

OFFICE OF PACIFIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

WORK PLAN - FY 1998/1999

REGION IX

The following represents the OPHHS Region IX fiscal year 1998 and 1999 work plan. Work plan objectives and outputs will change in response to joint funding of proposed projects by DHHS OPDIVs and other Departments. The objectives and activities described below are in response to issues generated by the Health Ministers and Health Directors of the U.S.-affiliated Pacific Island Jurisdictions, the Working Group on Pacific Health and Human Services, and knowledge regarding the health issues existing in the Jurisdictions. Several objectives require funding to be accomplished.

Objective 1. CONTINUING EDUCATION: Work with the six Jurisdictions, organized clinical associations existing in the Pacific, DHHS OPDIVs, and other NGOs to develop continuing education (CE) programs for clinicians in the Jurisdictions.

Activities/Outputs

- Work with the Pacific Basin Medical Association, the Asian Pacific Nurse Leadership Council, the Jurisdictions, and others to develop continuing education offerings within and for Pacific Basin clinicians.
- Work with pharmacists and dentists to create professional organizations to fulfill professional objectives.
- Specific courses include: telehealth; STD/HIV; tuberculosis; Native Hawaiian Summit.
- Work with Jurisdictions and organizations to enhance opportunities for post-graduate education for PBMOTP graduates.

Completion Date(s): Ongoing

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Objective 2. REGIONAL HEALTH ISSUES: Work with the Office of Women=s Health (OWH), the Office of Minority Health (OMH), the Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP), the Regional Immunization Coordinator, and the Office of Population Affairs (OPA) regional representatives to facilitate their work plans related to the Pacific Jurisdictions. Continue working with DHHS OPDIVs to assist them in their efforts towards improving health and human services in the Jurisdictions.

- This objective entails working closely and as needed to help each of the other offices in fulfilling their work plan objectives and to work together to enhance the health of Pacific Basin residents.

- **Assisting the Regional Emergency Preparedness Coordinators in efforts related to emergency response within the entire Region and the Nation.**

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Objective 3. SURPLUS EQUIPMENT: Determine the need and supply of surplus equipment for Jurisdictions' use.

Activities/Outputs

- **Work with interested Jurisdictions to update their prioritized list of needed equipment that each Jurisdiction could use to provide health services.**
- **Work with the Jurisdictions, the Department of Interior, the Department of State, the Department of Defense, and NGOs to locate appropriate sources of surplus equipment.**
- **Work with all interested parties to determine storage, refurbishing, transportation, installation, maintenance, and training in the use of such equipment.**

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Objective 4. IMPACT OF THE COMPACT: Continue activities in support of DHHS, DOI, and other departments' responsibilities to the Jurisdictions impacted by the existing Compacts of Free Association.

Activities/Outputs

- **Act as consultant to all federal parties related to the impact of the Compacts of Free Association that exist with the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia.**
- **Work with Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to develop DHHS policy regarding the renegotiation of the Compacts of Free Association with RMI and FSM.**
- **Provide assistance with questions related to the Impact of the Compacts on Guam, CNMI, and Hawaii.**
- **Respond to questions and requests for information as needed.**

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Objective 5. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS/MITIGATION: Work on specific projects for the Jurisdictions.

- **Develop a hazard assessment for biological and physical hazards that emergency response personnel may encounter in the various Jurisdiction if deployed there.**
- **If funded, develop a mitigation plan for Samoa/American Samoa and the Republic of the Marshall Islands (or one of the states of FSM) related to preventing morbidity and mortality should a natural disaster occur.**

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Objective 6. COORDINATION OF THE PACIFIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES WORKING GROUP: Continue activities in support of DHHS and PHS goals related to health and human services issues in the Jurisdictions

Activities/Outputs

- **Convene the Working Group at least twice yearly to assess the progress each OPDIV component has made to coordinate their efforts related to the Jurisdictions internally.**
- **Act as a conduit of information for each OPDIV, as requested, to the others.**
- **Represent OPDIVs as requested in meeting with Jurisdictional representatives.**
- **Attend PIHOA meetings to represent DHHS and PHS and OPDIVs as requested.**

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Objective 7. TELECOMMUNICATIONS: Continue to work on enhancing the capabilities of the Jurisdictions to institute Telehealth, Teleconferencing, and Telemedicine activities.

Activities/Outputs

- **Work with PEACESAT, Tripler Army Medical Center, PIHOA, and other interested organizations to advance telecommunications and telehealth activities.**
- **Develop a plan for additional phases of telecommunications enhancement for the Jurisdictions.**
- **If funding becomes available, develop a Telehealth Conference to be held in the Pacific Basin.**

- **Develop and implement a plan for providing Lonesome Doc type services to clinicians in the Pacific Basin.**

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Objective 8. HANSEN'S DISEASE ELIMINATION IN RMI: If funded, develop and implement a plan for eliminating HD in RMI.

Activities/Outputs

- **Work with RMI on enhancing its elimination proposal.**
- **Develop a long-range plan for submission to DOI, including budget, to cover project scope and timetable.**
- **Develop and implement plan for enhancing HD information exchange among the Jurisdictions and Hawaii.**

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Objective 9. AAPI INITIATIVE: Assist in the development and implementation of this Initiative.

Activities/Outputs

- **Provide copies of Initiative, when completed, to Pacific Basin stakeholders.**
- **Solicit input from stakeholders.**
- **Work with community representatives from AA and NH communities to cross-check community input with OPDIV proposals.**

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Objective 10. PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES ASSESSMENT: Finish pharmacy assessments of Jurisdictional entities.

Activities/Outputs

- **Request funds for FY 1998. Requested funding will fund an assessment of pharmaceutical services, including trips to and assessment of the pharmacies in each Jurisdiction. This proposal follows meetings with WHO/WPRO and a larger group of island countries in the Pacific, including the Jurisdictions, regarding the feasibility of setting up a centralized**

pharmaceutical facility somewhere in the Pacific; this was one of the topics at the Ministerial Meeting hosted by WPRO in Fiji in March, 1995.

- The assessors would look at various options related to the provision of pharmaceutical services, including the review of current procurement practices, costs, suppliers, and other factors to help determine the feasibility of setting up such a centralized facility in the jurisdictions. The result would be a recommendation and planning document on how to most cost efficiently assure the provision of pharmaceutical services in both the Jurisdictions and in the larger Pacific Basin. The grantee and OPHHS would work with WHO/WPRO on this project.

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Objective 11. ZOONOSES AND DISEASE VECTOR RISK ASSESSMENT: Develop a baseline of possible animal diseases of human importance.

Activities/Outputs

- Work with DoD resources to plan an assessment related to zoonoses and disease organisms of human importance in the Pacific Basin.

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Objective 12. IMPROVE HEALTH STATUS OF NATIVE HAWAIIANS: Work with the staff of the Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems (NHHCS), Papa Ola Lokahi, federal staff in the HRSA/BPHC, and local private and public entities to implement successfully, the intent of the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act.

Activities/Output

- Participate in forums to provide information on the special needs of Native Hawaiians to policy makers at all levels.
- Assist in the development of the master health plan for Native Hawaiians.
- Serve as a liaison for DHHS OPDIVs as requested on matters affecting the NHHCS, such as arranging/providing TA on identified areas of need. Represent other federal programs in coordinating their efforts to especially promote the health of Native Hawaiians.
- Identify and work with individuals or agencies key in this effort.

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