

2014

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDED:

1. **Outreach by federal agencies to nonprofits should be increased and expanded to help educate nonprofits on programs that are available for their islands.**
2. **Training and Technical Assistance, much like that is currently provided by the Administration on Native Americans (ANA) and Office of Minority Health Resource Center (OMHRC) serve to educate and to help nonprofits expand their knowledge and skills in grant writing, grants management, financial management and monitoring and evaluation. Other agencies are encouraged to adopt these activities and/or support ANA and OMHRC in their efforts in working with pacific islanders.**
3. **Establishment of a Regional Council that includes nonprofits interfacing with federal officials on a regular basis and not less than bi-annually for the purpose of improving the participation of pacific island nonprofits' participation in federal programs.**
4. **The Region IX Federal Regional Council, Outer Pacific Committee, Grants to the Outer Pacific Report should be expanded to include more information on "0 but eligible" and the reason for non-participation (i.e. did not apply, applied but not awarded, awarded but was terminated). The council should also be encouraged to develop a plan to increase the levels of participation from FY 13 to measurable increases in the next 3-5 years.**
5. **Promote Pacific Islander participation in grant reviews.**
6. **Promote pacific islanders to co-train and present at regional and national meetings and conferences so that more federal agencies are familiar with pacific island issues and capacity building is expanded.**
7. **Federal Government to support more pacific islanders to participate in scholarship programs and internships in their agencies.**
8. **Promote and encourage the appointment of pacific islanders to various federal government commissions and task forces.**
9. **Whenever possible, federal agencies to give advisories for possible grant announcements or funding announcements to the nonprofit leadership groups in Micronesian and American Samoa.**
10. **Policy Forums to be held annually with the WHIAAPI Commission and Staff and pacific island nonprofit leaders.**
11. **Teleconferences to be held monthly with specific focal areas decided quarterly to commence in FY 14.**
12. **Expand Pacific Islander issues and programs in federal agency blogs and newsletters.**
13. **Non Profits to develop 1 page summary of their respective programs with website information for easy access by federal officials searching for subject matter experts and PI expertise.**
14. **Consideration for special initiatives directly with nonprofits to avoid bureaucratic delays with government ensuring that funding will go to consumer groups that it is designed for in an expeditious manner.**
15. **Federal government to advocate for climate change planning at the highest levels of government and to include pacific island leaders in the dialogue.**
16. **In federal education programs: dis aggregation of data for Pacific Islanders in data collection by USDOE programs; clarification of the definition for MSI (minority serving institutions) to include all AANAPISI eligible institutions.**
17. **In the pacific working group, consider developing solutions for lack of college completion for PI's which according to the PEER Report by Robert Teranishi was the only demographic group in which younger people are less educated than their elders.**
18. **WHIAAPI federal regional visits and summits at least every two years.**



Payuta with the leadership of the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA) in September 2014.



Dr. J. Nadine Gracia, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Office of Minority Health, US Department of Health and Human Services. Meeting to brief Dr. Gracia on first federal regional summit and 4th Non Profit Congress held on Guam in 2014.



Key delegates from the pacific at meetings of the PIANGO board, 2014.



Chair Theresa Arriola with Robin Danner, policy adviser and Michelle Kauhane, Executive Director for CNHA.



Payuta Secretariat Sarah Nededog with Ann Singeo, Palau's Ebiil Society and Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) former Secretary General (SG) Jimmie Rodgers and current SG Colin Tukuitonga.



Sarah Thomas-Nededog with WHIAAPI Executive Director Kiran Ahujan and policy adviser Diana Yu.



Board members and staff of the Pacific Islands Association of Non Governmental Organizations (PIANGO), Nadi, Fiji, 2014.



Payuta Board members meet with USDA Officials for briefing on programs available to Guam and Micronesia.