



76th PIHOA Executive Board Meeting

**March 24 - 28, 2025
Honolulu, Hawaii
Hilton Hawaiian Village**

Aloha and Welcome to the 76th PIHOA Executive Board Meeting

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AGENDA OVERVIEW

DATE	TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
Day 1 Monday March 24 (CLOSED)	8:00 am – 4:30 pm	Board Member Registration Board of Directors and Associate Member Business Meeting	Sea Pearl Suite
Day 2 Tuesday March 25 (OPEN)	8:00 am – 4:30 pm	Partnership Engagements for Health and Resiliency	South Pacific Ballroom
Day 3 Wednesday March 26	8:00 am – 12:30 pm	Morning (OPEN) – PIHOA Regional Initiatives	South Pacific Ballroom
	1:30 – 5:00 pm	Afternoon (CLOSED) – PIHOA Board Business Meeting	South Pacific Ballroom
	6:30 – 9:00 pm	PIHOA Sponsored Dinner Reception (RSVP required)	The Village Green Lawn
Day 4 Thursday March 27 (OPEN)	8:00 am – 4:30 pm	Pacific Discourse Series – Urgent and Emergent Issues for the USAPIs Launch of the PIHOA Endowment Fund	South Pacific Ballroom
Day 5 Friday March 28	8:30 – 11:00 am	Guided Tour of Shriners Hospital for Children Hawai'i (RSVP required)	Kalia Tower Lobby Departure and Return
	1:00 – 3:00 pm	PIHOA Secretariat Staff Meeting	South Pacific Ballroom

DETAILED AGENDA

DAY 1 – MONDAY, MARCH 24 (CLOSED) PIHOA Board Business Meeting (Board of Directors and Associate Members Only)

DAY 2 – TUESDAY, MARCH 25 (OPEN to Registered Guests) Partnership Engagements for Health and Resiliency Hilton Hawaiian Village, South Pacific Ballroom

Date and Time	Session Title	Presenters/Facilitators
8:00 – 8:55 am	Meeting Registration and Continental Breakfast for Registered Guests	
9:00 – 9:10 am	Morning Prayer Welcome Remarks, Recognition of PIHOA Board Members, USAPI Health Staff, and Partners	TBD The Honorable Marcus Samo, Treasurer, PIHOA Board of Directors, and Secretary of Health, FSM Department of Health and Social Services
9:10 – 9:55 am <i>25-minute presentation w/ 20 minutes open Q&A and discussion</i>	A Deep Dive on the Published Report: Sustainability and Resilience in Pacific Island Health Systems (<i>virtual</i>)	Sir Collin Tukuitonga, Associate Dean Pacific and Professor of Public Health, Co-Director of Te Poutoko Ora a Kiwa (Centre for Pacific and Global Health), Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, University of Auckland
9:55 – 10:40 am <i>25-minute presentation w/ 20 minutes open Q&A and discussion</i>	Shriners Hospital for Children Hawai'i: Pediatric Orthopedic and Dental Services for Pacific Island Children	Andrew (Drew) Graul, Hospital Administrator, Shriners Hospital for Children Hawai'i
10:40 – 11:00 am	MORNING BREAK	
11:00 – 11:45 am <i>25-minute presentation w/ 20 minutes open Q&A and discussion</i>	Fred Hollows Foundation New Zealand: Strengthen Eye Health in the Pacific (<i>virtual</i>)	Dr. Audrey Aumua, Executive Director, and Dr. Glenn Fatupaito, Pacific Partnership Lead, Fred Hollows Foundation New Zealand
11:45 am – 12:30 pm <i>25-minute presentation w/ 20 minutes open Q&A and discussion</i>	Utilizing Innovative Technologies to Strengthen Rural Health Settings -Making the Case for the RMI	Gregg Nakano, Regional Director – Pacific Islands, Infinitum Humanitarian Systems, U.S. Department of Defense Contractor
12:30 – 1:30 pm	NETWORKING LUNCH	
1:30 – 2:30 pm <i>20-minute presentation each w/ 20 minutes open Q&A and discussion</i>	Infragard Members Alliance Hawai'i – Cybersecurity Preparedness and Response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Infragard Introduction ○ Cybersecurity Risks in Hawai'i and the Asia-Pacific Region ○ Criteria for Cybersecurity Preparedness and Response The Palau MHHS Experience	Krishna Easton, Cybersecurity State Coordinator – Hawai'i, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Integrated Operations Division, Region IX Hawai'i Gaafar Uherbelau, Special Assistant to the President, Office of the President, Palau

