



# Community Partnerships and Engagement: Island-Centric Strategies for CHW Advancement

Establish an Island Support Network for Community Health Workers (CHWs) and allies in the U.S. territories and freely associated states to strengthen workforce capacity, address ongoing challenges, develop island-centric solutions to foster national collaboration for CHW sustainability.



Hawai'i Community Health Worker Association, in partnership with the **Association of State and Territorial Health Officials** (ASTHO) convened CHW-only and allies support huddles for peer learning opportunities, reimbursement and sustainability resources sharing in alignment to establish a community of practice (CoP).



Guam, Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) and US Virgin Islands (USVI) representatives participated in three support huddles.



Common shared challenges:

- CDC funding cuts
- Reassignment from primary responsibilities to administrative roles
- Workforce shrinkage
- Fewer resources for data



## Looking Ahead

- Seek funding and explore collaboration opportunities
- Continued HICHWA involvement
  - Monthly Lunch and Learns
  - CHW trainings/webinars
  - Newsletter sign ups
  - 2026 Community Health Conference CHW track
- Strategic planning for HICHWA to expand in the Pacific Islands
- Develop an Island Network CHW Association

**\$14.00 - \$24.00**  
is the hourly salary range for CHWs in the U.S. territories and freely associated states

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certification/licensure procedures exist in these jurisdictions. Hawai'i has a certificate program through the Kapi'olani Community College



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