

Seeking re-appointment to the Hawaii State Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) 2024 as of March 5, 2024, focusing on boards/commissions and disability/access activities



**Gerald Ohta**

Retired 2017 - State service 47 years

Affirmative Action Officer, Affirmative Action Office, Office of Planning, Policy and Program Development, Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH); Deputy to Jackie Young, Office of Affirmative Action, Office of the Governor; Training, Employment Relations and Safety Officer and Field Representative, Personnel Office DOH.

Most recent: DCAB member, Parking and Transportation Committees; Departmental Reasonable Accommodation Coordinator; Departmental Language Access Coordinator; Departmental ADA Coordinator; State Refugee Health Coordinator; DHRD EEO trainer for Interview and Selection; Executive Committee, Hawaii Supreme Court Committee on Equality and Access to the Courts

Related past employment and activities: Special Assignment EEO case investigator/consultant, Attorney General, Public Safety, Governor, Judiciary and DHRD; State Agency Representative and Vice Chair, Language Access Advisory Council; State Distance Learning Coordinator CDC Public Health Training Network leadership team member; FBI Invitee (1 of 3 Hawaii), EEO Investigator Training, FBI Academy; DHRD Trainer employee orientation, harassment and reasonable accommodation; Counseling and Referral of Employees program for DOH and DHRD (predecessor of REACH EAP); DOH, County and State Commission on the Status of Women member; Native Hawaiian Health task force/Office of Hawaiian Health/Office of Health Equity founding/advisory member; State Coordinating Council on Deafness founding/advisory member; Governor's Reproductive Rights Protection Committee member; Governor's Council on Literacy and Lifelong Learning member.

Book-Na Makana Pauole, the Quilt Book, Hawaii Donor Family Council (organ and tissue donor families) writer and editor; Book-Courage Poured Into My Heart, Stories of Grief, Hope and Love contributor and story editor, Downtown Art Center; YouTube- <https://youtu.be/zrdhg14iFJI> Hawai'i, A Unique Public Health History video writer; Pamphlet-A Guide to Non-Sexist Language, Media Task Force, Mayor's Committee on the Status of Women contributor.

Hawaii Public Health Association (HPHA)/American Public Health Association (APHA): HPHA past president, board and committee chairs; HPHA Affiliate Representative to the Governing Council; APHA Disability Team; Disability Section member; API Caucus for Public Health; American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian Caucus;

Hawaii and National recognition: DOH Sustained Superior Performance, DOH Manager of the Year; HPHA Distinguished Service and Dedication to Public health award; APHA Council of Affiliates (CoA) Chair's Citation; APHA CoA Award of Excellence; APHA CoA Lifetime Achievement Award; Commendation, Technology Industry Award, Pacific Technology Foundation.

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