOA also hosts 2 CDC regional field assignees at its Guam Office.

