

# “For the Pacific, By the Pacific”

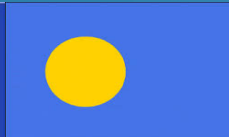
**PACIFIC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COLLABORATING COUNCIL &  
CERTIFICATION BOARD**

**66<sup>th</sup> PIHOA BOARD MEETING  
November 21, 2019**



# HISTORY

- ▶ The Pacific Behavioral Health Collaborating Council (PBHCC), representing the six (6) jurisdictions. (3 U.S. territories and 3 freely associated states)
- ▶ The organization started as an Initiative sponsored by the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and was organized in May 1997 in Palau known as the Pacific Substance Abuse and Mental Health Initiative (PSAMHI).
- ▶ At the September 1999 meeting held in Guam, PBHCC members worked on its incorporation of Articles and Bylaws thereby incorporating the Pacific Behavioral Health Collaborating Council (PBHCC).
- ▶ Now it's a fully functional 501c3, non-profit organization that drives on building behavioral health initiatives in the northern Pacific.





## **Vision:**

**“Pacific Island communities, families and individuals with optimal mental health and free from substance abuse.”**

## **Mission:**

***To promote sustainable, culturally appropriate services and capacity-building systems that address mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment issues.***



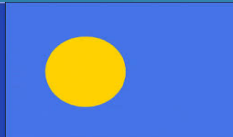
## CURRENT BOARD MEMBERSHIP 2019

Jurisdiction	Member
Republic of Palau (PBHCC President)	Dr. Emais Roberts, M.D., Minister of Health,  Everlynn Temengil, Chief Division of Behavioral Health (Official Designee)
Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands (Vice President)	Esther Muna, CEO CHCC  Reyna M. Saures, Director CHCC-CGC (Official Designee)
Republic of the Marshall Islands (Secretary)	Julia M. Alfred, RMI SSA Director Official Designee
Guam (Treasurer)	Theresa Arriola, Director GBHWC
Federated States of Micronesia	Marcus Samo, Acting Secretary  Benido Victor, Director FSM Behavioral Health and Wellness Program (Official Designee)
American Samoa	Muavaefa'atasi John E. Suisala, Director American Samoa Dept. of Human and Social Services



# CERTIFICATION BOARD

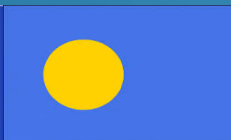
- ▶ To set and maintain professional certification standards for those practitioners within the mental health and substance abuse profession. Aim is to Protect Public Trust.
- ▶ This serves the profession by defining the practitioner's qualifications at the international level and it provides the individual with a credential certifying professional competence.
- ▶ PBHCC has sole jurisdiction for certifying substance abuse counselors, prevention specialist, and co-occurring disorders professional in the Pacific Region representing the six stated Pacific Jurisdictions.