DAY 2 – TUESDAY, MARCH 25 continued

Date and Time	Session Title	Presenters/Facilitators
2:30 – 3:15 pm <i>25-minute presentation w/ 20 minutes open Q&A and discussion</i>	Opportunities for Health Workforce Training and Technical Support	Dr. Kelly Withy, Director, and Erica Davis, Deputy Director, Hawai'i/Pacific Basin Area Health Education Center, University of Hawai'i John A. Burns School of Medicine
3:15 – 3:30 pm	AFTERNOON BREAK	
3:30 – 4:15 pm <i>15-minute presentation each w/ 15 minutes open Q&A and discussion</i>	Opportunities for Engaging USAPI Education Leadership in Health Workforce Development Dialogue USAPI Health Workforce Development Technical Working Group	Dr. Melly Wilson, Director of Research, Policy, and Government Relations, Pacific Resources for Education and Learning Jean Schneider, Regional HRH Coordinator, PIHOA Secretariat
4:15 – 4:30 pm	Open Discussion Closing Remarks and Day 2 Agenda Overview Announcements	The Honorable Marcus Samo, PIHOA Board Treasurer PIHOA Secretariat Admin Team

DAY 3 – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

PIHOA Regional Initiatives (Morning – Open) and Business Meeting (Afternoon – Closed) Hilton Hawaii Village, South Pacific Ballroom

Date and Time	Session Title	Presenters/Facilitators
8:00 – 8:55 am	Meeting Registration and Continental Breakfast for Registered Guests	
9:00 – 9:10 am	Morning Prayer Opening Remarks and Agenda Overview	TBD Theresa Arriola, Interim PIHOA President, and Director, Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services
PIHOA Regional Initiatives – Select Programs (OPEN)		
9:10 – 9:40 am <i>20-minute presentation w/ 10 minutes open Q&A and discussion</i>	Strengthening Health Interventions in the Pacific (SHIP) Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP): Progress to Date and TEPHINET Accreditation	Dr. Gillian Dunn, Regional HIS and Health Security Coordinator, PIHOA Secretariat Elua Mori, SHIP Program Administrator
9:40 – 10:30 am <i>20-minute presentations each w/ 10 minutes open Q&A and discussion</i>	Laboratory Systems Strengthening: Progress Highlights and Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FAS Lab Accreditation Readiness ○ Laboratory Attachments at LBJ TMC and PPHFP Lab Fellows CDC PHIG-Supported Lab Data Exchange (DX)/Lab Information Systems	Dr. Vasiti Uluiviti, Regional Laboratory Strengthening Coordinator, and Maria Marfel, Technical Consultant – Regional Laboratory Specialist, PIHOA Secretariat Enny Pounders, HMIS Specialist, Global Strategic Solutions for Health, Inc.
10:30 – 10:45 am	MORNING BREAK	

