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The U.S.-Associated Pacific Basin consists of six island jurisdictions: American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau. This book examines one aspect of the ties and U.S.

One change typical of a completed demographic transition is a decline in fertility rates and a resulting increase in the median age. As indicated in Figures 2. In RMI, for example, the median age is This means that half of the population of RMI is under the age of This could have a tremendous impact on growth rates as more and more women reach childbearing age. RMI reported a rate of 5. Department of the Interior, Office of Insular Affairs Data for the six jurisdictions are based on: Migration is another factor that has contributed to population changes in the jurisdictions, as well as in the Pacific region in general. In search of better economic opportunities, Pacific islanders have migrated to Australia, New Zealand, and the United States, including its territories. On islands with fewer economic opportunities, large numbers of citizens emigrating out have helped to lower population growth East-West Center, For example, an average of about one percent of the FSM population emigrates each year since the Compacts went into effect in , significantly contributing to declining growth rates in that jurisdiction Hezel, See also Appendix D , CNMI and Guam assessments, Compact impact descriptions. This general homogeneity of the overall population masks considerable diversity of culture and language—even within the same jurisdiction. For example, in FSM, eight major indigenous languages are spoken and no two states have the same native language Hezel, English is spoken throughout the region, but for most people it is a second language. Economy Economic conditions vary tremendously throughout the region. In general, residents of the flag territories enjoy a higher standard of living than residents in the freely associated states. Economic conditions and characteristics are described in more detail in the individual jurisdictional assessments given in Appendix D. Epidemiological Characteristics of the Region The health status of the islanders naturally varies within and among the jurisdictions. In general, however, almost all health indicators for islanders are worse than those for mainland Americans. This is most notably so in the freely associated states. The health care systems must deal with health conditions typical of those of both developed countries e. Key health promotion and disease prevention indicators are of concern as well. Mortality The leading causes of death in the region see Table 2. Tobacco use and abuse is very prevalent throughout the region and has been linked to many of the leading causes of death Marshall, Accidents, especially those involving motor vehicles, are also a leading cause of death; possible reasons include the densely populated areas where most people live as well as the abuse of alcohol and other substances. Leading Causes of Death number of deaths , U. Disease Prevalence The focus of this report is on the health care delivery system rather than health status. As such, the committee did not make a special effort to collect data on disease rates and prevalence although such information can indicate how well the health care delivery system is working. Unfortunately, such data are not readily or consistently available from all jurisdictions. It is important to note that Pacific Islanders have not generally been included in most Healthy People objectives in fact Epstein reports that out of the hundreds of Healthy People objectives, only eight address Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders directly and none address the U. The overall disease trends point to an increase in the prevalence of noncommunicable diseases and a decrease in communicable and infectious disease. The following list is meant to provide a brief overview of some of the more pressing health concerns in the islands. It is by no means comprehensive. Today, however, diabetes is a major health concern in each of the jurisdictions. The dramatic increase is associated with many factors, most importantly increased use of fatty or salty imported food, increased consumption of alcohol, and decreased physical activity Brewis et al. Diabetic patients contribute to the high demand for dialysis, and the effects of uncontrolled diabetes are major reasons for off-island referrals. In Guam the prevalence of middle-age-onset diabetes is seven times that in the United States. It accounted for about 5. In RMI, 30 percent of the population over 15 years of age suffers from diabetes Diaz, Cancer With the exception of FSM, all jurisdictions list cancer as one of the top three causes of death. On Guam, a recent study of death certificates showed between “lung cancer was responsible for a