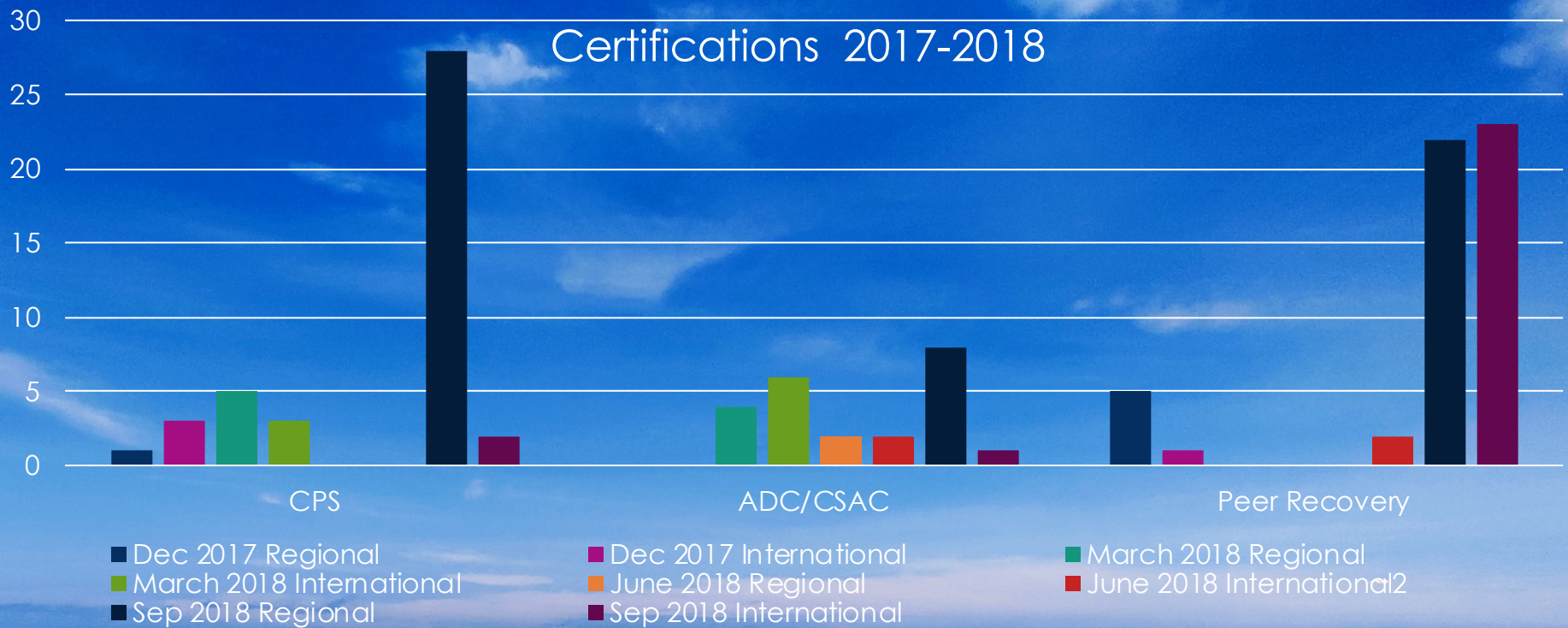
# Workforce Development

- ▶ SAMHSA-supported Master Trainer Development Program which expanded to Pacific Behavioral Health Initiative - 2013
- ▶ Awarded Competitive HRSA/SAMHSA grant for training and certification of Behavioral Health Paraprofessionals – 2014-2019
- ▶ SAMHSA-supported Center Of Excellence Planning Grant – 2015 To embed college level addiction science curriculums.
- ▶ Increase certifications for drug counselors, preventionists and peer recovery through PBHCC Certification Board. (IC&RC and NAADAC) – Ongoing
- ▶ Increase training and technical assistance with federal and local partners in regional priority areas – Ongoing.

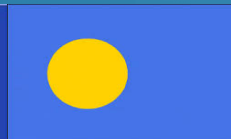




## Certifications 2017-2018



**With the assistance of HRSA BHWET project and workforce development initiative, regional and international certifications in all IC&RC domains increased for the region in line with PBHCC strategic plans for increased regional behavioral health capacity.**





# OUR SHARED STORIES THROUGH A JOURNEY OF HEALING & LEARNING

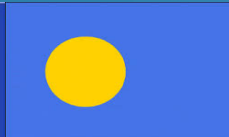
- Increase in behavioral health professionals with Masters, Post Graduate, and Certifications throughout all 6 jurisdictions with extensive network of partners and Initiatives.
- Increase in evidence based and practice based interventions for primary, secondary, and tertiary behavioral health needs of the Pacific families.
- Increased data collection and monitoring through key partnership collaborations at regional, jurisdictional, and local levels.





# Areas for Region-Wide Collaboration

- ▶ *Workforce Development*
  - ▶ *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)*
- ▶ *Behavioral Health Integrated Care*
  - ▶ *Value based care*
- ▶ *Regional Behavioral Health Epidemiological Workgroup*
  - ▶ *Social Determinants*
- ▶ *Annual Behavioral Health Conference (Summer 2021)*
- ▶ *Customized Pacific specific technical assistance*





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**Mahalo Nui Loa, Fa’afetai, Kalangan, Kulo, Kinisou Chapur, Mogethin, Kommol Tata, Si Yu’us Ma’ase, & Kom kmal mesulang!**