DAY 3 – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26 continued

Date and Time	Session Title	Presenters/Facilitators
<p>10:45 – 11:25 am</p> <p><i>10-minute presentation each w/ 10 minutes open Q&A and discussion</i></p>	<p>Health Workforce Enumeration and Public Health Wins Surveys Status</p> <p>Data Use Agreements and USAPI Workforce TWG</p>	<p>Dr. Rachel Hare Bork, Director of Research and Impact, The de Beaumont Foundation</p> <p>Mindy Sugiyama, HRIT Technical Consultant, PIHOA Secretariat</p> <p>Jean Schneider, Regional HRH Coordinator, PIHOA Secretariat</p>
<p>11:25 am – 12:10 pm</p> <p><i>15-minute presentation each w/ 15 minutes open Q&A and discussion</i></p>	<p>Enhancing Maternal and Child Health Interventions and Systems</p> <p>HRSA Maternal and Child Health Survey Results for the USAPIs and Maternal Mortality Review (MMR) Project</p> <p>Leveraging Amy St. Pierre Pacific Public Health Fellows to Support MCH Strengthening</p>	<p>Dr. Haley Cash, Maternal Mortality Specialist Technical Consultant, PIHOA Secretariat</p> <p>Soulmaz Rostami, PPHFP Program Manager, PIHOA Secretariat</p> <p>Jade Chennaux, PPHFP Program Administrator, PIHOA Secretariat</p>
<p>12:10 – 12:30 pm</p> <p><i>15-minute presentation with 5 minutes open Q&A and discussion</i></p>	<p>Celebration of Achievements and Next Steps for the Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis Campaign in American Samoa</p>	<p>Jacki Tulafono, Division Head II, Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity, American Samoa DOH</p> <p>Lynette Suaiaunoa-Scanlan, Program Coordination and Data Support Officer – Technical Consultant, PIHOA Secretariat</p>
<p>12:30 pm</p>	<p>Closing Remarks and Meeting Adjournment for the Open Portion of Today's Agenda</p> <p>Announcements</p>	<p>Theresa Arriola, PIHOA Interim President</p> <p>PIHOA Secretariat Admin Team</p>
<p>12:30 – 1:30 pm</p>	<p>GROUP PHOTO AND NETWORKING LUNCH (All Meeting Attendees)</p>	
<p>1:30 – 5:00 pm</p>	<p>PIHOA Business Meeting (CLOSED) Board of Directors and Associate Members Only</p>	
<p>6:30 – 9:00 pm</p>	<p>PIHOA Sponsored Dinner Reception, Hilton Hawaiian Village Green Lawn</p> <p>Island Business Casual RSVP is required at the PIHOA Registration Table Open to Board Members, Secretariat Staff, PIHOA Fellows, and Registered Guests</p>	

DAY 4 – THURSDAY, MARCH 27 (OPEN to Registered Guests)
Theme: Urgent and Emergent Issues for the USAPIs
Hilton Hawaiian Village, South Pacific Ballroom

Date and Time	Session Title	Presenters/Facilitators
8:00 – 8:55 am	Meeting Registration and Continental Breakfast for Registered Guests	
9:00 – 9:10 am	Morning Prayer Welcome and Purpose of the Pacific Discourse Series	TBD Emi Chutaro, Executive Director, PIHOA Secretariat
9:10 – 10:30 am <i>Laying the Scene (Facilitator): 5 minutes</i> <i>Panelists Opening Statements: maximum 10 minutes each</i> <i>Facilitator-Panelists Q&A: 15 minutes</i> <i>Open Floor Q&A: 10 minutes</i>	Pacific Discourse Panel 1 (80 minutes): Health Security and Resiliency in the Pacific Blue Continent Facilitator: Gaafar Uherbelau, Special Assistant to the President of Palau and PIHOA Board of Directors Designee for the Acting Palau Minister of Health and Human Services and Vice President of Palau Panelists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Honorable Marcus Samo, Secretary of Health, FSM National Department of Health and Social Affairs, and Treasurer, PIHOA Board of Directors ○ Lilian Perez-Posadas, CEO, Guam Memorial Hospital, and PIHOA Board Member ○ Sir Collin Tukuitonga, Te Poutoko Ora a Kiwa (Center for Pacific and Global Health), University of Auckland (<i>virtual</i>) ○ Cleo Paskal, Non-Resident Senior Fellow for the Indo-Pacific, Foundation for Defense of Democracies (<i>virtual</i>) ○ Dr. Neal Palafox, Professor, Population Health Sciences in the Pacific Program, University of Hawaii Cancer Center, University of Hawai'i John A. Burns School of Medicine; Physician, Hawaii Pacific Health; Cancer Council of the Pacific Islands 	
10:30 – 11:00 am	MORNING BREAK	
11:00 am – 12:30 pm <i>Laying the Scene (Facilitator): 5 minutes</i> <i>Panelists Opening Statements: max 10 minutes each</i> <i>Facilitator-Panelists Q&A: 14 minutes</i> <i>Open Floor Q&A: 10 minutes</i>	Pacific Discourse Panel 2 (75 minutes): Health Policy and Advocacy for the Pacific – Opportunities and Challenges Facilitator: Theresa Arriola, Director, Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services and Interim Board President and Vice President, PIHOA Board of Directors Panelists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Honorable Delegate Aumua Amata Radewagen, American Samoa, U.S. House of Representatives (<i>pre-recorded video, 6 minutes</i>) ○ Karl Ensign, Vice President, Insular Affairs, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials ○ Gaafar Uherbelau, PIHOA Board of Directors Alternate for the Palau Minister of Health and Human Services/Vice President of Palau, and Special Assistant to the President of Palau ○ Dr. Mary Hattori, Executive Director, Pacific Islands Development Program, East-West Center, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa ○ Stephen Savage, Honolulu Field Office Lead – Infrastructure and Compact Grants, U.S. Department of the Interior Office of Insular Affairs 	
12:30 – 1:30 pm	NETWORKING LUNCH	

