

**NATIONS OF MICRONESIA COMMITTEE
MEETING 10-28-08 2-4pm
Lanakila Health Center Conference Room A & B**

Attendance: Elfriede Suda (IHS), Shellie Pang(PACT), Amy Mirzakhani(PHN), June Fujimoto(MU & MCN), Arnold Villafuerte(DOH –BHS), Kali Matsui(DOH-CSHNP), Noda Lokjar(RMI Consulate), John Ishoda(DOH-BHS), Anwar Quadri(DOH-TPEP), Tisha Hickson(UHM-CPIS), Rosie Gomez HHS, Cathy Wasem(USPHS/HHS, Doris Segal Matsunaga (Cancer Info. Service), Vanessa Wong (UHSchool of Medicine), Seiji Yamada (KPHC), Robert Naniole(OCS), Sam Aiona(OCS), Antomethe Tuibendu(HFAA), Dawn Mahi(KKV), Lisa Nakao(DOH CHD), Marsha Tamura(SCD)
Facilitator: Barbara Tom PHN
Recorder: Barbara Tom PHN

- I. Language Identification and Emergency Cards update by Marsha Tamura**
- **Version I Cards; 5 panel accordion style card identifies, name, language, medications etc. useful for disasters, even useful for when they go to the doctor and English is not spoken. Information in English about MD, Medications etc.**
 - **Interagency Council members are getting cards first; imbed preparedness messages for those giving out**
 - **Cards were disseminated at Fair by Office of Language Access**
 - **Cards can be accessed on line at scd.gov**
 - **Evaluation of first cards**
 - **KNDI & KZOO has back up generators in case of emergency families need to listen to these stations**
 - **NOM Radio Project is finding that many Marshallese do not have radios**
 - **Disseminated homeowners guide for disasters as well as shelter sites with brochures.**
- II. Micronesian Booklet Project and RFP update**
- **For RFP, funding is still available (\$500,000) however RFP will change from having center or physical place to a case management focus. Funding will pay per person for intake and case coordination. All agencies can apply for it; however there must be an interpreter, acculturation piece for both client and provider.**
 - **Sam Spoke to Senator English who will now put out CIP Project as well as what we are doing to build a Micronesian Center at next legislative session**
 - **Micronesian Acculturation Booklet Project, printed 2000 English, 750 Marshallese, 750 Chuukese. Booklets will be disseminated at the New Comers Acculturation Booklet Orientation/Training on November 25, 2008 details to be announced. The booklet will be on line at several**

sites; www.hawaiiipirc.org/handbook; www.nationsofmicronesia.org; www.hawaii.gov/labor/ocs It will also be in PowerPoint for providers to use when orientating newcomers

- Training will include a panel of speakers and booklets will be disseminated at that time. Plans are to try to get more funding for increased requests. This booklet can be used for Acculturation classes for the Micronesian Center.

III. Hawaii Tobacco Quitline Presentation by Anwar Quadri & Pedro Haro-Arvizu Quitline/Cessation Outreach Coordinator

- Local Quitline can serve organizations and individuals to help quit smoking, chewing tobacco and betel nut
- It is telephone based counseling which offers free nicotine gum & patches to the uninsured
- 60% smokers want to quit and without help only 5% are able to quit.
- Kathy Koga works with youth issues
- Guam has their own separate quitline
- Hawaii tobacco Quitline is in Hawaii and it only one of 3 Quitlines in the nation that have an in-state call-in center. We have our own call center in Hawaii 30% of calls are Pacific Islanders.
- Brochures disseminated Refer tobacco users to 1-800-QUIT-NOW. Referrals can be faxed into quitline.
- If you have insurance, the Quitline can transfer you to the appropriate program and treatment.

IV Hawaii Families as Allies: Elfrieda Suda works with IHS educating parents and families on public housing and school Using IHS as physical address to do outreach program meets with outreach every Thursday monthly. Families are educated regarding the Laws. You can refer families to HFAA for training call 487-8785.

V. Announcements:

- Statewide Homeless Awareness Conference 2008 November 18, 2008 9-4pm Pacific Beach Hotel currently full
- Training of Trainers Viral Hepatitis in Correctional Settings Thurs October 30, 2008 1-6pm Diamond head Health Center Heather Lusk Phone 733-9281
- The influenza vaccine is recommended annually. Please go to the website www.vaxhawaii.com and click on Fight Flu logo for list of sites offering influenza and pneumococcal vaccines or call 211 for sites nearest you.
- Understanding Micronesian Communities & Cultures in Hawaii's presented by Nia Aitaoto, MPH, MS.
Wed. Dec 3, 2008 9am-4pm Ali'iolani Hale Bldg Supreme Court and Conference room 2nd floor. Call Marty or Lisa 534-6700.

