

# What's New with the Diabetes Collaborative?

By Stefanie Chang-Hiu, MPH, RD

## What Is the Diabetes Collaborative??

For those who are not familiar with the Center's Diabetes Collaborative, we are part of a national and local collaborative, linked with hundreds of other community health centers nationally and with eight local community health centers in Hawaii. [Innovative](#) approaches/ideas are shared among one another via email, conferences, face-to-face, etc. to provide and achieve the best care for our diabetic patients.

## Who Are the Team Members for Our Center's Collaborative?

Here are our Center's team members:

- ❖ (Team Leader) **Stefanie Chang-Hiu**, MPH, RD.
- ❖ (Community Health Educator) **Tusi Taumua**, RMA
- ❖ (Team members) **John Cheung**, MPH, RD; **Linda Peralta**, RD; **Christy Inda**, MPH, RD; **Emilie Young**, RD; **Jasmin Galicinao**, MPH, RD, Cardiac Rehab Specialist; **Eva Galariada-Rosa**, LPN, Team Office Manager; **Lisa Zick-Mariteragi**, RN, MSN, MPH, CFNP; **Stephen Bradley**, MD, Associate Medical Director; **Sheila Beckham**, MPH, RD, Preventive Health Director.

Each year there is a national conference held on the West coast. This year, [four team members](#) from our health center had the privilege to attend this conference: Eva Galariada-Rosa, Lisa Zick-Mariteragi, Dr. Stephen Bradley, and myself. [Dr. Bradley](#) and [I](#) also had the special opportunity to speak about Nutrition and Culture Among Hawaiians at this conference.

## What's Next?

Besides attending quarterly State meetings, listening to monthly telephone conference calls, disseminating reports, and being a liaison among the PCP's, other health care providers, patients and outside community health centers, we are proposing to establish monthly vs. quarterly diabetic group clinic visits, and think more "outside of the box." We already are thinking of having a cooking demo for the next diabetes group visit for Nanakuli.

If anyone has any interesting ideas to help improve the quality of care for our diabetic patients or any comments, please email me at [SChang-Hiu@WCCHC.com](mailto:SChang-Hiu@WCCHC.com). Mahalo!