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EDUCATION

SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY, San Jose, CA

1976

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Major: Nursing

EXPERIENCE

Waipahu Safe Haven Immigrant/Migrant Resource Center

2011-Present

Director

Created holistic Resource Center in densely populated area of Waipahu addressing social determinants of
health, education and welfare with language access services to address all areas of need in partnership with
multiple community agencies.

Department of Health, Waipahu, HI

1988 - 2011

Public Health Nurse IV

- Case management and care coordination for clients diagnosed with Hansen's Disease
- Coordinated and collaborated outreach screening with identified at risk groups to provide screening and preventative health education
- Provided education to PHN's in the field and consultative services to various agencies and Physicians related to Hansen's Disease
- Coordinated and collaborated with partners in the community to do outreach and education through community health fairs, local events and church activities

Saint Francis Hospital, Honolulu, HI

1978 - 1988

Home Care Nurse

- Worked independently to provide skilled homecare nursing services to adult and children discharged from the Hospital.
- Participated in a Team approach nursing service with physical therapy, social work, speech and occupational therapy as needed.

Kaiser Permanente Hospital, Honolulu, HI

1977-1978

Staff and evening Charge Nurse for Medical Surgical Floor

 Supervised LPN's and Nurses Aides providing care to patients who were admitted for medical and surgical conditions

COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP

Nations of Micronesia Committee, Chair	2005-2019
Micronesian Health Advisory Coalition (MHAC), Advisor	2009-Present
Micronesian Community Network (MCN), Advisor	2005-Present
Waipahu Community Coalition, Executive Chair	2008-2011
Board of Directors for the Waipahu Community Association, Secretary	2008
Board of Directors for Volunteer Resource Centers of Hawaii, Board Member	2008-2010
Weed and Seed Steering Committee	2010-Present
Honolulu Council on Aging Member	2012
IHS Board of Director	2012-2017
UHA Grant Committee Member	2012-2014
Punawai O Pu'uhonua Board Member	2013-Present
Marshallese Task Force Community Member	2019-Present
Hawaii Coalition for Immigrant Rights	2020- Present
Office of Language Access Council	2022-Present

NOMINATIONS AND AWARDS

- State House of Representative 2012 Commendation for years of dedication and commitment to the people of Hawaii and advocacy on behalf of Leeward Oahu and the Micronesian Communities.
- State House of Representative 2012 Commendation for outstanding achievement, passion, dedication and commitment to improving the quality of healthcare in the State of Hawaii.
- State Senate 2012 Recognition for Life Time Achievement Award for selfless commitment, leadership, professional skills on improving health and serving the people of Hawaii

- Department of Health Hawaii, Employee of the Year 2011
- Department of Health Hawaii, Nominated for Sustained Superior Service Award 2005
- Department of Health Hawaii, Nominated for Group Sustained Superior Award for the Measles Response Team 2002
- Department of Health Hawaii, Nominated for Sustained Superior Service Award 1997

Barbara Tom, RN, PHN (retired) BSN Serves as the Director of the Waipahu Safe Haven Immigrant/Migrant Resource Center providing holistic services to help immigrants and migrants become successful individuals in the community. During the Pandemic she coordinated with other partners to distribute in-language information into the community along with grocery boxes of foods to over 13,000 families. And she continues to provide advocacy and much needed services with language access to the Micronesian community.

