



**75<sup>th</sup> PIHOA Executive Board Meeting**  
**November 18-22, 2024**  
**College of Micronesia National Campus Gymnasium**  
**Pohnpei, FSM**

**AGENDA OVERVIEW**

**Day 1: Monday, November 18 (CLOSED – Board of Directors and Associate Members Only)**

- PIHOA Board of Directors and Associate Member Strategic Planning Meeting
- PIHOA Board Member Dinner Reception, Riverside Restaurant, 7 Stars Inn

**Day 2: Tuesday, November 19 (OPEN)**

- Feature presentations of FSM National, Kosrae, Pohnpei, Chuuk, Yap, Palau, Guam, American Samoa, and RMI strategic priorities and updates

**Day 3, Wednesday, November 20 (OPEN)**

- Partnership Engagements
- Progress and Future Directions on Selected PIHOA regional initiatives
- PIHOA-hosted Dinner Reception open to all invited guests, Hideaway Bar and Grill Restaurant (please RSVP at Registration Table)

**Day 4: Thursday, November 21 (CLOSED – Board of Directors and Associate Members Only)**

- PIHOA Board of Directors and Associate Member Business Meeting

**Day 5: Friday, November 22 (OPEN / Please RSVP at Registration Table)**

- Guided tour of Pohnpei health facilities
- Excursion to the Nan Madol UNESCO World Heritage Site

Meeting Registration Site: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/75th-piho-a-executive-board-meeting-tickets-927608149947?aff=oddtcreator>



## DETAILED AGENDA

<b>Day 1, Monday, November 18: Closed Business Meeting PIHOA Board Member Strategic Planning Retreat COM-FSM National Gymnasium</b>		
8:00 – 9:00 am	Meeting Registration and Full Breakfast for PIHOA Board of Directors and Associate Members	
9:00 – 9:15 am	Morning Prayer – Welcome Remarks  – Special Remarks	TBD  The Honorable Secretary Marcus Samo, Treasurer, PIHOA Board of Directors and Secretary of Health, FSM National DHSA  The Honorable Minister Gaafar Uherbelau, President, PIHOA Board of Directors and Minister, Palau MHHS
9:15 – 10:30 am	– Review and approval of the 74 <sup>th</sup> PIHOA EBM Verbatim and Summary Minutes ( <i>PIHOA Doc# 2024-75-01</i> ) – Review and approval of the 75 <sup>th</sup> PIHOA EBM Agenda ( <i>PIHOA Doc# 2024-75-02</i> ) – Reflections on CNMI CHCC's Withdrawal of Membership and Impacts (e.g. MIF, ASTHO Insular Affairs Working Group, etc.) – Review of the PIHOA Strategic Action Framework 2018 - 22 and Compendium of PIHOA Resolutions and Communiques	The Honorable Minister Gaafar Uherbelau
10:30 – 10:45 am	MORNING BREAK	
10:45 am – 12:00 pm	Strategic Planning Session 1: Mission, Vision, and Key Objectives	The Honorable Minister Gaafar Uherbelau
12:00 – 1:00 pm	LUNCH	
1:00 – 2:30 pm	Strategic Planning Session 2: Priority Interventions and Activities	The Honorable Minister Gaafar Uherbelau
2:30 – 3:00 pm	AFTERNOON BREAK	
3:00 – 4:30 pm	Strategic Planning Session 3: Performance Measures and Evaluation	The Honorable Minister Gaafar Uherbelau
4:30 pm	Meeting Closure  Announcements	The Honorable Minister Gaafar Uherbelau  FSM DHSA and PIHOA Secretariat Admin Team

