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To:

All Deputies, Division Chiefs, Staff Officers, District Health Officers and

**Administrators of Attached Agencies** 

From:

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Director of Health

Subject:

The 2015 Hawai'i Public Health Conference: "Health is Everyone's Kuleana"

Please support your staff in attending the 2015 Hawai'i Public Health Conference on Friday, October 9, 2015, at the Hawai'i Convention Center. The Department of Health is co-sponsoring the conference, Health is Everyone's Kuleana. It applies to all aspects of our work as the public health agency for Hawai'i.

The conference program will focus on timely cross-cutting issues in public health today, including discussions with a diverse array of panelists on *Health and the Built Environment*, and *Addressing Health Disparities within a Health-in-All-Policies Framework*.

I will be on a luncheon panel with DHS Director Dr. Rachael Wong and other State Department Directors on Working Collaboratively on Social Determinants of Health.

The incoming American Public Health Association (APHA) President-Elect, Dr. Camara Jones, will provide us with a national perspective on how a Health-in-All-Policies approach supports positive public health change. <a href="http://www.apha.org/about-apha/executive-board-and-staff/apha-executive-board/camara-jones-md-mph-phd">http://www.apha.org/about-apha/executive-board-and-staff/apha-executive-board/camara-jones-md-mph-phd</a>

Opportunities throughout the day will allow participants see public health exhibit tables and student posters, as well as opportunities to network with new and long-time friends and colleagues at an afternoon reception hosted by the Hawai'i Public Health Institute (HPHI).

I encourage you to attend this important public health educational opportunity. Please invite your fellow colleagues to attend as well, to share, recharge and reinvigorate your public health self. More information on the conference program and how to register, is located at https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1720586.

I look forward to seeing you there.