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Dear TH Capelle,

Merry Christmas and an Advanced Prosperous 2019!

As done in the past, we will have fun and exciting work that will start the year for us, again. This, therefore, comes as the Invitation to you and your team to participate in the Annual Healthcare Coalition Meeting that is slated to be held in Colonia, Yap, during the week of January 28 – February 1, 2019. Additionally, in preparing for the HCC Meeting week, the week of January 21 will be filled with functional areas workshops/planning and training. The functional areas that will be conducted include the Opioid Crisis Response Planning, Laboratory and Epidemiology Workshop, Pandemic Influenza Planning Workshop, Emergency Medical Team Planning, the HAZMAT Training for Yap Responders and possibly a Full Scale Exercise during the latter part of the week of January 14th. This will be busy but the opportunity to learn throughout the events will be worthwhile.

The funding support for the workshops and the HCC meeting is by CDC PHEP/HPP, the Opioid Crisis Response Grants and the World Health Organization.

Fifteen participants from each of the States (Kosrae, Pohnpei and Chuuk) will be funded by the national DHSA to take part in the events scheduled to be held in Yap as indicated above. Participants should represent your PHHEP staffs, report writer, planners, educators, volunteers, EMSC designees, plus representatives from the DOE and the Public Safety who are involved in community education and awareness programs. Should you wish to fund additional participants to these events, please do so with own funding.

The Agenda will be sent in due course. As done in the past, the HCC meeting is scheduled for the last week of January to allow for Action Items and Plans to be presented and endorsed or adopted by the HCC members/Advisory Committee members.

Please submit, via e-mail, the participants name to this office and a copy to the PHHEP Director by COB December 21, 2018.

Sincerely,

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