6:00 – 7:30 pm	PIHOA-Sponsored Board Member-Only Dinner Reception	Riverside Restaurant, 7 Stars Inn
<b>Day 2, Tuesday, November 19, Open</b> <b>FSM National and State Priorities, Successes, and Future Directions</b> <b>COM-FSM National Gymnasium</b>		
8:00 – 9:00 am	Meeting Registration	
9:00 – 9:30 am	Morning Prayer Welcome Remarks Special Remarks	TBD The Honorable Stevenson A. Joseph, Governor, Pohnpei State, FSM His Excellency Wesley Simina, President, Office of the President, FSM National Government
9:30 – 10:00 am	Group Photo Session / Break	TBD
10:00 – 10:20 am	FSM Strategic Priorities and Updates – Kosrae DHS	Shiro Sigrah, Deputy Director ( <i>designee for Dr. Tholma Alik, Director</i> )
10:20 – 10:40 am	– Pohnpei DHS	Stuard Penias, Director
10:40 – 11:00 am	– Chuuk DHS	Dr. Bosco Buliche, Director
11:00 – 11:20 am	– Yap DHS	Martina Reichhardt, Director, Comprehensive Cancer Control Program ( <i>designee for Theopolis Thinnifel, Director</i> ) and Dominic Taruwemai, Deputy Director
11:20 – 11:40 am	– FSM National DHSA	The Honorable Marcus Samo, Secretary of Health
11:40 am – 12:00 pm	Q&A and General Discussion	
12:00 – 1:00 pm	LUNCH	
1:00 – 1:30 pm	Palau Strategic Priorities and Updates Q&A and General Discussion	The Honorable Gaafar Uherbelau, Minister of Health, Palau MHHS Dr. Ngirachisau Mekoll, Director, Clinical Services, BNH Calvin Johanes, Director, Division of Environmental Health, Palau MHHS ( <i>designee for Sherilynn Madraisau, Director, Bureau of Public Health</i> )
1:30 – 2:00 pm	Guam Strategic Priorities and Updates Q&A and General Discussion	Theresa Arriola, Director, Guam DPHSS Lilian Perez-Posadas, CEO, GMH Dr. James Cooper-Nurse, Deputy Director, GBHWC ( <i>designee for Carissa Pangelinan, Director</i> )

2:00 – 2:30 pm	American Samoa Strategic Priorities and Updates  Q&A and General Discussion	Ben Sili, Deputy Director, ASDOH ( <i>designee for Motusa Tuileama Nua, Director</i> )  Tommy Gabriel, Interim Chief Operations Officer/Director Grants, LBJ TMC ( <i>designee for Dr. Aitofele Sunia, Acting CEO</i> )
2:30 – 3:00 pm	AFTERNOON BREAK	
3:00 – 3:30 pm	RMI Strategic Priorities and Updates  Q&A and General Discussion	Francyne Wase-Jacklick, Secretary of Health, RMI MOHHS ( <i>designee for Ota Kisino, Minister of Health</i> )
3:30 – 3:45 pm	Summary Highlights of PIHOA Regional Activities in the FSM	Recorded Video Slide Deck
3:45 – 4:30 pm	Closing Remarks and Day 3 Agenda Overview  Announcements and Meeting Adjournment	The Honorable Minister Gaafar Uherbelau, President, PIHOA Board of Directors and Minister, Palau MHHS  FSM DHS and PIHOA Secretariat Admin Team
<b>Day 3, Wednesday, November 20, Open Partnership Engagements COM-FSM National Gymnasium</b>		
7:00 – 8:00 am	Meeting Registration	
8:00 – 8:10 am	Morning Prayer  Opening Remarks and Agenda Overview	TBD  Theresa Arriola, Vice President, PIHOA Board of Directors and Director, Guam DPHSS
8:10 – 9:30 am	<b>Profiling the USAPI Health Workforce</b>  – HRSA Pacific Basin Primary Care Office Data Collection  – USAPI Workforce Enumeration Survey and Regional Dashboard  – Public Health WINS  – USAPI Health Workforce Development Technical Working Group  Q&A and Discussion	Dr. Angela Techur-Pedro, Pacific Basin Primary Care Office Coordinator, PIHOA Secretariat  Mindy Sugiyama, Technical Consultant – HR IT, PIHOA Secretariat  Dr. Rachel Hare Bork, Director of Research and Impact, and Kay Schaffer, Senior Research Associate, de Beaumont Foundation  Emi Chutaro, Executive Director, PIHOA Secretariat
9:30 – 10:30 am	<b>USAPI OneHealth</b>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– USAPI OneHealth Concept</li> <li>– Climate Change and Health</li> <li>– USAPI Vector Management Improvement Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Surveillance, EWS, and Control</li> <li>○ Guam DPHSS DEH Mosquito Lab</li> <li>○ PIVMC</li> <li>○ PPHSN PVN</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A and Discussion</p>	<p>Dr. Gillian Dunn, Regional HIS and Health Security Coordinator, PIHOA Secretariat</p> <p>Dr. Limb Hapairai, Regional Medical Entomologist, PIHOA Secretariat</p> <p>Jacquelyn Lefagoyal, Technical Consultant – Program Assistant, PIHOA Secretariat</p> <p>Calvin Johanes, Chief, Division of Environmental Health, Palau MHHS</p> <p>Masatomo Nadeau, NPEHA Member Proxy for President-Elect, and Chief Environmental Public Health Officer, Division of Environmental Health, Guam DPHSS</p>
10:30 – 10:45 am	MORNING BREAK	
10:45 am – 12:00 pm	<p><b>Regional USAPI NCD Emergency Declaration Response and HIS Strengthening</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– USAPI NCD Monitoring and Surveillance Framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ NCD Hybrid Surveys</li> <li>○ MANA Dashboards</li> <li>○ Regional Dashboard NCD Profiles</li> </ul> </li> <li>– USAPI NCD Law and Policy Summit</li> <li>– CRVS Strengthening in the USAPIs</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A and Discussion</p>	<p>Dr. Haley Cash, Regional NCD Epidemiologist, CDC/PIHOA Secretariat</p> <p>Rasmi Davu, Regional NCD Surveillance Officer, PIHOA Secretariat</p> <p>Emi Chutaro, Executive Director, PIHOA Secretariat</p> <p>Dr. Gillian Dunn, Regional HIS and Health Security Coordinator, PIHOA Secretariat</p>
12:00 – 1:00 pm	LUNCH	
1:00 – 2:00 pm	<p><b>Strengthening CDC Engagements and Coordination in Support of Public Health Development Efforts in the USAPIs</b></p> <p>Q&amp;A and Discussion</p>	<p>Dr. Hazel Dean, Director, Office of Partnership Support, Public Health Infrastructure Center, U.S. CDC</p> <p>Sam Taveras, Director, Office of Insular Areas, Public Health Infrastructure Center, U.S. CDC</p>
2:00 – 2:45 pm	<p><b>FDA Engagement in the USAPIs</b></p>	<p>Carla Fernandez, DCWI Supervisory Consumer Safety Officer and Jeffrey Brown, Consumer Safety Officer and Pacific Island Project Liaison for the Immediate Officer on behalf of Dan Solis, Assistant Commissioner for Import Operations, Office of Regulatory Affairs, FDA (<i>virtual</i>)</p>

