

**HPHA Board Meeting**  
**Hawaii State Department of Health- Kinau Hale, Rm 250**  
**January 17, 2017**

Attending: Ethan Allen, Nancy Partika, Christian Gloria, Jill Tamashiro, Hoce Kalkas, Vicky Rayle, Colby Taketa, Gerald Ohta, Kylie Bretzel, Holly Kessler

Phone: Tiana Fontanilla, Hali Robinett, Hauoli Tomoso

**Meeting called to order:** 12:02 pm

**Minutes:**

Circulated and approved as presented.

**Fiscal report:**

Bank balance: \$174,082 in First Hawaiian bank account as of 12/31/16. Income: \$8,319 Expenses \$16,905 for month of December 2016. Major expenses paid are the BSH contract fees which are indicated the BSH detailed budget which was circulated. The BSH project is on budget. All funding has been received for HPHC 2016 except for one pending payment in the amount of \$1,500 from JABSOM. GIA application will be submitted in the amount of \$50,000 for 2018 PGHC pre-planning. Application is due Friday 1/20/17. Holly to put out a request to board for any connections on the legislative budget committee who can champion approval of the application as was the case in years past.

**APHA Report- Hali/Gerald**

Gerald reported the many discussions at APHA are in limbo due to new Trump administration. Hali indicated there may have been some strategic direction discussions on the latest APHA town hall meeting call. APHA will have 5 subcommittees instead of 2. Gerald recommends that people get involved in these committees to increase Hawaii representation. Joseph Telfair is the new president elect for APHA. Abstracts are due in early February for the Annual Meeting.

**Pacific Global Health Conference Committee- Vicky**

Vicky reported the direction will be for a locally focused expanded HPHA Annual Meeting in Fall 2017 and the PGHC will be pushed back to 2018 for better planning. This extended timeframe will also allow the planning committee to glean examples from other similar conferences such as the one in Arkansas which had large attendance. Leads for 2018 PGHC will be Don Hayes and Cliff Chang. Vicky will bring her connections from the Pacific. October 13, 2017 is the reserved date for the 2017 Hawaii Public Health Conference at the Hawaii Convention Center (to make use of the penalty from 2014). No HPHC will be held in 2017. It is suggested to hold the 2017 HPHA Annual Meeting on this date and location. We cannot extend the convention center penalty for another year. No dates yet set for the 2018 conference. It was recommended to hold a PGHC every other year.

Action steps for 2018 PGHC:

1. Build committee members

2. Holly to do doodle poll for February meeting
3. Get framework from PIHO's annual meeting to discuss at February planning meeting

### **Annual Meeting**

Christian will be the lead for the 2017 HPHA Annual Meeting. As stated above, the date is set for Oct. 13 at the Convention Center. Suggestion to investigate other local conference dates so there are no conflicts with other organizations. Plan is to beef up the annual meeting, not as large as a full blown conference, but more than what was done in the past.

### **Programs/Membership - Colby**

Holly reported current membership at 624 with 5 new members.

Colby reported that he and Margaret discussed membership. They would like to put out a survey to determine who our membership is and what their needs are. They also considered focus groups to gather both quantitative and qualitative information.

Holly to dust off last survey conducted (2014?) and circulate to board for comments/suggestions on questions to include in this year's survey. One question to include is how and in what format do members wish to receive communication from HPHA? Current method is eBlasts, suggest Facebook group. Hauoli is very active on FB and said he would post to HPHA account. Holly will make Hauoli an administrator on the HPHA page.

Social media report - Likes on Facebook 542, and Twitter 333 followers. Holly is maintaining social media accounts.

### **Art Crawl- Colby**

Colby reported a fluctuation of membership in the planning committee but they are currently considering first Friday in March. They may scale the event back to not include the passport which would eliminate much of the burden of planning. There was some discussion about also considering the date to coincide with NPHW.

### **National Public Health Week**

Colby will help with planning for the Oahu event. He can not lead.

Hauoli will lead the planning for a Maui event.

There was a suggestion to coordinate with HIPHI to determine what their plans were as well.