little over one-third of all recorded cancer deaths Haddock, In RMI, one survey of Nuclear Claims Tribunal records found that lung and cervical cancers accounted for over two-thirds of cancer incidences in that population between and Those cancers, and others, occurred at rates significantly higher than in the United States. Cervical cancer was 5. Palafox, Johnson, Katz, et al. Some evidence has linked certain oral cancers and betel nut chewing, a widespread practice in the Marianas, Yap, and Palau. However, this link is not well-established since studies have not taken into account other risk factors such as the use of tobacco, which is commonly chewed with betel nut Haddock, ; Haddock, et al. Tuberculosis Tuberculosis TB is a problem within all the jurisdictions. Guam, CNMI, and Palau have also noted increases in the numbers of cases of TB and attribute these increases in large part to the arrival of large numbers of foreign contract workers from Southeast Asia, who are more likely to have and spread the disease. Guam, for example, has a TB incidence rate seven times the U. They have also encountered drug-resistant TB, and reoccurrence of the disease in older people who were treated in their earlier years. Sexually Transmitted Diseases Great concern about sexually transmitted diseases exists throughout the region because the population, particularly the younger population, is considered quite sexually active, many people often have multiple partners, and people do not take appropriate precautions against the transmission of sexually transmitted diseases. By mid, Guam reported 70 cases of acquired immune deficiency syndrome and human immunodeficiency virus infection, the third highest rate in the entire Pacific region. Rates in other U. Lytico-Bodig Disproportionate numbers of people in Guam are affected by disease syndromes known as Lytico and Bodig. On site visits, we were told there are currently confirmed cases. Although the number has been dropping steadily as people with the disease die, the age of onset appears to be increasing. The National Institutes of Health has supported research of these diseases since and the latest project began in as a consortium between the University of California at San Diego and University of Guam. Thyroid Disease In RMI, high rates of thyroid abnormalities are seen as an effect of exposure to radiation from nuclear weapons testing. These abnormalities seem to be slightly greater in exposed populations, and their descendants, than for other populations. Incidences of thyroid cancer also seem to be at higher rates for those closer to testing areas e. This results from concerted efforts to improve immunization rates and the availability of funds specially dedicated to immunization. Nutrition As noted in the earlier discussion on diabetes, poor nutrition has resulted in several major health problems throughout the region. Vitamin A deficiency, a preventable disease that can lead to night blindness, is widespread in FSM, particularly among young children. Malnutrition is considered the leading cause of death of Marshallese children; in it accounted for 17 percent of deaths in children under five years of age Republic of the Marshall Islands, Obesity is of great concern to all jurisdictions, especially because it is a key determinant of many other noncommunicable diseases and health disorders such as diabetes, coronary heart disease, and strokes. Tobacco Use Of great concern throughout the jurisdictions is widespread tobacco use, and its contribution toward prevalent chronic diseases, such as heart disease and cancer. As the region began to modernize, demand for cigarettes, and other imported items, grew. Today, smoking is more prevalent in the entire Pacific region than in developed countries, and even more common than in many third-world countries. For example, surveys conducted in the s found that one-half of males in American Samoa, and 53 percent of males in Weno, Chuuk were smokers, compared to a little less than one-third of men in developed countries like the United States and Australia. Higher smoking rates were also found in the more urbanized areas. Although cigarette smoking is more prevalent in the Pacific than in developed nations, the surveys also found that Pacific men smoke fewer cigarettes per day than in industrialized countries. Cigarette smoking among Pacific women is much less prevalent than for men Marshall, In the CNMI, it is estimated that 18 percent of the total cost of hospital days in for Chamorro and Carolinian patients was attributable to smoking. This does not take into account the additional costs for outpatient visits, medications, or off-island referral e. Alcohol and Substance Abuse Average consumption of alcohol in FSM is an astounding two six-packs or 12 drinks per drinking day i. Binge drinking is a common practice throughout the freely associated states, most notably on days when government workers receive their paychecks Marshall, So, while alcohol may not necessarily be drunk every day, on those days that it is, it is drunk to excess. The total amount of alcohol consumed yearly in FSM with a total population of , is the equivalent of almost 1 million cases of beer. The survey estimated that FSM has 11,