	Q&A and Discussion  FDA-PIHOA Partnership Arrangement Virtual Signing Ceremony	Mark Abdo, Associate Commissioner for Global Policy, FDA ( <i>pre-recorded video remarks</i> )  The Honorable Gaafar Uherbelau, Minister of Health, Palau MHHS
2:45 – 3:00 pm	AFTERNOON BREAK	
3:00 – 3:45 pm	<b>FSM National Office of Veterans Affairs, Status of US Veterans Affairs Support for COFA Veterans</b>  Q&A and Discussion	Hainrick Panuelo, Director, FSM National VA Office ( <i>TBC</i> )
3:45 – 4:30 pm	<b>Progress and Future Directions of ASTHO Support to the USAPIs</b>  Q&A and Discussion	Alex Wheatley, Director, Island Support, ASTHO  Lindsey Myers, Vice President, Public Health Workforce and Infrastructure, ASTHO
4:30 – 5:15 pm	<b>Regional Laboratory Strengthening Initiative: Progress and Future Directions</b>  – Strengthening Lab Management Towards Accreditation (SLMTA)  – AMR Risk: Whole Genome Sequencing Project in the Pacific  – Strengthening Lab-Based AMR Surveillance in the USAPIs and Proposed PIHOA Resolution  Q&A and Discussion	Maria Marfel, Technical Consultant – Laboratory Program Specialist, PIHOA Secretariat  Dr. Sakiusa Baleivanualala, Faculty, University of Otago ( <i>virtual</i> )  Dr. Vasiti Uluviti, Regional Laboratory Strengthening Coordinator, PIHOA Secretariat
5:15 – 5:30 pm	Open Discussion and Closing for Day 3  Announcements	The Honorable Minister Gaafar Uherbelau, President, PIHOA Board of Directors and Minister, Palau MHHS  FSM DHS and PIHOA Secretariat Admin Team
7:00 – 9:30 pm	PIHOA-Sponsored Dinner Reception to All Invited Guests	Hideaway Bar and Grill Restaurant
<b>Day 4, Thursday, November 21: Closed Business Meeting COM-FSM National Gymnasium</b>		
8:00 – 9:00 am	PIHOA Board of Directors and Associate Members Only Breakfast	
9:00 – 9:03 am	Morning Prayer	TBD
9:03 – 10:30 am	U.S. Congressional Pacific Healthcare Initiative Concept	Dr. Eileen Natuzzi, Affiliate Center for Australian, New Zealand and Pacific Studies, Edmund A. Walsh School

