

Mae Patricia "Trish" La Chica, MPA

13+ years of public policy, public health, and community engagement work with county, state, and federal government. Strong skills in convening and presenting recommendations on a regular basis based on research and feedback collected from state legislators, community stakeholders, and department staff. Demonstrated success in coalition-building to find common ground and advance priorities.

WORK EXPERIENCE

COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS MANAGER (2/2021 - present)
 AlohaCare Honolulu, HI

- Oversees community and government relations strategy development to advance AlohaCare's priorities to ensure and advocate access to quality health care for all.
- Manages community and media projects to advance the health of low-income communities in Hawaii.

POLICY & ADVOCACY DIRECTOR (1/2016- 1/2021)
 Hawaii Public Health Institute Honolulu, HI

- Oversaw HIPHI's annual legislative agenda on issues affecting tobacco control, food security, health equity, oral health, and other issues. Co-managed 20+ staff and directly supervises HIPHI's policy and advocacy team.
- Worked closely with legislators through education, drafting legislation, championing public health policy and sought passage or defeat of all relevant legislation.
- Directed the research and creation of policy briefs, memos, position papers and reports and presented to various audiences regularly.
- Works with state partners and builds alliances to support statewide and local legislative priorities; leads the management of the Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawaii's Policy Workgroup, the Obesity Prevention Task Force, and the Hawaii Oral Health Coalition.

POLICY ANALYST (4/2015 - 12/2015)
 State of Hawai'i, Office of the Governor, Health Care Innovation Honolulu, HI

- Authored key sections of the Hawaii State Health Care Innovation Plan, a multi-million dollar initiative from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.
- Regularly convened and advised the Executive Office, including a variety of stakeholders and Hawaii Cabinet members to identify challenges and develop strategies to address issues in behavioral health, payment reform and reimbursement, data sharing, oral health, and population health.

INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT (9/2014 – 8/2015)
 Choose Praxis Pacifica, CA

- Provided program evaluation, data analysis, and program management consultation services to the following clients: University of the Pacific, Dugoni School of Dentistry, Pacific Center for Special Care; University of California, San Francisco; Cancer Prevention Institute of California (CPIC), Samoan Community Development Center (SCDC); Taulama for Tongans; Fale Hufanga Tongan UMC

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SPECIALIST (6/2011-10/2014)
 Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF) San Francisco, CA

- Led partnerships with federal agencies (CDC, DHHS-CMS, OMH, WHIAAPI) and research organizations to obtain funding and implement public health programs on issues related to: health disparities, health care reform, health equity, cancer survivorship, data advocacy.
- Managed the Asian & Pacific Islander National Cancer Survivors Network (APINCSN) and the Racial Equity Initiative and worked closely with funded partners in more than 20 states to implement program-funded activities.

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- Led the partnership with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) national initiative "From Coverage to Care" (C2C), which is designed to help answer questions that people may have about their new health coverage, to help them make the most of their new benefits, including taking full advantage of primary care and preventive services.

PROGRAM ASSOCIATE

(8/2009 – 12/2009; 4/2011 – 6/2011)

Sociometrics Corporation

Los Altos, CA

- Collaborated with a diverse team of research scientists, program staff, web developers, and community stakeholders to produce online education materials for the first time - HIV Research and Prevention (RAP) Interactive, a multimedia guide based on evidence-based HIV interventions that highlights HIV/AIDS basics, prevention, testing, and living with HIV/AIDS.

DEVELOPMENT FELLOW

(8/2010 – 3/2011)

United Way of the Bay Area (UWBA)

San Francisco, CA

- Cultivated a fund portfolio of Bay Area accounts in the finance and retail sector valued at over \$3.5M annually.
- Successfully planned and launched a new program called, Adopt-A-Nonprofit for the holidays, fostering partnerships between 40 community-based organizations and SF Bay Area corporations such that underserved children and families may celebrate and open gifts during the holidays.

ASSISTANT COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER (INTERN)

(2/2010 – 5/2010)

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Manila, Philippines

- Worked across the agency to facilitate and launch promotional campaigns for UNDP's initiatives on biodiversity, health, and microfinance. Researched and wrote articles and press releases highlighting UNDP's diverse program portfolio.

INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALIST and FIELD PRODUCER

(5/2007 – 8/2009)

ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corporation, News and Current Affairs

Manila, Philippines

- Produced and wrote for three award-winning programs for television. Supervised a three-person production team, traveling each week to different locations across the country documenting stories that highlight critical issues and promote social and policy change.

EDUCATION

- **MASTER IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION** University of San Francisco, CA | Academic Scholarship
- **BACHELOR OF ARTS, MAJOR IN COMMUNICATIONS (JOURNALISM), MINOR IN ENGLISH LITERATURE**
Ateneo de Manila University, Manila, Philippines | Dean's List

PUBLICATIONS

- Hawaii Public Health Institute (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020). Legislative Recap. Honolulu: HIPHI
- Jih J, La Chica T, et.al.. Application of Photovoice with Focus Groups to Explore Dietary Behaviors of Older Filipino Adults with Cardiovascular Disease. *J Health Dispar Res Pract.* 2018; 11(2).
- Morey, Brittany N.; Gee, Gilbert C.; Quema La Chica, Trish; et.al., (2018) "Nativity Differences in Stress among Asian and Pacific Islander American Women," *Journal of Health Disparities Research and Practice*: Vol. 11 : Iss. 1 , Article 3.
- Filipina Women's Network (2016). *Disrupt 2.0 Filipina Women: Daring to Lead*, San Francisco: FWN.
- Celeste K Wong, K., Horn-Ross, P., La Chica, P., et.al. (2016) Strategies for recruiting representative samples of Asian Americans for a population-based case-control study. *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health* 2016;70:974-982.
- APIAHF (2013). 21 state-specific health briefs on Cancer and Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders. San Francisco: APIAHF.