FQHC Telehealth Webinar Series

The National TRCs is pleased to host a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Webinar Series. It will launch May 1, 2019 at 8:00 AM Hawaii Standard Time. Learn how to get started. We’ll review what you need to consider when developing your telehealth program, from selecting equipment to policy issues you need to consider. Hear from an FQHC success story on how they did it. Go here to register: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LTjlSHR6yN_GSOUbDyDw

170 Participants Tune Into National Webinar by Hawaii’s Dr. David Roth

April 18, 2019 -- The PBTRC hosted a national webinar on "Telemedicine - How to do it right?" by Dr. David Roth. Dr. Roth provided an excellent presentation on how to effectively conduct video teleconferencing for telehealth consultations - including technical aspects and how to build rapport and sense of community. The recording can be viewed here: https://youtu.be/IpF9qW9OZQQ Dr. Roth will also make available a telehealth guidebook that will be listed on our website.
Telehealth Video Conference Installations in American Samoa

The American Samoa Department of Health (ASDOH) partnered with the PBTRC to install telehealth video teleconferencing systems at health clinics on Tutuila and Manua Islands for the Zika Telehealth Project for American Samoa. The American Samoa Department of Health telehealth initiatives aim to improve primary health care service capacity and bridge the gap of specialty health needs to improve quality of life for all residents of American Samoa through the use of telehealth. The project completed the installation of the systems at four health centers: Amouli Health Center, Fagaalu Primary Care Health Center, Tafuna Family Health Center and Tau Health Center. Since the installations completed in March 2019, the ASDOH has successfully delivered weekly continuing medical education (CME) sessions on the network to the outer island of Tau, Manua. The ASDOH sites have also been able to participate in various regional and national webinars delivered via telehealth. The Zika Telehealth Project for American Samoa is jointly funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant awards to the Maternal and Child Health Services Program and Zika Project at Community Health Centers.

MPH Students from Milken Institute School of Public Health Visit Hawaii

Thirty-two (32) students from Milken Institute School of Public Health Master's in Health Administration (MHA) at George Washington University in Washington, DC learned about telehealth networks and opportunities in Hawaii and the U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands during their immersion experience in Hawaii March 25-27, 2019. One of the key elements of their visit was to examine in-depth healthcare system in various communities. PBTRC together with Shriners Hospital and the Stroke Telehealth Network spoke about telehealth developments and
The 2019 Medicare Learning Network (MLN) online booklet on Telehealth services is out! Target audience for this resource is Medicare fee-for-service providers. Includes many hyperlinks and other resources: https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/downloads/TelehealthSrvcsfctsht.pdf

PBTRC Attended Conferences

The Interoperability Showcase

This year, the Pacific Basin Telehealth Resource Center, along with other members of the National Consortium of Telehealth Resource Centers (NCTRC) collaborated with HIMSS for their HIMSS19 Global Conference and Exhibition. The TRCs facilitated a demonstration at the HIMSS19 Interoperability Showcase. We teamed with several vendors to develop a story that integrates and demonstrates the impact of current telehealth technology. Our interoperable showcase narrated Wendy's fictional story and her journey through her elementary school's telehealth-based program. Co-Program Director, Dr. Deborah Peters, participated in this narration.

The showcase demonstrated the power of telehealth in a school-based use case. Wendy had a dental abscess that stemmed from her sugary liquid diet, but was able to be treated in a rural area from her elementary school. We utilized several platforms that worked interoperability to connect Wendy with a dentist. Her primary care doctor was able to connect with a dental specialist via live video under a sustainable broadband network. The doctors were able to succinctly and quickly exchange of patient records to diagnose and remedy Wendy's situation from her school. Wendy did not have to miss school or travel hours to see a dental specialist, all
This summit was made possible through the collaboration of the Southeastern Telehealth Resource Center, South Central Telehealth Resource Center, Heartland Telehealth Resource Center, TexLa Telehealth Resource Center, and the National Telehealth Technology Assessment Center.

More information can be found here: https://www.himssconference.org/updates/himss19-digital-experience

2019 Australia Telehealth Conference

PBTRC Co-Director Christina Higa presented a keynote address at the 2019 Australia Telehealth Conference. She shared the Hawaii and US Pacific Island Telehealth Experiences.

More information about this organization can be found here: https://www.hisa.org.au/atic/

Funding Opportunities

**Funding Opportunity Title:** Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants  
**Funding Opportunity Number:** RUS-19-02-DLT  
**Open Date:** Feb 14, 2019  
**Close Date:** May 15, 2019  
**Estimated Total Program Funding:** $25,000,000  
**Expected Number of Awards:** 100  
**Weblink to Grant Opportunity:** https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=312924

**Funding Opportunity Title:** Use of Technology to Enhance Patient Outcomes and Prevent Illness (R21 Clinical
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