

Finding Sustainable Healthcare Solutions for Oceania Roundtable Follow-Up (University of Hawaii)

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Aug 6, 2019 Roundtable Discussion @ JABSOM

- More than 100 participants in-person
- PIHOA Secretariat: Zoom and in person
- PIPCA
- PREL
- CDC (incl. Dr. Brostrom, Bill Gallo)
- Drs. Dever, Withy, Palafox, Buenconsejo-Lum, Qureshi, Maskarinec
- Christina Higa & Dr. Birkmire-Peters (Pacific Basin Telehealth Resource Center)
- UH & East-West Center (climate health)
 - UH System, Public Health, Nursing, Pharmacy, Cancer Center
 - UH JABSOM: Family Medicine, Native Hawaiian Health, Tropical Medicine, AHEC
- Department of Defense: all branches, reservists, TAMC (Pacific Islands Health Care Project), Defense Health Agency
- VA Pacific Islands Health Care Program
- USAID
- Center for Excellence in Disaster Mgmt and Humanitarian Assistance; Infinitum Humanitarian Assistance
- RMI Embassy (Political Military Liaison Officer)
- US Embassy in New Zealand
- Hawaii U.S. Senator Brian Schatz representative

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- **Introductions**
- **Presentations**
 - RDML Tripoli
 - UH major existing initiatives
 - CDC Activities/potential high-impact engagement opportunities in the USAPI
 - USAID options
- **Small Groups:** Determine short and medium term possible tasks with desired outcomes (to improve health capacity & sustainability in Oceania)
 - Non-Communicable Diseases, including cancer
 - Maternal Child Health
 - Health Workforce Development
 - Health Security
 - Climate Health and Disaster Preparedness

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Guiding principle

Initiatives should be guided by and augment existing country and/or regional plans that are already in motion to address the need to improve capacity (and sustainability) and/or reduce morbidity and mortality from:

- Effects of climate change and natural disasters
- Threats to health security (includes infectious disease, biosecurity, pandemic preparedness)
- Increasing burden of non-communicable diseases
- Ongoing challenges to achieving sustainable improvements in maternal & child health
- Health workforce development (entire health workforce, including management)

Priorities from UH-INDOPACOM

- Many existing assessments and reports – do not recreate
- Need to engage USAPI and other Oceania (country, regional) stakeholders
 - Ongoing work in global health security and climate health – close coordination with many in the room for the PIHOA meeting
 - **Possible expansion of virtual health and onsite training/capacity building**
- For USAPI, critical to align and synergize with PIHOA initiatives and existing partnerships
- For certain focus areas (i.e., Veteran's health) – will need your help to quantify
 - How many US Military veterans in each FAS, including each FSM State?
 - How many US Military veterans that are NOT currently receiving services in Guam, CNMI, American Samoa?

Where are we headed?

- Coordinating mechanism that includes USAPI/Oceania participation
 - UH Lead
 - INDOPACOM: Coordinates DoD, USG and international partners
- Meant to AUGMENT what is already being done through PIHOA Strategic partnerships and plan
- Additional coordinating meetings
 - UH-INDOPACOM – Via Zoom (every 2-3 mo starting ~ January/February 2020)
 - Nov 26, 2019 (Tues) 7:30 – 8:45 am HST <https://zoom.us/j/8086920989>
 - 2020: Will aim for later afternoon Hawaii time to accommodate USAPI participation via Zoom
 - CCPI meeting opportunity (April 20-23, 2020 @ JABSOM/UHCC)
 - INDOPACOM: Jan, March, June
 - AUGUST 2020 (estimate) Roundtable discussion in Oceania (site TBD, not Hawaii) – with USAPI/Oceania representation

Virtual Health (telehealth, telemedicine)

CURRENT FOCUS AREAS

- Education
 - Cancer (prevention → palliative care)
- Case Management/Training
 - MCH / Zika
 - TB
- Telemedicine
 - (Pohnpei): Gastroenterology, Pathology
 - (Kosrae CHC): Telepsychiatry
- Screening for rheumatic heart disease
- Medical Care
 - (limited) Pacific Islands Health Care Program (PIHCP) (TAMC)
 - (developing) VA – CNMI [Tinian and Rota]

POTENTIAL EXPANSION OR NEW

- Education of various health workforce
 - Infectious Diseases
- Management
 - Outbreaks
- Education/Care Delivery:
 - Behavioral Health
 - Women's health
 - High risk obstetrics
 - Complex NCD
- Veterans' health, incl FAS
- Virtual Grand Rounds (similar to ECHO or ECHO-like sessions)
- Better coordination of consultant teams
- Regular schedule for on-site consultations, with the remainder via telemedicine
- Sustain PIHCP (TAMC)

USAPI Thoughts / Priorities on Virtual Health – are we on track?

Onsite health workforce development/capacity building

CURRENT (limited)

- Nursing (AHEC, APNLC, Nurse Educators, PIHOA)
- Cancer Control / Program Evaluation
- Cancer Registrars
- Illness outbreak / response
 - Zika, Dengue, etc.
 - Vaccine-preventable illness
- TB-Free initiatives

POTENTIAL EXPANSION OR NEW

- First-responder / readiness
- Crisis Mgmt/Disaster Mgmt / Emergency Operations Mgmt
- Oral Health/Restorative Dental Teams
- Maternal-Child and Women's Health
- Radiology technician training
- Training in conjunction with/alongside Military Medical Engagements
 - Structural heart disease
 - Cleft repairs
 - Other priority needs as determined by jurisdiction
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- Regular schedule for on-site consultations, with the remainder via telemedicine

USAPI Thoughts / Priorities: Onsite training/capacity building – on track?

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- Long-term productive partnerships and discussions
 - Advocacy and Infrastructure needs (*next session on your agenda*)

NEXT STEPS

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- Methods to engage USAPI stakeholders?
- OTHER THOUGHTS
 - DoD advocacy
 - for continued funding assistance to the FAS post 2023?

