



# Annual Meeting

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*November 29, 2023*

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# Agenda

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- 3:00pm** Registration, Exhibitor Tabling, Networking & Pupus
- 3:30pm** HPHA President Welcome  
Dr. Camonia Graham-Tutt
- 3:45pm** APHA President Welcome  
Ella Greene-Moton
- 3:50pm** Program: Panel and Q&A
- Dr. Michele Lani Bray
  - Dr. Deborah Goebert
  - Dr. Christina Higa
  - Dr. Tonya Lowery St. John
  - Moderator: Anika Martin
- 4:50pm** Incoming HPHA President Address  
Bryan Talisayan
- 5:00pm** Program Ends

# Panelists

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**Dr. Michele Lani Bray** – Online RN to BS Program Director, Assistant Professor, and nurse educator with the UH Manoa Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing. Dr. Bray has continued to advance public health in Hawaii with unwavering commitment for more than 30 years. Bray has been exceptionally committed to raising awareness among nurses regarding the growing importance of attaining knowledge and skills in public/population health to address major societal trends impacting health.

**Dr. Deborah Goebert** – Professor at the University of Hawaii, John A. Burns School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry and Office of Public Health Studies is an inaugural member of the Prevent Suicide Hawaii Task Force and is the current Co-Chair. Dr. Goebert is a past Hawaii Public Health Association board president from 1996–1997.

**Dr. Christina Higa** – Co-director of the Pacific Basin Telehealth Resource Center (PBTRC) and as associate director of the Telecommunications and Social Informatics (TASI) Research Program. She is also an associate faculty specialist at the College of Social Sciences and an adjunct assistant professor in the Department of Medicine at the John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawai'i at Manoa.

**Dr. Tonya Lowery St. John** – Principal Investigator of Hawai'i Health Data Warehouse (HHDW) in the Thompson School of Social Work & Public Health at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. She has extensive work experience with public health surveillance data and a passion for making that data accessible and available to the public. She is also Co-Editor of the Hawai'i Journal of Health & Social Welfare.