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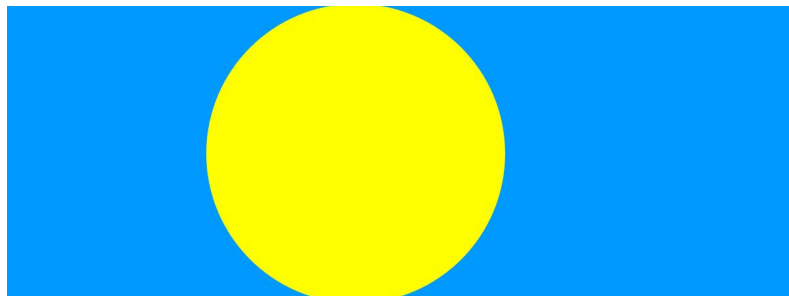
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**COFA &
COVID-19:
Protecting Our
Community**



WELCOME | WE WILL BEGIN SHORTLY | YOU ARE MUTED

Before we begin...

- 1) This event is being recorded and will be posted later on the PLAN website (www.pacificleaders.com)
- 2) Everyone is muted to lessen audio interference, but we'll open it at Q&A
- 3) During the Q & A portion, please use the "Raise Hand" function and we will unmute you
- 4) Feel free to write your questions into the chatroom anytime
- 5) Desha (wife, mom & tech support) - **Happy Mothers Day to all moms**



Welcome

Dr. Vidalino Raatior

Program Specialist, College of Professional &
Global Education, San Jose State University
(facilitator)

Honor & Respect

- Moment of silence for victims of Covid-19 around the world
- All frontline workers
- Indigenous people of the lands we occupy as visitors, residents.

Gratitude

1. Speakers & the organizations they represent formally or informally
 2. Sponsors of this virtual village meeting
 3. San Jose State University for Zoom
 4. All of YOU on Zoom and Facebook Live for joining us; stay healthy
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In Memoriam

Dr. Joakim Peter

Chuukese Micronesian

Educator

Healthcare Advocate

Social Justice Activist

Mentor

Friend



Dr. Joakim Peter Memorial Scholarship

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Poll #1



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**What role(s) do you currently
have in the COFA community?**

Our Challenge

Awareness of the unique experiences of COFA diaspora; share tips

“For Pacific Islanders, honoring special occasions (birthdays, weddings, funerals, etc) is a critical part of community and family support systems. Given this pandemic, it can be difficult to practice social distancing or not showing up because of self-care knowing that one may be in the most vulnerable population without feeling like relationships will be tarnished, people will be deemed as not caring, offended, etc. Any thoughts on graceful and understanding messaging that we can continue to share to build stronger support for each other across our differences, without exposing people's vulnerability? Knowing that health disparities have always existed within our populations, can you discuss how the protective measures of this pandemic can help save one's life at this time even if it is not COVID-19 related, given the challenges one already faces? In doing so, can you share some examples of the trickle-down impact that on a systematic to an individual level?”

- Bennie Moses-Mesubed, Organizational leader, Community Leader, Teacher; PLAN member

DR. SHELDON RIKLON, MD

Associate Professor, University of
Arkansas Medical Sciences (UAMS)

Dr. Sheldon Riklon, MD is a Marshallese family medicine physician and the Peter O. Kohler, M.D., Endowed Distinguished Professor in Health Disparities and an associate professor in the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine at University of Arkansas Medical Sciences (UAMS). He received his medical training at the John A. Burns School of Medicine at UH Manoa.

**Setting the Context:
Health Disparity in our
Pacific Islander
communities**





ANITA HOFSCHEIDER

Journalist, Civil Beat

Anita Hofschneider is a journalist at Honolulu Civil Beat where she writes about social issues. Her work has also appeared in The Guardian, The Wall Street Journal and The Associated Press. She is Chamorro from Saipan and graduated from Harvard in 2012.

**Making the News: Disproportionate
COVID-19 cases of Pacific Islanders**

VIRGINIA LUKA, MS

Program Specialist Senior,
Multnomah County Health
Department, OR

Virginia Luka, MS is a Palauan researcher, educator, and equity advocate for Pacific Islander culture and history with special focus on Micronesia. She is the Program Specialist Senior for the Pacific Islander Community with Multnomah County's Health Department in Oregon.



