



Pacific Islands Tuberculosis Controllers Association (PITCA) Conference
 October 31 – November 4, 2023 | Fatu o’Aiga | Pago Pago, American Samoa
DRAFT AGENDA

Day 1: Tuesday, October 31

Time	Pre-Conference activities
9:00 a.m.	Pick up guests for Ava Ceremony and Luncheon - Transportation: Aiga Bus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pick up at Tradewinds and Sadie’s by the Sea
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Ava Ceremony & Luncheon – Location: Utulei
12:10 p.m. – 12:40 p.m.	Leave from here and start tours - Transportation: Aiga Bus
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	DOH clinics/LBJ Hospital Tour: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amouli Clinic (Amouli Village) 30-minute drive • LBJ Hospital (Fagaalu Village) 30-minute drive • CHC Clinic + Lab (Tafuna Village) 30-minute drive • Leone Clinic (Leone Village) 30-minute drive
4:10 p.m. – 4:40 p.m.	Return to Tradewinds/ Sadie’s by the Sea - Transportation: Aiga Bus

Day 2: Wednesday, November 1 - **DRAFT AGENDA**

Time	Plenary Session Description & Presenters	*Auditorium/Ottoville*
7:00 a.m.	Pick-up participants - Transportation: Aiga Bus	
7:30 – 8:00	Breakfast	
<i>Plenary Session 1 – Moderators: American Samoa and Dr. Zelalem Temesgen (Mayo)</i>		
8:00 – 8:15	Welcome Address/Introduce Keynote Speaker – Deputy Director Fara	
8:15 – 9:00	Keynote Address (TBD)	
9:00 – 9:25	Jurisdictional Updates – American Samoa	
9:25 – 9:50	Jurisdictional Updates – Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands	
9:50 – 10:05	Break & Poster Setup	
<i>Plenary Session 2 – Moderators: (TBD)</i>		
10:05 – 10:30	Jurisdictional Updates – Federated States of Micronesia	
10:30 – 10:55	Jurisdictional Updates – Guam	
10:55 – 11:20	Jurisdictional Updates – Republic of the Marshall Islands	
11:20 – 11:45	Jurisdictional Updates – Republic of Palau	
11:45 – 12:45	Lunch (on your own) & Poster Viewing	
<i>Plenary Session 3 – Moderators: (TBD)</i>		
12:45 – 1:15	TB Survivor	
1:15 – 1:45	TB Free Chuuk Update (Dr. Dorina Fred)	
1:45 – 2:15	TB Free Majuro and Ebeye Update (Dr. Richard Brostrom)	
2:15 – 2:40	Pathway to the Elimination of Antibiotic-Resistant and Latent TB (and Leprosy) in the Pacific (PEARL) (Ben Marias, Amanda Christensen)	
2:40 – 3:00	Question & Answer Session	
3:00 – 3:15	Break & Poster Viewing	
<i>Plenary Session 4 – Moderators: (TBD)</i>		
3:15 – 3:45	Update on TB in the US (Dr. Terence Chorba)	
3:45 – 4:15	Update on TB in the Pacific (Derrick Felix and Dr. Brostrom)	
4:15 – 4:45	WHO Western Pacific Region Presentation (Subhash Yadav)	
4:45 – 5:00	Question & Answer Session	
5:00	Adjourn	

