



The Hawai'i Primary Care Association

Promoting primary health care for all Hawai'i's people

Who We Are. Established in 1989, the Hawai'i Primary Care Association (HPCA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering primary health care—basic medical, dental and behavioral health, and health education services—for all Hawai'i residents. HPCA is governed by a board of directors composed of one representative from each member community health center and three from Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems. HPCA has a professional staff who undertake a variety of special projects focused on helping members strengthen and expand their services. HPCA receives funding from membership dues, federal and state grants, private foundations and donations from the community.

Who We Represent. HPCA represents health organizations and providers focused on primary care for medically underserved people, such as low-income families, Native Hawaiians, immigrants, homeless individuals, and people without health insurance. Our core membership consists of nonprofit multi-service Community Health Centers and Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems founded and governed by the communities they serve. These core members see nearly 100,000 patients annually on five islands.

Our Mission and Work. The mission of the Hawai'i Primary Care Association is to improve the health of communities in need by advocating for, expanding access to, and sustaining high quality care through the statewide network of Community Health Centers. We assist organizations and providers that focus on accessible and cost-effective health services to underserved individuals regardless of the individual's ability to pay. By supporting our members, HPCA commits itself to the goal of community empowerment through health care choice. We believe in helping communities help themselves through community-based initiatives. Our support includes the following activities:

Advocacy

- Communicates with policy makers and the public about the health care needs of the underserved and advocates for those needs.
- Acts as liaison for members with federal, state, local, and private entities that affect health care for the underserved.

Networking

- Serves as a communication network and forum for members to exchange information, solve problems, and share successes.
- Supports networking among clinical, program, and administrative staff at health centers/systems to increase skills and build job satisfaction.

Training and Technical Assistance

- Provides or links members to training and technical assistance.
- Supports training and workforce development to ensure staffing excellence at health centers.
- Offers a Community Health Worker certificate program.

Health Center Planning and Development

- Collects and disseminates data about Hawai'i's health care environment for planning, grantwriting, and advocacy purposes.
- Fosters and supports development of new community-based health services in underserved communities.

Telehealth and Health Information Technology

- Supports the advancement of telehealth and health information technology among members through networking, technical assistance, and technology planning.

Community Outreach and Enrollment Assistance

- Improves outreach and enrollment of low-income people in public insurance through subcontracting state funds to health centers for outreach and through the Hawai'i Covering Kids program that has fostered significant application and enrollment reforms within the state Medicaid program.

Access

- HPCA's Medicine Bank collects and distributes free medications through community health centers.
- HPCA administers the state-funded Immigrant Health Initiative to ensure access to primary care for low income immigrants not eligible for Medicaid coverage.
- Coordinates collaborative improvements in chronic disease management at health centers.

Funding and Resources (from Audited Statement of Activities for year Ended 3/31/07)

Revenues and Support		Expenses	
• Government grants and other contracts	\$3,079,625	• Program services	
• Donated medical supplies, services, and rent (Medicine Bank)	1,626,123	Medicine Bank	\$1,350,299
• Contributions released from temporary restrictions.	398,418	Special projects	1,301,896
• Membership dues, interest, and other support.	110,492	Telehealth	1,093,938
TOTAL	\$5,214,658	Training/TA, Clinical QI	476,321
		Hawaii Covering Kids	356,352
		Community development	165,208
		Sub-total Program services	4,744,014
		• Supporting services	
		Management & general	82,736
		Fundraising	26,170
		Sub-total supporting services	108,906
		TOTAL	\$4,852,920

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