problem drinkers, the overwhelming majority of whom were male, and most between the ages of 30 and 49. CNMI and Guam are both experiencing a rise in drug abuse and related violent outbreaks. In 2008, arrests for marijuana and methamphetamine were responsible for 15% of all arrests. On site visits we were told some methamphetamine use has already spread to Palau and there are concerns the country may suffer a similar ice epidemic. Hard drug use excluding marijuana does not appear to be a problem in the freely associated states at this time; a recent survey found only one current user of hard drugs in FSM. Micronesia Seminar, Suicide has become one of the leading causes of death in many of the jurisdictions. In FSM, suicide has been a significant problem since the early 1980s. In recent years the annual rate was 30 per 100,000 people, and these were mostly young men. Alcohol use was involved with 45 percent of these deaths. Micronesia Seminar, In 2008, the United States had a suicide rate of 17.5 per 100,000 people. Regional Health Care Services Overview The health care delivery systems in the Pacific Basin reflect the challenges and strengths unique to the region and the undeniable influence of the nations that have occupied the islands since the turn of the century. In the delivery of health care services numerous challenges must be overcome. These include administrative structures that emphasize acute hospital-based care, the long distances that must be covered to provide care to people in remote areas, dependence on foreign aid, inadequate fiscal and personnel management systems, poorly maintained and equipped health care facilities, the enormous costs involved with sending patients for off-island tertiary care, and shortages of adequately trained health care personnel. Structure of the Health Care Delivery System All jurisdictions have health care planning documents espousing the importance of preventive and primary care, but a review of actual service delivery and budget decisions shows a heavy bias toward hospital-based acute care. This misallocation is often shown as an inverted pyramid in which a small base represents the funding for public health and prevention services, an equally narrow middle represents funding for primary care, and toppling over the entire health care delivery structure, the tremendous uppermost section represents funding for hospital-based acute care and off-island referrals. World Bank, In the early 1980s, a move was made to decentralize the delivery of health care services. Ambitious training programs were established to train mid-level practitioners, or medexes, who were to go to the outer islands where they in turn would train and supervise the even more peripherally located health assistants in newly opened dispensaries. Unfortunately, this decentralization movement was short-lived. Most of the specially trained medexes were brought back into the district hospitals to fill in for doctors who were in short supply.

Chapter 2 : US, UK, Japan Begin Health Engagements in Yap for Pacific Partnership

i Pacific Partnerships for Health Charting a Course for the 21st Century Committee on Health Care Services in the U.S.-Associated Pacific Basin Division of Health Care Services and Board on International Health INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE Jill C. Feasley Robert S. Lawrence, Editors NATIONAL ACADEMY PRESS Washington, D.C.

Page xvi Share Cite Suggested Citation: Pacific Partnerships for Health: Charting a New Course. The National Academies Press. The project that is the subject of this report was approved by the Governing Board of the National Research Council, whose members are drawn from the councils of the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering, and the Institute of Medicine. The members of the committee responsible for the report were chosen for their special competences and with regard for appropriate balance. This report has been reviewed by a group other than the authors according to procedures approved by a Report Review Committee consisting of members of the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering, and the Institute of Medicine. The Institute of Medicine was chartered in by the National Academy of Sciences to enlist distinguished members of the appropriate professions in the examination of policy matters pertaining to the health of the public. Shine is president of the Institute of Medicine. Department of the Interior. International Standard Book Number: Copyright by the National Academy of Sciences. Printed in the United States of America The serpent has been a symbol of long life, healing, and knowledge among almost all cultures and religions since the beginning of recorded history. The serpent adopted as a logotype by the Institute of Medicine is a relief carving from ancient Greece, now held by the Staatliche Museen in Berlin. Women and Children, by Valerie Hunton. Cover design by Francesca Moghari. Rogers, Dean Emeritus, John A. Yet, we are all linked through decades-old economic, legal, social, and cultural ties and a shared aspiration for better health for our families and children. Members of the committee that the Institute of Medicine convened to carry out the project described in this report are from several parts of the United States, and three members currently live in the region itself. Some of us had relatively little knowledge of the region; others had spent years living and working to improve the overall well-being and health care of people living on the islands of the Pacific Basin. All of us were able to visit at least two of the jurisdictions during our site visits. We were struck by the tremendous differences between the health care services available to most people in the 50 U. Even within the region, the differences were striking: Yet, we also saw similarities. The damage and suffering wrought by alcohol and substance abuse, unhealthy diets, and unintended injuries are the same- whether they occur in Milwaukee, Majuro, Guam, or Georgia. On both sides of the Pacific, people at all levels are trying to figure out how to spend health care dollars more wisely. We all struggle with how to make available and provide access to certain basic health care services for the entire population, because we know that some of our vulnerable citizens are falling through the holes in the safety net. We recognize the need to shift our health care focus away from disease treatment and toward disease prevention and health promotion, but we lack the will to reallocate the necessary funds. In many respects, we are not so very different at all. It calls for a strengthening of community-based primary care, better coordination of efforts between the United States and the island jurisdictions, greater involvement of local communities and individuals in promoting health, and improved education and training for the health care workforce. Change is rarely easy. Some of the recommendations that we have made will require the U. Our report comes at a time, however, when discussions about these decisions have already begun. Some communities are farther along and are better-equipped than others to make these meaningful changes. The committee and I believe that the recommendations contained in this report, if adopted, will make a substantial contribution toward the goal of current health reforms to create healthy islands and island populations for many years to come. A special thank you to Roylinne Wada, who diligently provided critical information, data, and analysis throughout the project. We also thank the speakers from our first meeting: We would also like to recognize the many participants in our meeting in Saipan: Before the Saipan meeting in April, the committee and staff visited each jurisdiction and met with literally hundreds of individuals. We have listed many of them below; we regret that we have failed to include each and every person who helped make our

