



Association of US-Affiliated Pacific Island Laboratories (AUL)

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AUL President

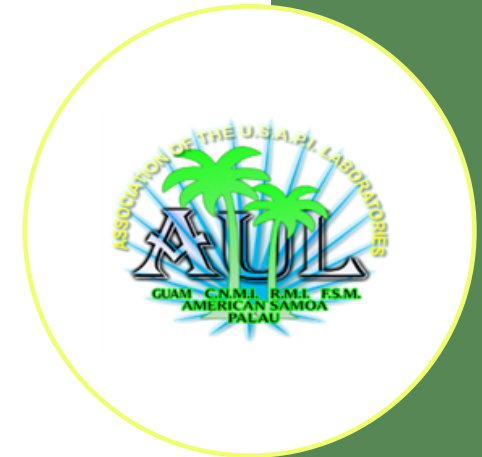
66th PIHOA Board Meeting

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Honolulu, Hawaii

AUL Goals and Objectives

1. Strengthen lab network in the USAPI countries through information sharing and open communication
 - Sustain quarterly web-based conference calls
 - Sustain biennial AUL meeting
 - Develop calendar of events for AUL
2. Promote excellence in laboratory services through collaboration and implementation of LQMS criteria
 - Maintain LQMS in the USAPI labs



AUL Goals and Objectives

3. Serve as a resource and a focal group for the USAPI laboratories
 - Develop AUL newsletter
 - Update AUL information on PIHOA website
 - Support GPHL Level 2 services
4. Develop qualified and competent medical laboratory workforce in the USAPI Region
 - Standardized minimum qualification entry requirement
 - Upgrade professional qualifications of existing workforce to at least 80% by 2022



AUL Goals and Objectives

5. Build local capacity and enhance Telehistopathology services
 - Expand cyto & histopathology services
 - Build capacity of peripheral smear reporting in the region
6. Improve laboratory biosafety and infection control in the USAPI labs
 - Expand risk assessment capabilities



AUL Goals and Objectives

7. Impact future health planning and organization within the jurisdiction through lab-based surveillance and activities
 - Maintain surveillance activities
 - Strengthen jurisdictional networking activities during outbreak events





Human Resource Capacity Building

USAPI Lab Workforce

Number of Lab Workers: 146

Local – 99 (68%)

Expat – 47 (32%)

Number with Bachelor's or Higher: 48

Local – 18 (38%)

Expat – 30 (62%)

Number with Diploma/Certificate: 42

Local – 23 (55%)

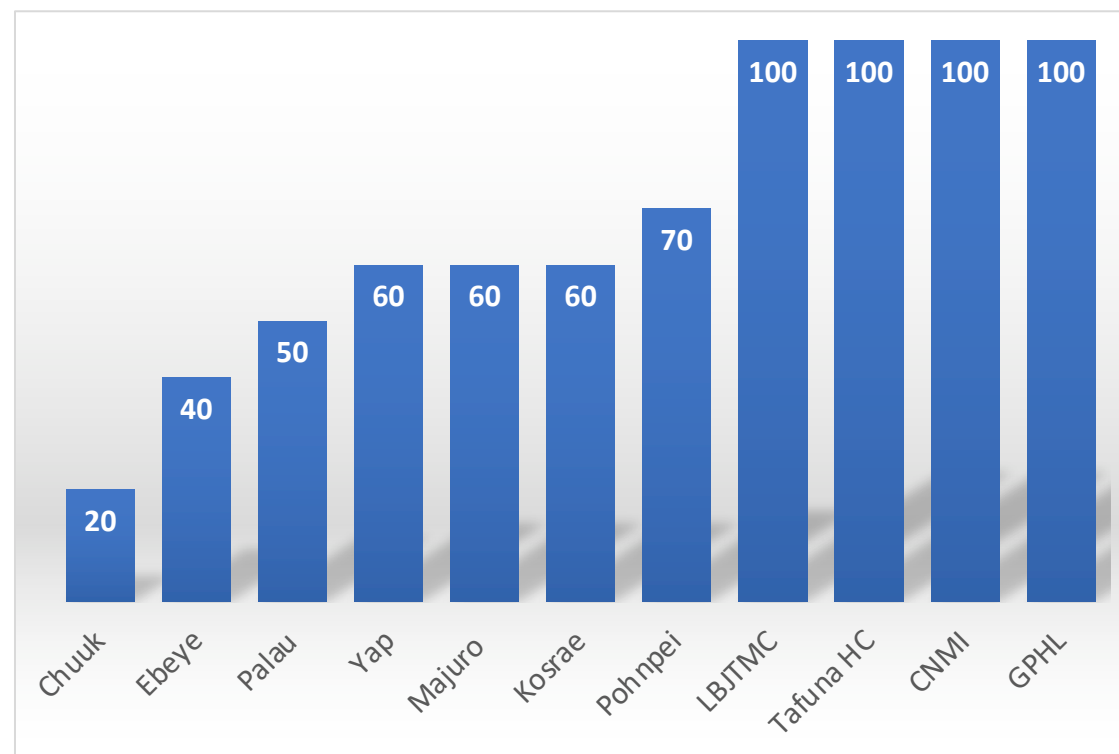
Expat – 19 (45%)

Number to be Upgraded: 56

Local – 37 (66%) min. qualifications

Expat – 19 (34%) advance professional qualifications

Percent of Staff with Professional Qualifications by USAPI Lab, 2019



USAPI Staff Currently Enrolled in Medical Lab Science Program, Cycle 2019-2020

USAPI Labs	Number of Students	First Year	Second Year
American Samoa	6	4	2
Chuuk, FSM	2	2	
Yap, FSM	4	3	1
TOTAL	12	9	3
		<i>Expected graduation date Dec 2020</i>	<i>Expected graduation date Feb 2020</i>



PIHOA Board of Directors Considerations

1. Financial support (conference calls, biennial meeting, technical training including SLMTA training).
2. Build local capacity for labs in the USAPIs in the areas of microbiology, hematology, phlebotomy and cyto/histopathology.
3. Develop a qualified and competent laboratory workforce to at least 80% with minimum qualifications by 2022.
4. Recruit qualified lab training officers and or quality officers to serve temporarily as mentors.
5. Build and enhance Tele-histopathology services in the region.
6. Improve laboratory biosafety and infection control in the USAPI labs.
7. Support GPHL Level 2 lab services by increasing the Lab Revolving Funds for each USAPI Lab.
8. Strengthen lab-based surveillance activities during outbreak events.
9. PIHOA to remain as a resource (advisory position & technical support) for the AUL .

