

# Hawaii State Rural Health Association Annual meeting

- October 23, 2014

# Agenda for today

- ⦿ Board member introductions
- ⦿ Association mission
- ⦿ Activities
  - Advocacy
  - Newsletter
  - Community Outreach
  - Ho`okipa
  - Budget
- ⦿ Retreat and action plan
- ⦿ Legislative agenda and letter writing procedures
- ⦿ Election of new board members

# Background

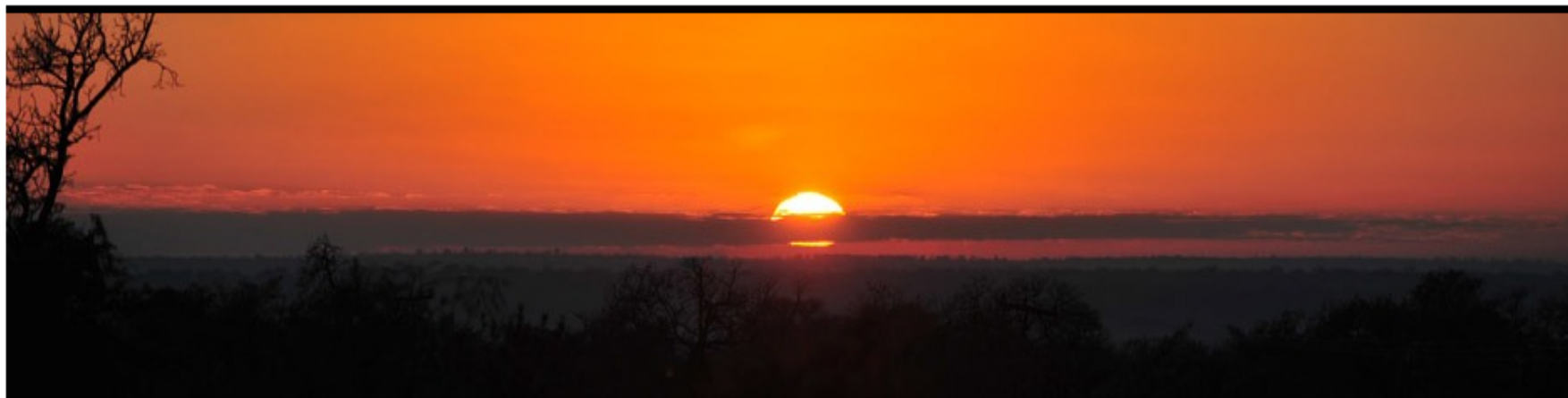
- The Hawaii State Rural Health Association was incorporated in 1998 and is an active member of the National Rural Health Association (NRHA) and the NRHA State Association Council.
- The Hawaii State Rural Health Association is an organization whose purpose is to provide communications, education, and research opportunities related to rural health issues in Hawaii and to provide leadership in developing healthy rural communities.
- HSRHA actively pursues solutions to the unique issues that are associated with providing robust health services to Hawaii's rural populations.

# HSRHA Mission and Vision

- **Mission-** To advocate for rural health issues and promote communication, education and research of issues related to rural health.
- **Vision** -To be the collaborative health leader for rural communities in Hawaii

# Hawaii State Rural Health

*rural health system in Hawaii*



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### NEWSLETTER

Please click on the link to access issues of HSRHA's newsletter, inaugurated in December 2012.

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# July 2014 Board Retreat

- **Goal:** Collaborate and partner with others interested in rural Hawai`i and/or the health care community to serve the health needs of rural communities.
- **One-Year Objective:** Create access to behavioral health services for all ages through a statewide Tele-Health Program.

# Current Telehealth Projects

**CAMHD** (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division) has 18 telehealth sites throughout the state at family guidance centers and residential provider sites. Drs. Michels and Ulrich report that they have billed for, and been reimbursed at Medicaid rates.

**AMHD** (Adult Mental Health Division) has multiple projects in startup, John Jansen is leading project for Maui community mental health and Maui Police Department to receive ipads to assist in evaluations and reduce the number of in-person provider visits. DOH upgrading bandwidth in Ka'u and Kona CHC for telepsych visits.

# Current Telehealth Projects

- **Mind and Body Works** Dr. Roth is providing consults from psychiatric offices for kids in homes and schools. DOE is paying for these services
- **PIER Project** Dr. Iwaishi and Dwayne Lopes. Using telehealth in processes and procedures for medical evacuations for children from the Pacific Islands. Collaboration with Shriners for Ortho and Neuro developmental telehealth as well as with UH Telecommunications and Social Informatics (TASI)



# Current Telehealth Projects

- **Telestroke** DOH and Queens.  
Wahiawa, Molokai, and Hilo currently.  
Expansion to N. Hawaii, Kona, and  
Queens West planned
- **Kapiolani** has working tele-echo  
screening with Hilo Medical Center
- **Telederm** –Dr. David Wong in CA to  
Lanai CHC and HMSA Online Care-1  
hour a week telederm from Big Island

# Telehealth Infrastructure Development

- **INET** Institutional Network -fiber provided by Oceanic Time Warner to the State of Hawaii as part of a franchise agreement. Office of IT working to identify rural areas that could be served by expansion of this network
- **FCC Healthcare Connect Fund** up to 65% discount available to eligible rural health centers to develop broadband infrastructure. Available to individual and consortium applicants

# Advocacy

- YOU tell us!

Telehealth

Loan Repayment

Hilo Residency Program

POLST

Eliminating Health Disparities

NP regulations align with national standards

<http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/>

# Board Elections

- ⦿ Current Board Members vote for 2:
  - Oreta Tupola
  - Sheryl Keliipio
  - Write in candidates?

Don't forget to join HSRHA!

**Mahalo!**