



**Statewide Oral Health Strategic Planning
Lanai Town Hall Highlights
Tuesday, December 12, 2017**

(Note: This summary is not a comprehensive discussion, a full report will be included in the strategic plan.)

Attendees (18): John Ornellas (community member), Lydian Batoon (community member - MEO LCA), Bergilio Batoon (community member - MEO LCA), Diana Preza (Pulana Lanai), Pat Reilly (community member), Jenny Bissel, RN (DOH – Maui), Randall Kam, DDS (Lanai Community Health Center), Ola Ropa (CHW Lanai Community Health Center), Wilma Koep (Outreach Worker, Lanai Community Health Center), Josh Iye (community member- JQCC), Kenye Thomson (Lanai Community Health Center), Palikkun Thomson (Four Seasons & Lanai Community Health Center), Patrice Moynihaw (community member), Uilani Romero (School Health Assistant, Lanai Night Tem. School), Linda Mau RN (DOH/PHN), Joy Gannon (Lanai Water Company), Matthew Posadas (Lanai Community Health Center), Diane Ribucan (Hawaii Dental Clinic)



School-based Oral Health Care

Many at the meeting praised past programs involving integration of oral health education and practice in public schools, including dental hygienists educating students about oral health and providing fluoride rinses. These hygienist positions in the Hawaii Department of Health were eliminated in 2009 because of

budget constraints.

One suggestion was to have other school personnel, such as teachers, teach and demonstrate to individual students how to properly floss and brush their teeth, while the other students are spending time reading. This would help students establish routines, like hand washing, and reinforce good oral health behaviors. Lana'i Community Health Center is currently developing projects to increase oral health education in school.

Financial Barriers to Dental Care

The Lana'i town hall participants said some on the island forego dental appointments because they have not enrolled in a dental insurance/payment plan. It was shared that nearly 60 percent of the island's residents are Filipino, and some obtain dental care in the Philippines. Others go to dentists on Maui or Oahu. Some never receive dental service.

Accessible Oral Health Care

The Lana'i Community Health Center's dental clinic sets hours to make oral health care convenient for the residents. The center remains open until 7:30 pm and offers dental service on a sliding payment scale. Tropic Care is a U.S. Department of Defense program that annually conducts a dental mission on Lanai, and when present the program is well used by Lanai's residents.

Water Fluoridation

Several years ago, Lana'i became one of the state's first communities to seriously consider water fluoridation as a way to improve oral health. The Lana'i Water Company, a private company, was willing to invest in the necessary infrastructure to support the community; however, the town hall participants shared that anti-fluoridation advocates from outside the state travelled to Lanai to voice opposition to fluoridation. Lana'i Water Company remains committed to meeting the needs of the community. It was expressed that currently this involves keeping the drinking water free from additives; yet, it was shared that fluoridation is possible if the community wanted it.

"Petri Dish" Pilot Programs

Lana'i offers unique opportunities for pilot programs, since 98% of the island is privately owned. These pilots could then be replicated in other communities with similar characteristics and factors or be scaled for statewide implementation.



Post-meeting Evaluation Results

| | 1 = Poor | 2 = Below Average | 3 = Average | 4 = Above Average | 5 = Excellent | NA |
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| Format/Structure | | | | | | |
| Overall Meeting | (0) | (0) | (3) 8% | (4)31% | (8)61% | (0) |
| Length of Meeting | (0) | (1)8% | (2)15% | (9)69% | (1)8% | (0) |
| Amenities | | | | | | |
| Meeting Room | (0) | (2)15% | (3)23% | (3)23% | (5)39% | (0) |
| Catering | (0) | (0) | (2)14% | (3)21% | (9)64% | (1)7% |
| Meeting Sections | | | | | | |
| Hawaii State Oral Health Program Update | (0) | (0) | (0) | (6)50% | (6)50% | (0) |
| Discussion | (0) | (0) | (1)8% | (4)31% | (9)69% | (0) |
| Planning & Prioritization | (0) | (0) | (1)8% | (6)50% | (5)42% | (0) |

Comments and/or suggestions:

- It was great idea, and need more information. With higher rank, like senator, congressmen or executives, to be inside.
- Another concern, about Gora migrant. How we can help those who are not working or not insured, within dental insurance or health insurance.

- Very interactive and open learning group and resources.
- Very interesting - enjoyed it. Love the ideas.
- Thank you for listening to our concerns.
- Dr. Pang introduction, excellent
- I like to see more grove involving where they from, about they life stories. Awesome group discussion.
- Enjoyed "talk story" session, I don't feel like falling asleep especially after lunch@ Mahalo!