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CHCC and CNMI Blue Ribbon Initiative lead ninth meeting

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (CHCC) Community Guidance Center (CGC) and the CNMI Blue Ribbon Initiative led their ninth consortium trainings and meetings on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

The series of workshops were conducted in Rota on April 18 and 19, and in Tinian on April 21 and 22. The participants walked through the Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment process, also known as SBIRT, to increase early intervention of drug and alcohol use. The training was followed by a workshop discussing the social determinants of health in the CNMI. A total of 52 Rota and 64 Tinian residents participated in each training respectively.

The Blue Ribbon Initiative consortium capped off the series in Saipan on April 26 and 27, with the general consortium meeting. A total of 70 individuals attended on the first day, and 63 individuals attended on the second day. The consortium members continued to develop planning and sustainability within their respective committees.

The goal of the consortium is to use an innovative, community-based approach to support the prevention, treatment, and recovery from substance use disorders. The initiative will continue to strengthen the capacity of the multi-sector consortium of private and governmental entities. The collective impact model has been proven to work in communities with limited health care and social support services.

The next general consortium meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 2022. To attend or be a part of the consortium, call the Community Guidance Center at (670) 323-6560.

The training and meetings were made possible through funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

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