

# BARBARA TOM

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## EDUCATION

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San Jose State University, San Jose, CA  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing  
Major: Nursing

## EXPERIENCE

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- Waipahu Safe Haven Immigrant/Migrant Resource Center** 2011 – Present  
*Director*
- Created holistic resource center in densely populated area of Waipahu addressing social determinants of health, education, and welfare with language access services to address all areas of need in partnership with multiple community agencies
- Department of Health, Waipahu, HI** 1988 – 2011  
*Public Health Nurse IV*
- Case management and care coordination for clients diagnosed with Hansen's Disease
  - Coordinated and collaborated outreach screening with identified at risk groups to provide screening and preventative health education
  - Provided education to PHN's in the field and consultative services to various agencies and physicians related to Hansen's Disease
  - Coordinated and collaborated with partners in the community to do outreach and education through community health fairs, local events and church activities
- Saint Francis Hospital, Honolulu, HI** 1978 – 1988  
*Home Care Nurse*
- Worked independently to provide skilled homecare nursing services to adult and children discharged from the hospital
  - Participated in a team approach nursing service with physical therapy, social work, speech and occupational therapy as needed
- Kaiser Permanente Hospital, Honolulu, HI** 1977 – 1978  
*Staff and Evening Charge Nurse for Medical Surgical Floor*
- Supervised LPN's and Nurses Aides providing care to patients who were admitted for medical and surgical conditions

## COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP

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| Nations of Micronesia Committee, <i>Chair</i>                                    | 2005 - Present |
| Micronesian Community Network (MCN), <i>Advisor</i>                              | 2005 - Present |
| Micronesian Health Advisory Coalition (MHAC), <i>Advisor</i>                     | 2009 - Present |
| Weed and Seed Steering Committee   | 2010 - Present |
| Punawai O Pu'uhonua Board Member   | 2013 - Present |
| Marshallese Task Force Community Member  | 2019 - Present |
| Hawaii Coalition for Immigrant Rights  | 2020 - Present |
| Weed and Seed Steering Committee   | 2010 - Present |
| Honolulu Council on Aging Member   | 2012           |
| IHS Board of Director  | 2012 - 2017    |
| UHA Grant Committee Member   | 2012 - 2014    |
| Waipahu Community Coalition, <i>Executive Chair</i>                              | 2008 - 2011    |
| Board of Directors for the Waipahu Community Association, <i>Secretary</i>       | 2008           |
| Board of Directors for Volunteer Resource Centers of Hawaii, <i>Board Member</i> | 2008 - 2010    |

## **NOMINATIONS AND AWARDS**

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- 2012 State House of Representative Commendation for years of dedication and commitment to the people of Hawaii and advocacy on behalf of Leeward Oahu and the Micronesian Communities.
- 2012 State House of Representative Commendation for outstanding achievement, passion, dedication and commitment to improving the quality of healthcare in the State of Hawaii.
- 2012 State Senate Recognition for Life Time Achievement Award for selfless commitment, leadership, professional skills on improving health and serving the people of Hawaii
- 2011 Department of Health Hawaii, Employee of the Year
- 2005 Department of Health Hawaii, Nominated for Sustained Superior Service Award
- 2002 Department of Health Hawaii, Nominated for Group Sustained Superior Award for the Measles Response Team
- 1997 Department of Health Hawaii, Nominated for Sustained Superior Service Award 1997

*Barbara Tom, RN, PHN (retired) BSN Serves as the Director of the Waipahu Safe Haven Immigrant/Migrant Resource Center providing holistic services to help immigrants and migrants become successful individuals in the community. During the Pandemic she coordinated with other partners to distribute in-language information into the community along with grocery boxes of foods to over 13,000 families. She continues to provide advocacy and much needed services with language access to the Micronesian community.*