**Making Sense of the Data: Pacific
Islander Community in Crisis & Success
in Oregon**



JOE ENLET, MA

Consul General, FSM Consulate
General, Portland, OR

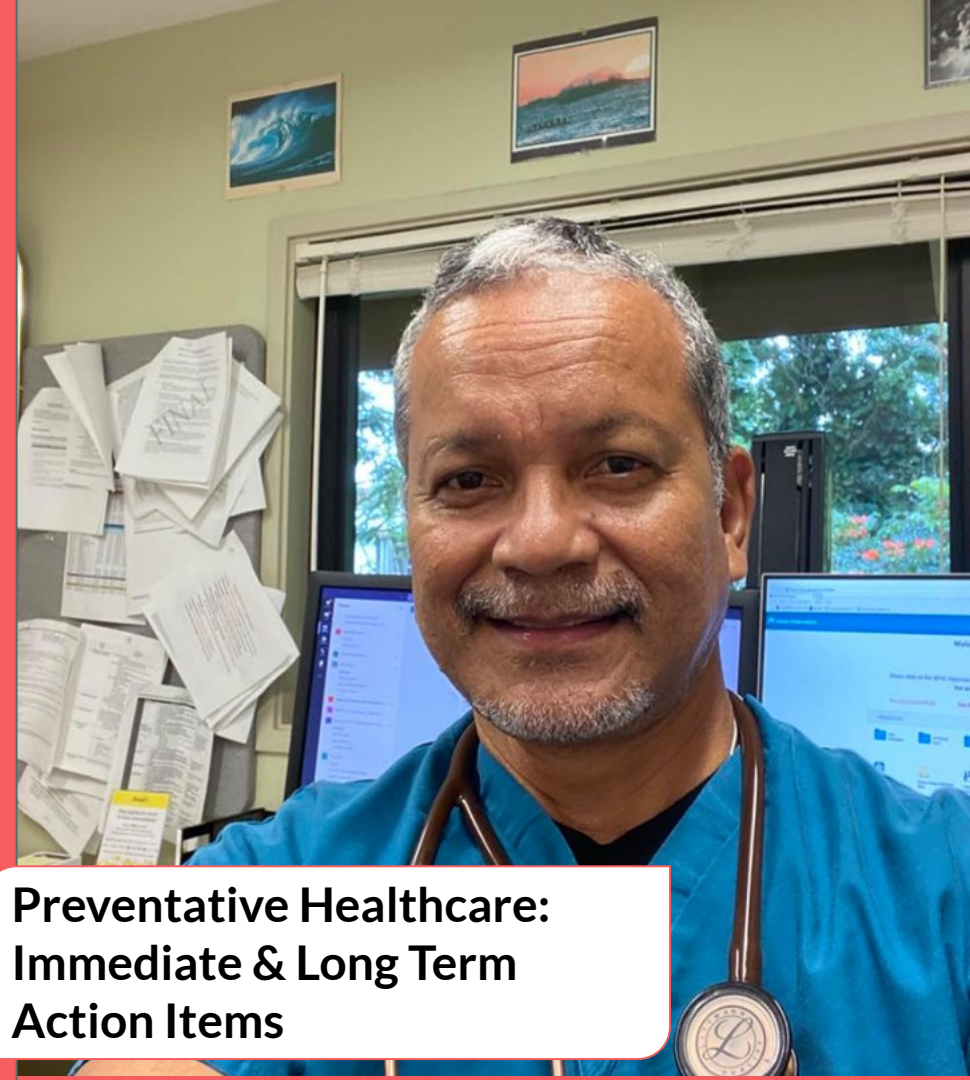
Honorable Joe Enlet, MA is the Consul General for the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) Consulate General in Portland, Oregon. He is a Chuukese and President of the Compact of Free Association (COFA) Alliance National Network (CANN) in Oregon.