Discussion about theme and format for this year's event included a screening of "Infection", a short documentary. Also explore other short films for possible screening. Other themes included providing a forum to discuss changes in new administration and how to address that. Or HPHA can join another local organization's event, such as a Charity Walk, or the Bike League, and have our own group, as opposed to HPHA doing our own event. Christian mentioned the idea to have a calendar that populates

all the various public health agency events in one central location. HPU/Aloha Tower was discussed as a possible venue for the 2017 NPHW event. Explore possibility of a two day NPHW event on Oahu....art crawl and larger event/mixer?

Other Ideas put on the table - for continued discussion/consideration:

Colby: Student reps share what's going on at the different schools? Not clear what format this would take?

Gerald: movie followed by a panel of speakers/content experts. DOH's Zeshan? would take the lead if we want to showcase a new documentary re: antibiotic resistance. Could host movie at HPU with reception on the upper level lanai. Concerns voiced about the film's topic.

Hali: Could join APHA's 1 Billion Steps Challenge and create a HPHA team; would need a lead for this, but everything else is set up via the steps challenge website: <http://www.nphw.org/get-involved/steps-challenge>

Nancy: host an interactive event that might feature speakers representing the Native Hawaiian community, community health centers and others to address strategies in response to changes proposed under the new administration. Difficulties with this idea include the changing landscape and the uncertainty around various issues, ACA, Native Hawaiian Health Care Act, etc. Would a hosted roundtable/discussion format work for this, maybe offered via webinar?

Other ideas discussed were "It's all about Public Health" lunch meetings with public health and allied public health professionals, i.e. Social Workers, Nurses, Mental Health Counselors, on all islands. Haouli will take the lead on this event for Maui. Can we/HPHA identify leads on Big Island & Kauai? Could offer the same on Oahu.

Contact Dan D., Hawaii Island board rep, to see if any interest in holding a BI NPHW event.

Promotion:

In addition to including HPHA's NPHW events to the APHA calendar, we want to post a calendar of Hawaii's NPHW events on HPHA's Facebook Page, website and in our weekly e-Blast leading up to the week of April 4.

#### **Bylaws – Christian**

No updates at this time. Holly to forward name(s) of HPHA member(s) who indicated interest to serve on bylaws committee.

#### **Legislative Committee**

Holly circulated HPHA's 2017 Legislative Priorities submitted to Joy Gold for LegTrax. Also circulated was a list of 14 board and regular members who indicated interest in serving on the HPHA legislative committee and/or being kept informed on the legislative process. Holly to contact them and inform

them the direction the committee is taking. Hoce indicated there were too many topics for the board to handle especially given that there is currently no lead on the committee. The board decided that in lieu of an individual stepping up to lead the legislative committee, there would be content leads responsible for coordinating testimony on their respective topics to the EC for approval. Hoce will summarize the process in 4 steps for a content lead to write testimony and get executive committee approval before submitting on behalf of HPHA. The turnaround can be very tight to submit testimony, so it would be appreciated if the EC could please respond expeditiously to draft testimony. The Board would continue to put out Leg Trax information as well. The Board agreed to support Pedro's Long Term Care bill via letter of support however, the Kupuna caucus appears to have strong community support already. Holly to inform Pedro of our support, and ask him to prepare draft testimony for EC approval.

Content Leads for specific legislative priorities:

1. Oral/ Dental Health – Nancy
2. Climate Change - Nancy
3. HPV/Cancer – Hali
4. Tobacco – Jill

The other four priorities: behavioral health, workforce development, increased access to primary care services, access to health foods/physical activity, will remain on LegTrax but there is no specific lead on these issues. If someone sees a bill they would like to testify on, on behalf of HPHA, please let Holly know and she will facilitate the process.

### **Dentaquest**

Nancy reported that overall everything is going well. Focus groups are underway statewide. Participants are Marshallese, Filipino or Micronesian. The website is up and running and well done. First Advisory Group meeting was held early December. Next Advisory group meeting will be held in February at the Cancer Center. We plan to apply for funding in 2018 to continue the work started this year. In this application, we will include a \$5,000 grant to HPHA for an Oral Health panel at the PGHC. Need to add the list of BSH sponsors to the BSH webpage.

**Next Meeting:** Holly to circulate a doodle poll for possible March dates.

**Meeting End:** 1:35 pm