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## PBTRC Facilitates a Telehealth Roundtable Event



On March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the Pacific Basin Telehealth Resource Center (PBTRC) facilitated a telehealth roundtable discussion with Ms. Aisling McDonough. Ms. McDonough recently became Senator Schatz's health legislative assistant following the departure of Dr. Aimee Grace. Approximately 18 participants from the community attended the roundtable and provided Ms. McDonough with an overview and introduction to Hawai'i's telehealth landscape, activities, and initiatives. Ms. McDonough explained the telehealth components in the 2018 budget agreement.

To read more, please visit: <http://www.pbtrc.org/telehealth-round-table-discussion/>

## PBTRC Participates in Annual PIHOA Meeting



The 63rd Pacific Island Health Officers' Association (PIHOA) Executive Board Meeting was held on March 28th, 2018 in American Samoa. Ginger Porter of the PBTRC attended the meeting in person and provided technical support. PBTRC co-director Christina Higa presented remotely via video teleconference as part of a telehealth panel. She co-presented with Dr. Payne Perman who talked about the many telehealth initiatives launched by Pohnpei Hospital including tele-pathology and tele-cardiology.

To learn more, please visit: <http://www.pbtrc.org/pihoa-american-samoa/>

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## Distance Learning Sessions Launched



Pacific Island Health Care Providers launched the first of a series of distance learning sessions for Pacific Island providers on May 18th, 2018. The topic was gastroenterology, with a specific focus on biopsy for suspected colon cancers. The discussion was facilitated by Dr. Chris Hair, Gastroenterologist, from ANZGITA, Epworth Private Hospital and Deakin University, Geelong, Australia. The session was delivered by interactive video teleconference and organized by Dr. Payne Perman from Pohnpei. Participation was excellent with thirty-seven Pacific Island providers and students from Pohnpei, American Samoa, Ebeye, Majuro, Palau, Samoa, and Fiji

To read more, please visit: <http://www.pbtrc.org/launch-of-distance-learning-sessions-for-pacific-island-health-care-providers-has-immediate-results/>

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## PBTRC Attends Maternal Child Health Meeting

The Pacific Basin Telehealth Resource Center (PBTRC), recently attended the Maternal Child Health Spring technical assistance meeting from April 20-22, 2018 in Honolulu, HI. Several local and federal partners were in attendance including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and the Pacific Island Health Officers' Association (PIHOA). The PBTRC presented an overview of telehealth at the meeting. Highlighted at the meeting were the telehealth efforts in American Samoa and Pohnpei, and the role of the HRSA Maternal and Child Health Programs in making those efforts possible.

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## Upcoming Events

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[National TRC Webinar - School Based  
Telehealth Networks](#)

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[mHealth+ Telehealth World 2018 \(Boston\)](#)



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