

# Pacific Health and the US Dept. of Health and Human Services

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# Federal Support for Pacific Health

## **Numerous Federal agencies support health**

- **US Dept. of Health and Human Services**
- US Dept. of the Interior
- US EPA
- US Dept. of Agriculture – Rural Development
- US Dept. of Defense

# Health and Human Services

## **HHS agencies and health programs**

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Health Resources and Services Administration
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
- Administration for Children and Families
- Administration for Community Living
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration
- Food and Drug Administration
- Indian Health Service
- National Institutes of Health
- Office of the Assistant Secretary of Health



# Health and Human Services

## **Office of the Assistant Secretary of Health Region IX**

- Office of Minority Health
- Office on Women's Health
- Office of Population Affairs/Family Planning
- Medical Reserve Corps

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## **Office of Minority Health**

## **Office of Minority Health Resource Center**

- Develop health policies and programs to eliminate health disparities
- Promote coalition and partnership building
- Training in grantwriting and grants management
- Minority AIDS Initiative



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## **OMH Pacific Project (Minority AIDS Initiative)**

- Increase capacity for HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment
- Address co-morbidities including TB and STDs
- Establish a Pacific Resource and Training Center (Guam)
- Support HIV/AIDS service related CBOs
- Support health information campaigns



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## **Capacity Building Grants – HIV Prevention and Treatment**

- Organizational infrastructure assistance
- Cultural competency assistance
- Community outreach services
- Programmatic design
- TA and Training initiatives (grantwriting, social marketing, project management)
- Communication assistance





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## **National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities (NPA)**

- Established by OMH to mobilize a community-driven approach to combating health disparities
- OMH brought Pacific representatives and others to a regional meeting to include their voice
- Process resulted in the **National Stakeholder Strategy for Achieving Health Equity**

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## **National Stakeholder Strategy for Achieving Health Equity**

- Roadmap for eliminating health disparities through cooperative and strategic actions
- Leads to Regional Blueprints for Action
- 20 strategies to promote systematic and systemic change
- Closely aligned with Healthy People 2020
- More info: [www.minorityhealth.hhs.govv/npa](http://www.minorityhealth.hhs.govv/npa) and look for National Stakeholder Strategy

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## **National Stakeholder Strategy for Achieving Health Equity**

- Establishes **Regional Health Equity Councils (RHEC)**
- Each RHEC = 35 leaders and catalysts for strengthening health equity actions – membership representative of all racial and ethnic groups and stakeholders addressing social-determinants of health
- Region IX Council: 2 from Hawaii and 1 from Guam
- Next meeting: OCT 24-25 in San Francisco, CA

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## HHS Plan for White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (WHIAAPI)

- WHIAAPI required all depts. to submit a plan
- Final HHS plan submitted in JAN 2011
- Four main priority areas:
  - Implement strategic plan to prevent/treat/control Hep B among AANHPIs
  - Work to improve reporting of data for AANHPIs
  - Foster health-related workforce development
  - **Address some of the critical health issues that impact NHPI populations**
- More info: [www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov](http://www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov) and search on White House Initiative

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## **“Address some of the critical health issues that impact NHPI populations”**

- OMH and Office on Women’s Health compiling catalogue of Pacific “Promising Practices” for NCD prevention
- 167 practices collected to date from the USAPI
- Currently reviewing and editing the catalogue
- Submitted as part of the HHS WHIAAPI Plan
- Posted on Web in the foreseeable future
- Catalogue will be updated periodically

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## New Data Collection Standards

- On Oct. 31, 2011 HHS published final standards for data collection on race, ethnicity, sex, primary language and disability status, as required by [Section 4302 of the Affordable Care Act](#)
- Standards apply to population health surveys sponsored by HHS, where respondents either self-report information or a knowledgeable person responds for all members of a household
- Effective for all new surveys and at the time of major revisions to current surveys

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## **New Data Collection Standards**

- Previously 2 categories for the Pacific:
  - Native Hawaiian
  - Other Pacific Islander
- Now:
  - Native Hawaiian
  - Guamanian or Chamorro
  - Samoan
  - Other Pacific Islander

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## **HHS has Pacific-focused workgroups**

- Insular Health and Human Services Policy Group
- HHS Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Workgroup
- HHS Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Workgroup
- Region XI Outer Pacific Committee
- CDC Pacific Islands Workgroup



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- HHS is committed to improving health equity and reducing health disparities in Hawaii and the Pacific
- Numerous agencies and programs provide support to Hawaii and Pacific island health departments
- HHS' new data standards help in disaggregation of health data for the Pacific
- Office of Minority Health's National Stakeholder Strategy effort is developing a community-led structure to improve health equity

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