Advocacy in the Government: Seeking Support & Resources for our Communities

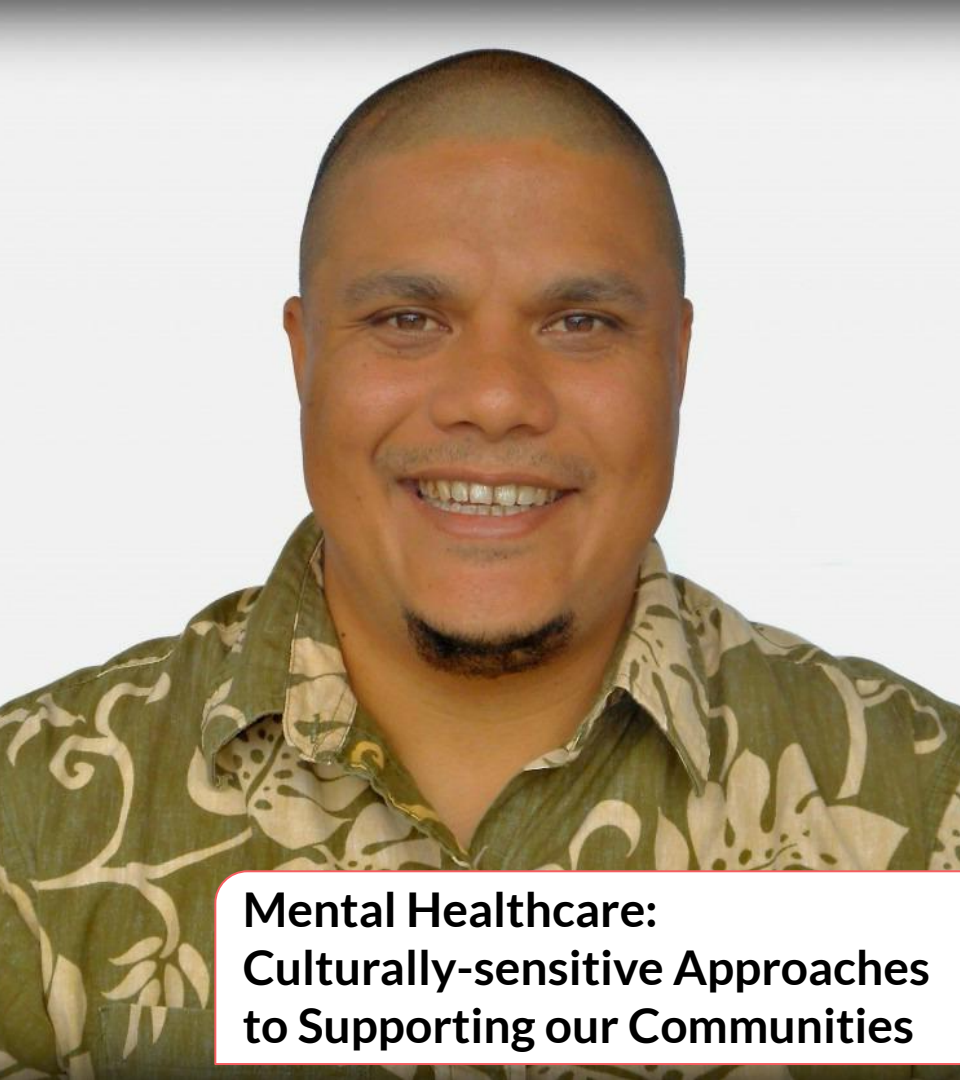
DR. WILFRED C. ALIK, MD

Clinical Director, Kaiser Permanente
Clinic, Hilo, HI

Dr. Alik practices family medicine and serves as the Director of the Kaiser Permanente Clinic in Hilo, Hawaii. Originally from the Marshall Islands, Dr. Alik is a graduate of Xavier High School and received his medical training at the University of Hawaii John A. Burns Medical School (JABSOM) and has been practicing for over 20 years.



**Preventative Healthcare:
Immediate & Long Term
Action Items**



**Mental Healthcare:
Culturally-sensitive Approaches
to Supporting our Communities**

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Mental Health Counselor, University of
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Andrew Polloi, MA, LMHC is a Palauan mental health counselor at University of Hawaii at Hilo where he seeks to create a supportive, culturally sensitive, understanding, sincere and approachable working alliance with his clients. He is also a board member for Micronesians United - Big Island (MU-BI).

Poll #2



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**What is your (one) greatest
concern for the COFA
community during this
COVID-19 pandemic?**

Q & A



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Your Name

If you're comfortable

Your Question

Direct it to any or all panelists

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Next Steps?



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Action?

As the late Dr. Joakim Peter would ask, how do we move from discussion to action?

Resources?

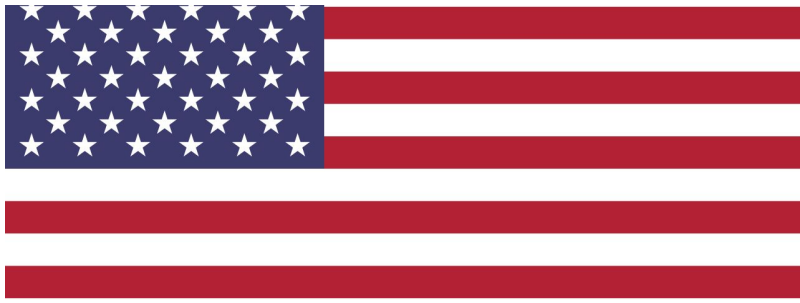
Where can our COFA community leaders find the resources they need to support their local communities?

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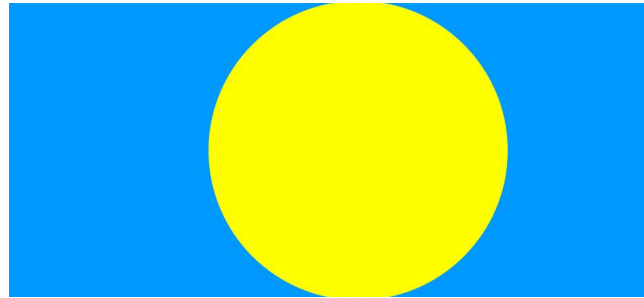
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Mahalo

Si Yu'us Ma'ase



**Thank you for
joining us!
Stay healthy!**



Kommool

Kalahngan

Kulo

Kammagar



Killisou

Wa ikin arhikerhik