



# Hawaii Public Health Conference

*“Health is Everyone’s Kuleana”*

October 9, 2015  
Hawaii Convention Center





**Welcome to the 2015  
Hawaii Public Health Conference:  
“Health is Everyone’s Kuleana”**

Aloha, on behalf of our entire Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Health Association, the Hawaii State Department of Health, our conference co-sponsors and our Conference Steering Committee, I am pleased to welcome you to the 2015 Hawaii Public Health Conference.

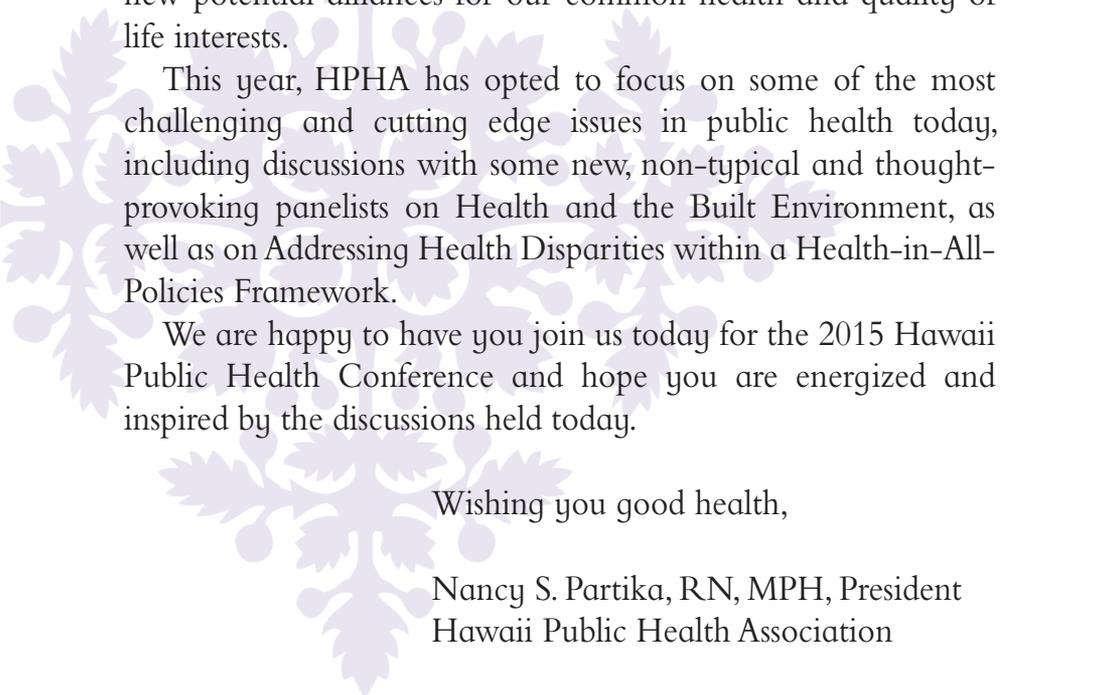
Whether we live in Puna, Paia or Honolulu, we share many common public health challenges with other locations, regionally, nationally and internationally. We recognize that it is often difficult to look beyond our daily work and specific focus to see new and broader public health issues and solutions. We sincerely hope that the focus for this year’s conference, Health is Everyone’s Kuleana, will help to inspire and reinvigorate you and our public health workforce, as well as develop and support new potential alliances for our common health and quality of life interests.

This year, HPHA has opted to focus on some of the most challenging and cutting edge issues in public health today, including discussions with some new, non-typical and thought-provoking panelists on Health and the Built Environment, as well as on Addressing Health Disparities within a Health-in-All-Policies Framework.

We are happy to have you join us today for the 2015 Hawaii Public Health Conference and hope you are energized and inspired by the discussions held today.

Wishing you good health,

Nancy S. Partika, RN, MPH, President  
Hawaii Public Health Association



**WELCOME** (8:00am-8:50am, Room 311) Keynote Address by **Dr. Camara Jones**, President-Elect, American Public Health Association “Achieving Health Equity in Hawaii: Policy and Data Tools.”

