



# **PACIFIC BASIN PRIMARY CARE OFFICE (PCO) UPDATE REPORT: APRIL 01 – AUGUST 30, 2018**

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# PACIFIC BASIN PRIMARY CARE OFFICE UPDATE: PIHOA TEAM AND PARTNERS

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PIHOA Team:

Director: E. Chutaro

Senior Advisor, Dr. G. Dever

Guam Office: Andrea Whitt

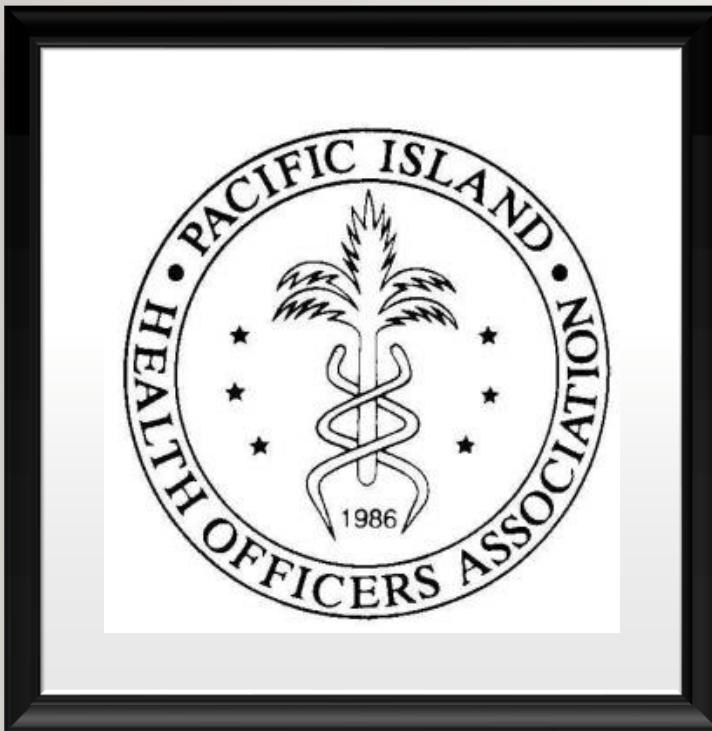
Contract Data Clerk: Mariantonette Velasquez

Partners – USAPIJs MOH, DH, CHCs, Health

Professional Associations (PBMA, PBDA, BHCC,  
GMA, GMS, MIMS, BMS...), Guam HPO, Guam  
Medicaid Office...

# PACIFIC BASIN PRIMARY CARE OFFICE (PCO) UPDATE: HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGES ACROSS THE NATION

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- Health professional shortage (HPS)**– barrier to primary care in the US and USAPIs
- In the USAPIs, our past health leaders acknowledged the persisting critical HPS.
- In response, they endorsed PIHOA resolution #43-11, which affirms the primary care model for the USAPIs; therefore, supports proposals for funding opportunities for PC
- HRSA's BPC funding for CHCs in the USAPIs
- HRSA's funding for the Pacific Basin PCO

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- To supplement all the ongoing efforts to develop or strengthen PCP workforce in the region, HRSA offers short and long-term resources i.e. direct services via funding for the CHCs from the BPHC
- Also, recruitment of PCP from the National Health Service Corp
- Funding to PIHOA as one of the 54 State PCO who provide TA support for the above.

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- ❑ TA for HPSA and MUAP according to 42 CFR Part 5: Health Professional Shortages Designation.
- ❑ Examples: Required data--provider to population ratio (how many providers are serving the population in particular, those who are most in need i.e below 100% or 200% FPL); other health indicators such as IMR, dependency ratio (youth and elderly and so on).

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## Technical Support – NHSC certification