	Consultation: Opportunities for the Development of a USAPI Medical Training Program	of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, and Advisor to U.S. Congresswoman Amata Radewagen <i>(virtual)</i> Dr. Lee Buenconsejo-Lum, Associate Dean and Professor, UH JABSOM <i>(virtual)</i>
10:30 – 10:45 am	MORNING BREAK	
10:45 – 12:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Draft PIHOA Strategic Plan Review and Next Steps continued as needed</li> <li>– Review and Finalization of the PIHOA By-Laws as Amended November 2024</li> </ul>	The Honorable Minister Gaafar Uherbelau  Janet Camacho, Deputy Director of Programs and Operations, PIHOA Secretariat
12:00 – 1:00 pm	LUNCH	
1:00 – 1:45 pm	Pacific Public Health Fellowship Program: Fellowship Living Allowances Policy and Next Steps	Soulmaz Rostami, PPHFP Program Coordinator, PIHOA Secretariat  Emi Chutaró, Executive Director, and Janet Camacho, Deputy Director of Programs and Operations, PIHOA Secretariat
1:45 – 2:30 pm	PIHOA Endowment Fund	James Miyashita, Raymond James & Associates, Inc. <i>(virtual)</i>
2:30 – 2:45 pm	AFTERNOON BREAK	
2:45 – 4:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– PIHOA Financial Report <i>(PIHOA Doc #2024-74-03)</i></li> <li>– Jurisdiction Profiles <i>(PIHOA Doc# 2024-74-04)</i></li> <li>– Lab DX Technical Support – Global Strategic Solutions for Health (GSSH)</li> <li>– Review and approval of new Resolutions and Communiqués</li> <li>– Election of Officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary)</li> </ul>	Elisa Dunlap, Chief Finance Officer, Janet Camacho, Deputy Director of Programs and Operations, and Emi Chutaró, Executive Director, PIHOA Secretariat  The Honorable Minister Gaafar Uherbelau, President, PIHOA Board of Directors and Minister, Palau MHHS
4:00 – 4:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Planning for the Spring 76<sup>th</sup> EBM in Honolulu, HI</li> <li>– 2026 Pacific Heads of Health Meeting, tentative mid-September 2026; co-hosted by PIHOA, SPC and WHO</li> </ul>	Board of Directors President-Elect  Emi Chutaró, Executive Director, PIHOA Secretariat

	– AOB	
4:30 – 5:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Final Remarks by Host</li> <li>– Closing Remarks and Prayer</li> <li>– Final Announcements</li> </ul>	<p>The Honorable Secretary Marcus Samo, Secretary of Health, FSM National DHSA</p> <p>Board of Directors President-Elect</p> <p>FSM DHSA and PIHOA Secretariat Admin Team</p>
<b>Day 5, Friday, November 22</b> <b>Open to All Invited Guests</b>		
8:00 – 9:30 am	Breakfast on your own	
9:30 am – 12:00 pm	<p>Facilitated Tour of Health Facilities in Pohnpei</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Pohnpei State Hospital and Ancillary Services</li> <li>– Pohnpei State Department of Public Health</li> <li>– Genesis Private Hospital</li> <li>– Pohnpei Federally-Qualified Community Health Center</li> <li>– Pohnpei State Health Dispensary (TBC)</li> </ul>	<p>Must RSVP with Pamela Santos Bermudes at <a href="mailto:pamelas@pihoa.org">pamelas@pihoa.org</a> and/or at the Board Meeting Registration Desk no later than Wednesday, November 20.</p> <p>Tour starts at the Pohnpei State Hospital main entrance; parking is available around the front entrance if you are driving on your own, otherwise shared transport will be arranged from the main meeting hotels; further details to be provided during the meeting</p>
12:00 pm	Reconvene at Pohnpei State Hospital main entrance at the conclusion of the tour; “Grab and Go” bento lunch boxes to be provided for RSVP Guests; guests may wish to finish the excursion at this time or stay on to go to Nan Madol	
12:00 – 4:00 pm	Round-trip transportation and a short hike to Nan Madol UNESCO World Heritage Site (ancient ruins) pending weather and landowner permissions; dress to hike in jungle conditions, but also OK to get wet as tides may be high (waist level) to get to the main parts of the ruins; change of clothes/towels, mosquito repellent, small umbrella, and sunscreen highly recommended; further details to be provided during the meeting	
4:00 pm	Return to main meeting hotels	