DAY 4 – THURSDAY, MARCH 27 continued

Date and Time	Session Title	
<p>1:30 – 2:45 pm</p> <p><i>Laying the Scene (Facilitator): 5 minutes</i></p> <p><i>Panelists Opening Statements: max 5-10 minutes each</i></p> <p><i>Facilitator-Panelists Q&A: 15 minutes</i></p> <p><i>Open Floor Q&A: 10 minutes</i></p>	<p>Pacific Discourse Panel 3 (80 minutes): Navigating the Paradigm Shifts in U.S. Policies and Potential Impacts on Health in the Pacific and Globally</p> <p>Facilitator: Emi Chutaró, Executive Director, PIHOA Secretariat</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ His Excellency Surangel Whipps, Jr., President of Palau ○ The Honorable Dr. Josh Green, Governor, State of Hawai'i ○ Dr. Eileen Natuzzi, Affiliate Center for Australian, New Zealand, and Pacific Studies, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, and Advisor to U.S. Congressional Representative Amata Radewagen (American Samoa) ○ Theresa Arriola, Director, Guam Department of Health and Social Services on behalf of the Honorable Lourdes Leon Guerro, Governor, U.S. Territory of Guam 	
<p>2:45 – 3:15 pm</p>	<p>AFTERNOON BREAK</p>	
<p>3:15 – 4:00 pm</p>	<p>Official Launch of the PIHOA Endowment Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PIHOA in Action (Short Video) ○ Remarks – Theresa Arriola, Interim PIHOA President ○ Special Recognition – Will J Reid Foundation (virtual or pre-recorded video) ○ Check Handover Ceremony and Photos 	
<p>4:00 – 4:30 pm</p>	<p>Closing Remarks and 76th PIHOA EBM Adjournment</p> <p>Announcements</p>	<p>Theresa Arriola, Interim PIHOA President</p> <p>PIHOA Secretariat Admin Team</p>

DAY 5 – FRIDAY, MARCH 28

Breakfast on Your Own for Board, Secretariat Staff, and Registered Guests

<p>8:30 – 11:00 am</p>	<p>PIHOA Board Member Excursion (RSVP with PIHOA Admin Team)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 8:30 am – Departure from Hotel Lobby for Transport to Shriners Hospital for Children ○ 9:00 am – Arrival at Shriners and Tour Start ○ 10:30 am – Departure from Shriners Back to the Hotel ○ 11:00 am – Arrival at Hotel <p>Note: Depending on the number of Board Members confirmed to attend the tour, there may be a limited number of slots for Secretariat staff, Fellows, and Registered Guests to join. Please enquire with the PIHOA Admin team about availability during the meeting.</p>	
<p>11:00 – 11:30 am</p>	<p>Box Lunches for Board Members Completing the Tour</p>	
<p>1:00 – 3:00 pm</p>	<p>PIHOA Secretariat Staff Meeting (1 - 2 pm) PIHOA Secretariat Admin Team In-Service Training (2 – 3 pm) South Pacific Ballroom, Hilton Hawaiian Village</p>	

Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort



Executive and Associate Board Members will be staying at the Kalia Tower. Transport will be provided between the Ala Moana Hotel Lobby and the Hilton Hawaiian Village Kalia Tower Lobby for PIHOA Secretariat staff and guests accommodated at Ala Moana Hotel.



The 76th PIHOA Executive Board Meetings will take place at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Mid-Pacific Conference Center: South Pacific Ballroom and Sea Pearl Suite.



The PIHOA Sponsored Dinner will be held on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, from 6:30 to 9:00 pm at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, Green Lawn area located between the Ali'i and Diamond Head Towers, next to the Chapel.

List of Acronyms

AOB – Any other business

ASTHO – Association of State and Territorial Health Officials

CDC – US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CEO – Chief Executive Officer

DPHSS – Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services

EBM – Executive Board Meeting

FAS – Freely-Associated States

FETP – Field Epidemiology Training Program

FSM – Federated States of Micronesia

GSSH – Global Strategic Solutions for Health, Inc.

