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Summary of Qualifications

Healthcare and community development leader with more than 35 years of experience at Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center. Skilled in rural health planning, digital access and telehealth expansion, health information technology, and workforce development. Experienced collaborator with Native Hawaiian serving health centers across the AHARO network, including Waimanalo, Molokai, Hana, and Hamakua CHCs. Committed to strengthening statewide health planning through community voice, access, and responsible stewardship of health resources.

Professional Experience

Development Director, Ka Ike Ola Teaching and Learning Programs

Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center
Feb 2025 to Present

- Lead digital health, telehealth, and community workforce initiatives that expand access to care for rural populations
- Manage partnerships with Native Hawaiian serving health centers, higher education institutions, State agencies, and community organizations
- Oversee technology innovation, community Wi Fi initiatives, and digital literacy programs for kupuna, families, and youth
- Guide program development and funding strategies for workforce programs, including the Waianae EMT City Academy earn and learn model launching in 2026
- Completed fieldwork with Molokai Community Health Center to assess Social Determinants of Health documentation and support readiness for AI enabled value-based care analytics

Director of Clinical and Patient Informatics

Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center
2021 to 2024

- Advanced AI supported value-based care strategies that improved outcomes and informed population health planning
- Expanded telehealth services during COVID 19, enabling more than 2,600 visits in the first month of implementation
- Provided written testimony on digital access, telehealth, and broadband legislation to support statewide health equity

Director of EHR

Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center
2003 to 2021

- Directed multi-phase EHR implementation and optimization across clinical service lines
- Led training and documentation standards for more than 500 staff
- Developed data governance practices that improved reporting accuracy and supported operational planning



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Registered Medical Assistant

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- Delivered patient care and supported clinical workflow improvements in primary and specialty care settings

Education

- Master of Public Health, University of Phoenix, 2025
- Master of Information Systems, University of Phoenix, 2023
- Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration, University of Phoenix, 2008

Skills and Expertise

- Rural health planning and community engagement
- Needs assessment and data informed decision making
- Telehealth expansion and digital access initiatives
- Workforce development and cross sector collaboration
- Strategic planning and program implementation
- Legislative testimony and policy review
- Evaluation and impact measurement for community programs

Leadership and Recognition

- Represented Hawai'i's FQHCs on the Telehealth Working Group HCR125, examining statewide telehealth adoption during COVID 19 and recommending State and federal policy actions
- President Elect, HIMSS (Health Information Management Systems Society) Hawai'i - Alaska Chapter, 2024 to 2026
- National recognition from the American Medical Association and HLTH Foundation for advancing digital equity and telehealth innovation
- Speaker at State and national conferences on digital health, broadband access, and AI readiness

Community and Volunteer Experience

- Co-created the Waianae L.E.A.D.S. framework at the 2023 Community Planning Summit to advance digital access, broadband, education, and economic opportunity
- Lead for WCCHC Community Wi Fi Initiative supporting high speed access for underserved households
- Facilitator of culturally aligned digital literacy training for kupuna to increase telehealth adoption
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