Day 3: Thursday, November 2 - **DRAFT AGENDA**

Time	Breakout Session Description & Presenters				Location: Ottoville
7:00 a.m.	Pick-up participants - Transportation: Aiga Bus				
7:30-8:00	Breakfast				
Breakout Session Description & Presenters					
	LABORATORY Room: Library	PROGRAM MANAGER Room: Dining Room	NURSING & OUTREACH Room: Auditorium		CLINICAL Room: Conference Rm 1
8:00-9:30	Updates on laboratory operations from participants ~10 minutes each	TB Law and Policy Project Updates and Discussion Quang Dang	8:00 – 8:15	Introduction and Welcome	
9:30-10:00	PIHOA Update Vasiti Uluiviti	Leveraging Community Partnerships to Accelerate TB Elimination 2 USAPI Presentations - TBD	8:15 – 9:30	TB 101 & Disease Timeline Amanda Christensen and Kerrie Shaw	
10:00-10:30	DLS Update Terrie Koyamatsu		9:30 – 10:30	Principles of TB Case Management (applying principles of PCC, treatment adherence, effective DOT, M&E) Amanda Christensen and Kerrie Shaw	BPAL Update: Using LZD Safely without any drug levels Speaker: TBD
10:30 – 11:00	Break				
11:00-11:30	Biosafety & Risk Assessments Amy Woron	Evaluation of USAPI TB Contact Investigations and Using the ARPE Report for Program Improvement Maureen Kolasa (CDC) Group Work – Report Back	11:00 – 12:00	Managing People with infectious TB in the healthcare, home, and community setting Amanda Christensen and Kerrie Shaw	4-month short course: Adults Speaker: TBD
11:30-12:30	Exercise: Filling out a risk assessment form All participants		12:00 – 12:30	Diagnosing and Managing Children with TB TBC	4-month short course: Children Speaker: TBD
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch (on your own)				
1:30-2:00	Onboarding and Offboarding TB staff Angela Starks (CDC)	Practical Approaches to Using TB Genotyping Data and Phylogenetic Trees to Understand TB Clusters Kimberly Schildknecht (CDC) Group Work Report Back	1:30 – 2:00	Diagnosis and Management of Extrapulmonary TB TBC	Case Presentation and Discussions
2:00-2:30	Maintaining Quality in the TB Laboratory: Training and Competency Assessment Vasiti Uluiviti (PIHOA)		2:00 – 3:00	Contact Investigation Workshop Part 1 – Fundamentals of CI Amanda Christensen & Kerrie Shaw	
2:30-3:00	Succession planning Maria Marfel (Yap)				
3:00-3:15	Break				
3:15-3:45	Role of Laboratory in Effective TB Control Angela Starks (CDC)	LTBI Targeted Testing Focus Areas and Progress Derrick Felix (CDC) Group Work Report Back	3:15 – 4:15	Contact Investigation Workshop Part 2 – CI scenarios and group discussion Facilitators: Amanda Christensen, Denise Rismeyer TBC & Kerrie Shaw	Case Presentation and Discussions
3:45-4:15	Understanding the different tests used in your lab: AFB smear and Xpert testing Hope Edelhuchel (Palau)				
4:15 – 4:45	Final thoughts and action items from the day	Wrap up and action items from the day	Wrap up and action items from the day		
4:45	Adjourn				

Day 4: Friday, November 3 - **DRAFT AGENDA**

Time	Plenary Session Description & Presenters				*Auditorium/Ottoville*	
7:00 a.m.	Pick-up participants - Transportation: Aiga Bus					
7:30–8:00	Breakfast (on your own)					
8:00–8:30	Group Picture: Ottoville – Front Lawn					
<i>Plenary Session 5 – TB Elimination Day! Moderators:</i>						
8:45 – 10:00	TB and Leprosy Elimination Plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlights from 2022 & 2023 WHO & UNDP Meetings • Group work to discuss development of elimination plans • Report back 					
9:45 – 10:00	Break & Poster Viewing					
<i>Plenary Session 6 – Moderators:</i>						
10:20–10:40	Poster Oral Presentation #1 (TBD)					
10:40–11:00	Poster Oral Presentation #2 (TBD)					
11:00–11:20	Poster Oral Presentation #3 (TBD)					
11:20–11:40	Poster Oral Presentation #4 (TBD)					
11:40–12:00	Poster Oral Presentation #5 (TBD)					
12:00–1:30	Lunch (on your own) & Poster Viewing					
Breakout Session Description & Presenters						
	LABORATORY Room: Library	PROGRAM MANAGER Room: Dining Room	NURSING & OUTREACH Room: Auditorium		CLINICAL Room: Conference Rm 1	
1:30–2:00	Development of testing algorithm for local use of Xpert XDR cartridge Angela Starks (CDC) & all	TBD	1:30	Case Study - Management of People with TB, Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol Issues TBC – USAPI Case	Development of testing algorithm for local use of Xpert XDR cartridge (Speaker: TBD)	
2:00–2:30	Reviewing and using data from TB quarterly statistics form for quality improvements		2:00			Case Presentation and Discussions
2:30–3:00	Working through strange or discrepant results: local or from DLS Seini Biukoto (American Samoa – LBJTMC)		2:00 – 3:00		Motivational Interviewing and Counseling Workshop: Part 1 Denise Rismeyer TBC	
3:00–3:15	Break & Poster Viewing					
3:15–3:45	Process/procedures for corrective actions for a PT event	TBD	Motivational Interviewing and Counseling Workshop: Part 2		Case Presentation and Discussions	
3:45–4:45	Case Studies Lea Nisay (GPHL)		Denise Rismeyer TBC			
4:45–5:00	Wrap up and action items from the day		Wrap up and action items from the day			
5:00	Adjourn					
6:00 – 9:00	Dinner/Social Night/Aiava – Location: Tradewinds Hotel Pavilion (Ottoville)					

