

Born and raised: Molokai, HI

Education:

Mid-Pacific Institute	High School Diploma
University of Hawaii, Manoa	Bachelors of Science in Nursing

Employment:

January 1975 to December 1984:
Hospital Staff Nurse, St. Francis Hospital, Honolulu

January 1985 to January 1989:
Cardiac Technician/Clinic Nurse, Garden Island Medical Group, Inc., Waimea, Kauai

December 1989 to December 2003:
Public Health Nurse, Department of Health, Kauai District Health Office

Jan 2004 to Present:
Public Health Nursing Director, Department of Health, Kauai District Health Office.
Assures the service delivery of Core Functions of Public Health Nursing in the following areas:

- Emergency Preparedness: Immediate mobilization for natural disasters, epidemics, biological threats; Focus on Alternative Care sites and Points of Dispensing; Community education on personal preparedness.
- Communicable Disease: Immunization for vaccine preventable disease; Tuberculosis Prevention, Control and Contact Investigations; and Hansen's disease Screening and follow-up.
- School Health: Consultation for public schools regarding health and safety of the students, as well as students receiving skilled nursing services.
- Health and Wellness: Coordination services to targeted at risk populations: Frail elderly; High risk pregnant women and teens; Abuse and neglect of children and elderly; and persons who are homeless.

July 1, 2016 to January 15, 2017: Acting Kauai District Health Officer

Current Professional/Community Involvement:

Kauai District Health Office:

Member, Community Health Needs Assessment Steering Committee
Conducted Focus Groups throughout Kauai
Member, Kauai Community Health Improvement Initiatives: Medical Care
and Education Workgroups
Lead organizer, Tropic Care Kauai 2012/2014/2016/2017
Member, Medical Reserve Corp Volunteer

Public Health Nursing Branch (PHNB):

Department of Health School Health Liaison to the Department of Education
Facilitator, Statewide School Health/Skilled Nursing Services Committee
Member, PHNB Management Team
Member, Emergency Preparedness Steering Committee
Member, Blood Borne Pathogen Committee
Member, Communicable Disease Workgroup

Kauai Community College, Nursing Program Advisory Board Member

Kapiolani Community College, DOE, DOH Development Team Member, School
Health Aide Level I Curriculum

Keiki to Career Coalition, Member; Workgroup: Birth to Third Grade

Kauai Community Alliance, Member. Continuum of Care for homeless population

West Kauai Medical Center, KVMH Auxiliary, Secretary
Scholarship Committee, Member

West Kauai United Methodist Church;
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Kauai Rural Health, Board Member

Hawaii Health System Corporation, Corporate Board Member, Governor Appointee

*Term ending, June 2017

Previous Community Involvement:

Board of Director, Chairperson, Ho'oikaika Volleyball Club

Merit Badge Counselor, Boy Scouts of America, Troop 86

Founding Member, Waimea Project Graduation, Inc.

Member/Worship Committee Chairperson: West Kauai United Methodist Church

Filipino Chamber Chorale, Alto

Awards/Recognitions:

- April, 2005, Incident Commander for State's first "Drive-thru" emergency preparedness chemoprophylaxis "Point of Distribution" functional exercise.
- July, 2008, awardee Department of Health, Sustained Superior Performance.

- January, 2009, One of the five Department of Health employees chosen by the Director of Health, Dr. Chyome Fukino, to participate in the inaugural California Pacific Health Leadership Institute .
- Kauai Filipino Chamber of Commerce, 2010 Health Professional of the Year
- Kauai Rotary, 2012 Humanitarian Awardee for Health
- YWCA, 2015, Na Wahine Alakai O Kauai Women's Leadership Awards Honoree

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