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**2017 HEALTHY ISLAND HEALTHY PEOPLE CONFERENCE**

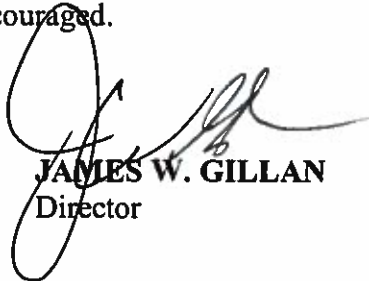
The Department of Public Health and Social Services invites the community to attend the 2017 Healthy Island Healthy People Conference (HIHP). The theme for this year's conference is "ABC: Always Be Committed to your Health!" The HIHP will be held on November 17, 2017 at the Onward Beach Resort from 8:00 am to 2:00pm. There is no cost to attend the conference.

The objective of HIHP is to provide the public a report of the yearly accomplishments of the Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) Consortium. Established in 2011, the NCD Consortium aims to reduce the burdens of chronic diseases such as heart disease, cancer, stroke, and diabetes through modifiable risk factors. The NCD Consortium is composed of over 200 members in business, government, agriculture, and healthcare. The report will focus on the successes and challenges of 2017 in controlling and preventing NCDs.

In addition to the report, HIHP will have two special off-island guest speakers. The first speaker is Mr. John Robitscher, CEO of the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD). He will be presenting the 2016 NACDD Impact Award (Division Excellence) to the NCD Consortium for its work in public health and health promotion that is helping people achieve a high quality of life. The second speaker is Mr. Patrick James Lynch who is an award-winning actor, director, producer, and host living with severe hemophilia. His talk is entitled, "Powering through My Life and Service: Living with Severe Hemophilia." Patrick is responsible for bleeding disorders community programs and has been recognized by the Hemophilia Federation of American's Health and Wellness.

Launching of the Getting Guam Healthy Incentive Program: Tasked by the 32nd Guam Legislature, the Department of Public Health and Social Services has worked with key stakeholders to create the Getting Guam Healthy Incentive Program (GGHIP). During the HIHP, plans to launch the program will be unveiled. The GGHIP aims to empower Medicaid recipients and their families to live healthier lives.

For more information, please contact the Department of Public Health and Social Services at 735-7303. Seating is limited, reservation is encouraged.

  
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