HIS – Health Information Systems

HRH – Human Resources for Health

HRIT – Human Resources Information Technology

IMAH – Infragard Members Alliance Hawai'i

LBJ TMC – American Samoa Lyndon B. Johnson Tropical Medical Center

MHHS – Palau Ministry of Health and Human Services

MOHHS – RMI Ministry of Health and Human Services

MIF – Micronesian Islands Forum

PB AHEC – Hawai'i/Pacific Basin Area Health Education Center

PHMM – Pacific Health Ministers' Meeting

PHOH – Pacific Heads of Health

PIHOA – Pacific Island Health Officers' Association

PPHFP – Pacific Islands Public Health Fellowship Program

PREL – Pacific Resources for Education and Learning

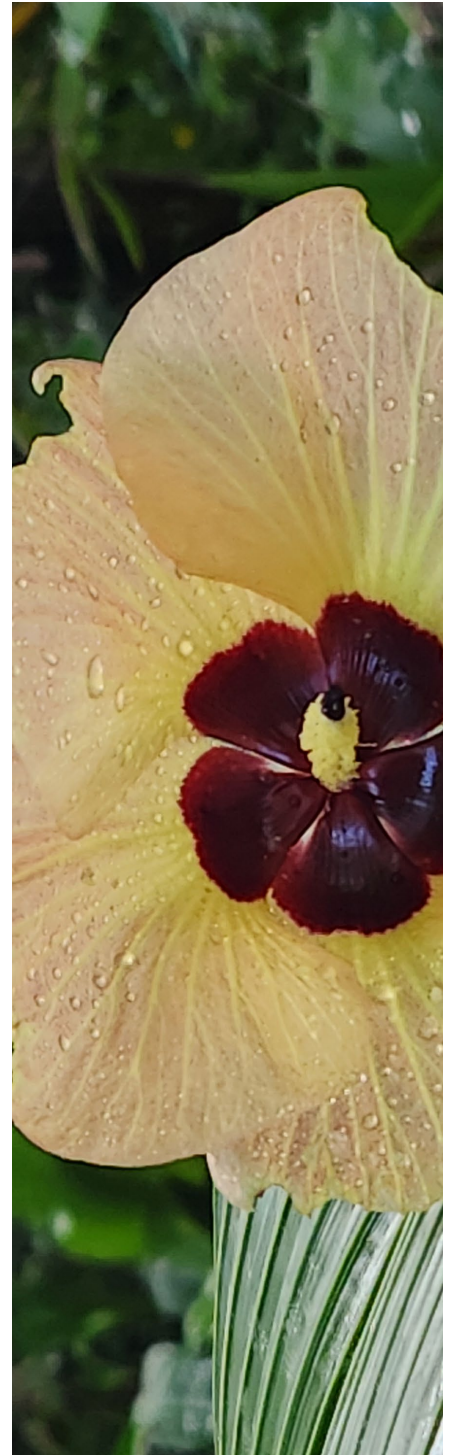
SHIP – Strengthening Health Interventions in the Pacific

USAPIs – US-Affiliated Pacific Islands

US DOI OIA – US Department of the Interior Office of Insular Affairs

VP – Vice-President

Te Poutoko Ora a Kiwa – Center for Pacific and Global Health, University of Auckland



ABOUT PIHOA

Established in 1986, the Pacific Island Health Officers' Association (PIHOA) represents the collective health interests of the U.S.-Affiliated Pacific Islands (USAPIs), which include American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Guam, Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), and the Republic of Palau (ROP).

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.

MISSION

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

MEMBERSHIP

PIHOA's membership is comprised of the ministers, directors, and secretaries of health of the five USAPIs (Executives); their deputies and chief executive officers of local public hospitals and departments of public health (Associates); and Pacific regional professional associations, development partners, and academic institutions (Affiliates).

SECRETARIAT

PIHOA's Secretariat consists of executive, administrative, and technical staff, as well as short- and long-term technical consultants who provide secretariat and technical assistance to the USAPI health ministries and departments to support advocacy efforts, strengthen health systems, build capacities, and engage partners. PIHOA currently has 24 full-time staff and over 40 full and part-time technical consultants, contractors, and project field assignees.

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