

# 63<sup>rd</sup> PIHOA Executive Board Meeting

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**“PARTNERSHIP TO EMBRACE A RESILIENT PACIFIC”**

***Panel 3: Leveraging Partnerships- USAPIs Regional Professional Associations***

**Northern Pacific Environmental Health Association**

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- ▶ Background
- ▶ Role of NPEHA as Technical Resource to the PIHOA Board
- ▶ Plans and Needs
- ▶ Requests for PIHOA Board's Consideration

# Background of NPEHA



- ▶ Established in December 2003
- ▶ 7 members (American Samoa?)
- ▶ Mission- to improve the environmental health of the people in the Pacific
- ▶ Membership
  - ▶ Regular members
  - ▶ Associate members
  - ▶ Student members
- ▶ Executive Committee/ Officers
  - ▶ President (Moses Pretrick- FSM)
  - ▶ Vice-President (Tom Nadeau- Guam)
  - ▶ Secretary (John Tagabuel- CNMI)
  - ▶ Treasurer (Eden Uchel- Palau)

# Background of NPEHA



## ► Meetings

- 2005 (Palau)/ WHO
  - Develop core competencies for EHOs for food and drinking water safety
- 2007 (Guam)/ WHO
  - Review food safety legislation
- 2010 (Guam)/ WHO
  - Review food standards
- 2013 (Manila)/ WHO/PIHOA
  - Develop food safety strategic plan (2013-2015)
- 2014 (Pohnpei)/ WHO
  - EH strategic planning workshop
- 2015 (Guam)/ WHO
  - Climate Change and EH Workshop

# Background of NPEHA



## ► EH Workforce in NPEHA Region (as of 2014)

► CNMI	14*
► FSM	42*
► Guam	12*
► Kiribati	10*
► Marshall Islands	1*
► Nauru	1*
► Palau	15*

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Total	95
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## ► Educational Background

- 37%- High school diploma\*
- 59%- College degree (some, 2-yrs, 4-yr)\*
- 4%- Graduate (Masters)\*

\*Need to be updated.

# Role of NPEHA as Technical Resource to the PIHOA Board

- ▶ Represent and enhance the EH profession in the region and Pacific;
- ▶ Establish and maintain closer ties between EH and healthcare professionals, individuals, groups and supporting organizations in the region and Pacific;
- ▶ Establish and maintain closer ties between EH and environmental agencies, organizations, groups and individuals in the region and Pacific;
- ▶ Promote and support EH and related health initiatives in the region;
- ▶ Promote and support EH services and infrastructure development in the region;
- ▶ Promote and support continuing education and human resource development in EH;
- ▶ Promote partnerships and communication between EH and community groups/ organizations including the private sector; and,
- ▶ Strengthen EH surveillance and data collection, reporting standards and uniform health information systems;

# NPEHA Plans and Needs

- ▶ **Training and education of EHOs**
- ▶ **Capacity building and training for vector surveillance, management and control**
- ▶ **Regional environmental health strategy to support and complement delivery/implementation of priority EH services in each jurisdiction:**
  - ▶ Food safety
  - ▶ Drinking water safety
  - ▶ Vector surveillance and control
  - ▶ Toxic chemicals and hazardous waste
  - ▶ Community sanitation and hygiene
  - ▶ Occupational health
  - ▶ Legislation
  - ▶ Public education and awareness
  - ▶ Climate change and health
  - ▶ Capacity building and training
  - ▶ Etc.
- ▶ **Technical assistance**
- ▶ **Finance and resource**



# NPEHA Requests for PIHOA Board's Consideration for Assistance

- ▶ Strengthen regional and local programs and capacity for vector surveillance and control
- ▶ Leverage the necessary partnerships and resources to develop a training/ education program for EHOs in the region
- ▶ Assist NPEHA develop its environmental health strategic action plan for the next 5 years.
- ▶ Assist with finance and resource mobilization to support regional environmental health initiatives in the region.
- ▶ Strengthen partnership with USFDA, WHO and other partners on food safety initiatives, e.g., trainings, food import control, etc.



Thank you