Day 5: Saturday, November 4 - **DRAFT AGENDA**

Time	Plenary Session Description & Presenters			Location: Ottoville
7:00 a.m.	Pick-up participants - Transportation: Aiga Bus			
7:30–8:00	Breakfast – (on your own)			
	LABORATORY Room: Library	PROGRAM MANAGER Room: Dining Room	NURSING & OUTREACH Room: Auditorium	
				CLINICAL Room: Conference Rm 1
8:00 – 10:30	Follow-up training on use of electronic laboratory register Lea Nisay (GPHL)	TBD	8:00 – 8:45	Managing TB Treatment side effects – A Nursing and Community Health Workers Perspective Amanda Christensen and Kerrie Shaw
			8:45 – 9:30	Case Study - Care and Management of People with TB in homeless shelters TBC
9:30 – 10:30	Understanding Lab Testing 101 Angela Starks, Vasiti Uvuliti & Terrie Koyamatsu			Case Presentation and Discussions
10:30 – 11:00	Break & Poster Viewing			
11:00 – 11:30	Inventory management and contingency planning for stock outs All participants		11:00 – 11:50	Report Back from the USAPIs on Key Activities/Achievements in the Past Year and Plans for the Year Ahead USAPI Jurisdictional Representatives TBC
11:30 – 12:00	Ideas for next PITCA and wrap up	Ideas for next PITCA and wrap up	11:50 – 12:00	Ideas for next PITCA and wrap up
12:00 – 1:30	Lunch (on your own)			
Time	Plenary Session Description & Presenters			*Auditorium/Ottoville*
<i>Plenary Session 7 – Moderators:</i>				
1:30 – 2:30	Develop Country Action Plans (all USAPI jurisdictions)			
<i>Plenary Session 8 – Moderators:</i>				
2:45–3:05	Presentation of Country Action Plans – American Samoa			
3:05–3:25	Presentation of Country Action Plans – Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands			
3:25–3:45	Presentation of Country Action Plans – Federated States of Micronesia			
3:45–4:05	Presentation of Country Action Plans – Guam			
4:05–4:25	Presentation of Country Action Plans – Republic of the Marshall Islands			
4:25–4:45	Presentation of Country Action Plans – Republic of Palau			
4:45–5:00	Closing Remarks (TBD)			
5:00	Adjourn			

Optional Training Day – Monday, November 6 - **DRAFT AGENDA**

Time	Plenary Session Description & Presenters Location: Ottoville – DOH Headquarters: 2 nd floor, Room 204
7:30–8:00	Breakfast (on your own)
8:00 – 8:15 a.m.	Sign In
8:15 – 8:45 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions - TBD
8:45 – 9:45 a.m.	TB 101 Lecture: Part 1 – Dr. Ronald Yip
9:45–10:00	Break
<i>Session 2 – Moderators:</i>	
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	TB 101 Lecture: Part 2 – Dr. Ronald Yip
11:00 – 11:30 a.m.	CDC Video on TST Training
11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Targeted TST Guidelines
12:15 – 1:15	Lunch (on your own)
<i>Session 3 – Moderators:</i>	
1:15 – 1:30 p.m.	Introduction to TST – all one group
1:30 – 1:45 p.m.	Overview of Placement – Kerrie and Amanda
1:45 – 2:30 p.m.	Tuberculin Skin Test Practicum: Placement – two groups
2:30 – 2:45 p.m.	Overview of Reading and Interpretation – Dawn Tuckey
2:45 – 4:00 p.m.	Tuberculin Skin Test Practicum: Reading and Interpretation – two groups
Adjourn	