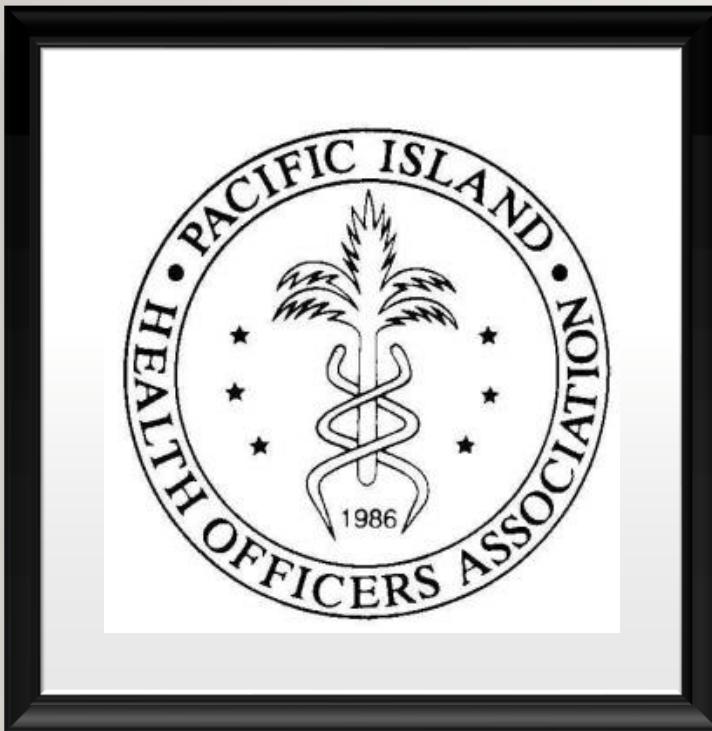
NHSC PCPs –

-- physicians, dentists, psychiatrists, psychologists, physician assistants, nurse midwives, nurse practitioners, pharmacists, marriage and family counselors/therapists;

--NHSC Scholars, LRP, SLRP, or J-Visa

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- Core Activities**
- USAPI Site visits for**  
**Data Collection**  
**TA: HPSA/MUAP**
- TA: NHSC Site Certification**
- TA: NHSC Programs- Scholar/LRP/SLRP**

**PALAU PARTNERS: Dr. G. Dever, Palau PIHOA Office/PCO Senior Advisor; Drs. Y. Bechesrrak (Palau MOH Pediatrician) & Dr. S Wally (Pres, Belau Medical Society); Dr. Dever, Palau MOH BH Visiting Pediatric Psychiatrist; (NOT PICTURED: E. Kyota, Dr. C. Decherong, and L. Decherong)**





**GUAM PARTNERS:**  
**CHC ED L. DeNorcey;**  
**DPHSS Chief PH Officer,**  
**Dr. Kaneshiro;**  
**Guam DPHSS Medicaid Office,**  
**T. Gumataotao**  
**GMH: Z. Pecina, Nursing**  
**Administrator; P. Manzon**

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NOT PICTURED: Guam  
HPLO team and our Data  
Clerk, Mariantoinette  
Valesquez.

**CNMI PARTNERS: CHCC CEO E. MUNA, J. GUERRERO, V. CAMACHO, AND S. OGUMURA, .  
OTHERS: R. DIAZ, T. SABLAM, R. GIBBONS; Northern Mariana College and P. Coleman hosted  
Cmdr. Orgel from HRSA region IX**



**PIHOA-HRSA  
OFFICE OF  
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VISIT, 7/28/2018**

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# PACIFIC BASIN PRIMARY CARE OFFICE UPDATE: ACHIEVEMENTS

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- Submitted 27 updated HPSA applications
  - 9 Primary Health HPSA (AS, CNMI, Guam, 4 FSM, RMI, and ROP)
  - 9 Dental Health HPSA (AS, CNMI, Guam, 4 FSM, RMI, and ROP)
  - 9 Mental Health HPSA (AS, CNMI, Guam, 4 FSM, RMI, and ROP)

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- ❑ Assisted GMH (Paula Menzon and Peter Sgro) and CNMI team (CEO Muna, Shawnlee Ogumura, Vince Camacho) apply SLP grant by subcontracting SLP grant writer experts, Dr. Kelley Withy and Erica Davis from UH JABSOM AHEC;
- ❑ CEO Muna and her team successfully applied for and got funded for a 5-yr \$1 Million SLP

# PACIFIC BASIN PRIMARY CARE OFFICE UPDATE: OTHER HRSA PROGRAMS FOR THE USAPI

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## **TITLE V MCH 2019 Grant Application/2017 Annual Report Review**

### **Overall Assessment:**

- ✓ Grant writing capacity -- improved
- ✓ Data capacity – as acknowledged by many of the USAPI MCH workforce, much of the improved data capacity is attributed to DDM – (Thanks to Drs. Durand, Cash, and Hancock)

# PACIFIC BASIN PRIMARY CARE OFFICE UPDATE: UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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## UNFPA Technical Advisory Council

- Pacific Health Workforce Capacity Development for RMNCAH (Reproductive, Maternal, Neonatal, Child, Adolescent Health) for PICT (Pacific Island Countries and Territories)
- RMNCAH Workforce Validation and Planning Regional Workshop: 25-27 September, 2018 in Suva, Fiji

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### **New 5-yr State PCO NOFO, CFDA 90.130, HRSA-19-005, posted 8/7/18**

- Application Due Date: 11/05/2018
- Letter of Support – seeking PIHOA Board signatures.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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# THANK YOU AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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HRSA Bureau of Health Workforce  
PBMA, BMS, GMS (Dr. Leon Guerrero)  
Northern Marianas College  
CNMI CHCC  
GUAM CHC/DPHSS,  
CENTRAL/MEDICAID/HPLO  
Palau Ministry Of Health (PH, MCH, Nursing,  
CHC)  
FSM State DHS and the National Health Office  
American Samoa DOH and ASMDA