stays so worthwhile. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands: Republic of the Marshall Islands: Eric Lindborg, the mayor of Kwajalein and two councilmen, and the physicians and primary care team at Ebeye Hospital with special thanks to Dr. Ueki, and Francis Matsutaro. Isaac, and Jacob Nena. In each jurisdiction, committee members held special meetings with the graduates of the Pacific Basin Medical Officers Training Program. We are extremely grateful to all of them for their willingness to talk about their experiences and were impressed by the dedication each one brought to their duties. Staff members from several embassies and congressional offices also provided invaluable assistance in providing background information and logistical help before and during the site visits. Several other individuals also provided valuable background information and keen insight into the issues facing residents of the U. Arranging travel for 13 individuals going to a dozen different islands was truly a logistical nightmare. This project started in with a planning meeting held in California that highlighted some of the more pressing health issues within the U. Polly Harrison, a former IOM staff member, was the program officer for that meeting, and, in the ensuing years, she steadfastly rallied support for this study. More important, throughout the project she showed tremendous dedication to getting the facts right and to researching thoroughly the historical, social, legal, and economic contexts of the health situation in the Pacific Basin. The project and this report have been greatly enriched by her efforts. Finally, the artwork on the front cover is by Valerie Hunton, a renowned artist currently living in Fiji. Her works brighten hospitals and clinics throughout the region as well as the covers of the Pacific Health Dialog. The work on the cover of this book, *Women and Children*, is from her recently published book, *Pacific Journey: Pacific Peoples of New Zealand*. Copyright by Resource Books Ltd.

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In examining the strengths and weaknesses of the area's systems, the volume provides a regional health overview and assessments of health care in individual jurisdictions, evaluates the Pacific Basin Medical Officers Training Program, and lays out a strategic plan for future health services in the U.S.-Associated Pacific Basin.

Betty retired in after holding programmatic, management, and policy positions at NIH and the HHS Office of Minority Health, the latter established because of the disparate health status between white Americans and racial and ethnic minorities revealed in the landmark task force report. Betty managed grants and contracts, and developed relationships with organizations representing specific minority populations, i. In the past, Kaying served as associate director for Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees, where she worked with foundations, affinity groups, public policy groups and immigrant rights organizations. Previously, she served as senior program officer at the Otto Bremer Foundation in Minnesota, and a program officer and senior consultant with the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota Foundation. In addition to institutional philanthropy, she worked in state government as the state coordinator of the Refugee Health Program for the Minnesota Department of Health, and as assistant regional coordinator for the Refugee and Immigrant Health Program for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. She and her family are proud to call Sacramento home. Rod provided testimony to the U. Congressional Committee on Commerce on the impact of national tobacco policy in and to the U. Surgeon General in He focuses on integrating health equity into policy advocacy approaches and structural solutions. Now as a community-based researcher, he continues to work with diverse communities and community-based organizations to build capacity and engage in policy advocacy efforts on a range of health topics. His NIH-funded research focuses on developing and evaluating strategies to benefit under-represented communities in research and healthcare in areas such as genomics, precision medicine, mHealth, and learning healthcare systems. Originally providing Recreation Therapy B. Little did he know, his newly obtain skills would become a full-time endeavor. Liza is a personable, trusted and respected community organizer with over 30 years of relationship building within the diverse communities in Arizona. She has been successful in planning and implementing community events and is a vocal advocate for the underserved and minority populations in Phoenix, Arizona and Nationwide. Liza is of Chamorro and Filipino descent. She has lived in Arizona for over 40 years, but is a strong believer that the Chamorro and Filipino cultural beliefs, language and traditions should be taught and perpetuated by the future generations of her communities. When her mother passed away of cancer in , she made it her mission to find her Voice and the tools necessary to help those around her navigate the complex healthcare and social services system. They have 4 adult children and 3 grandchildren. Contact Us 3rd.

Chapter 4 : Asian Pacific Partners for Empowerment, Advocacy and Leadership (APPEAL)

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