***9:00am-11:30am (Room 311):  
Health and the Built Environment:  
A Panel Discussion***

Personal health depends on many factors, such as access to nutritious food, clean air and water, and opportunities for regular physical activity. When these are easily available in the communities where we live, work and play, they can contribute to good health. Health is strongly affected by where we live (housing), how we commute (transportation), and what resources are available and accessible that support health and well-being. Factors such as parks, green open spaces, trees, crime rates, safe places to play or walk, food, retail options, interpersonal violence, and alcohol outlets all impact residents' health. A key public health goal is to create more-livable neighborhoods and increase physical activity and nutrition through the built environment. This session will explore factors in different aspects of Hawaii's built environment that contribute to or adversely impact on our health.

## *Health and the Built Environment Panelists*

- **Sara Jensen Carr**, PhD, AIA, Assistant Professor of Environmental Design and Public Health  
-University of Hawaii Manoa
- **Bernard Carvalho**, Mayor, County of Kauai, advocate for health integration into county and community programs on Kauai
- **Mark Garrity**, Deputy Director, Department of Transportation Services
- **Matthew Gonser**, AICP, Extension Faculty, Community Planning and Design, University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program
- **Heidi Kim**, Vice President for Statewide Well-being Initiative - Blue Zones Project Hawaii
- **Jesse Lipman**, Community Food Programs Coordinator, Kokua Kalihi Valley Roots Program

**Track Co-Facilitators: Clifford Chang, Pacific Islands Primary Care Association and Heidi Smith, Healthy Hawaii Initiative, Department of Health.**

## LUNCH

(via concession stand from 11:30am-1:15pm)

will include a special State Administration panel offering in Room 311, as well as exhibits and student posters in Room 317AB.

## LUNCH PANEL

(11:45am to 1:00pm, Room 311)

### *The State Perspective on Addressing the Social Determinants of Health,*

- **Dr. Rachael Wong**, Facilitator, Director of DHS
- **Dr. Virginia Pressler**, Director of DOH
- **Beth Giesting**, Governor's Health Care Innovation Director
- **Judy Mohr Peterson**, PhD, Med-QUEST Administrator-DHS
- **Kerrie Urosevich**, PhD, Governor's Early Childhood Coordinator, discussing the inter-connections in the Social-Ecological model of health.

***1:15pm – 3:45pm (Room 311) Addressing  
Health Disparities within a  
Health-in-All-Policies Framework:  
A Panel Discussion***

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) define a health disparity as a type of difference in health that is closely linked with social or economic disadvantage. Health disparities negatively affect groups of people who have systematically experienced greater social or economic obstacles to health, such as discrimination or exclusion based on race or ethnicity, religion, socioeconomic status, gender, mental health, sexual orientation, or geographic location. Social determinants of health are the complex, integrated, and overlapping social structures and economic systems that are responsible for most health disparities, including social and physical environments, health services, and structural and societal factors. Social determinants of health are shaped by the distribution of money, power, and resources. This panel discussion will explore characteristics such as gender, ethnicity, migrant status, education, and income, which are key variables correlating access to preventive health services and care.

## Health Disparities Panelists

- **Kat Brady**, Coordinator, Hawaii Community Alliance on Prisons
- **Emi Chutaro**, Director, Pacific Islands Health Officers Association (PIHOA)
- **Kata Issari**, Joyful Heart Foundation Vice President Hawaii Region
- **Alika Maunakea**, MD, John A. Burns School of Medicine- University of Hawaii Manoa, Dept. of Hawaiian Health
- **Scott Morishige**, Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness
- **Hina Wong Kalu**, Educational and Social Advocate

**Track Co-facilitators: Dr. Angela Sy, University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine and Dr. Elizabeth Aparicio, University of Hawaii Manoa School of Social Work.**

**WRAP UP & ACTION PLANNING (3:50pm-4:10pm, Room 311)** Ethan Allen, PhD, Pacific Resources for Education & Learning, Facilitator

**NETWORKING RECEPTION (4:15pm-6:15 pm, Room 317AB)** hosted by the Hawaii Public Health Institute (HPHI)

**HEALTH EXHIBITS AND STUDENT PUBLIC HEALTH POSTERS (8am to 6pm, Room 317AB)**  
Available throughout the day

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