



What Policies Are Needed to Advance Native Hawaiian Health?

The Preliminary Findings of the Native Hawaiian Health Task Force



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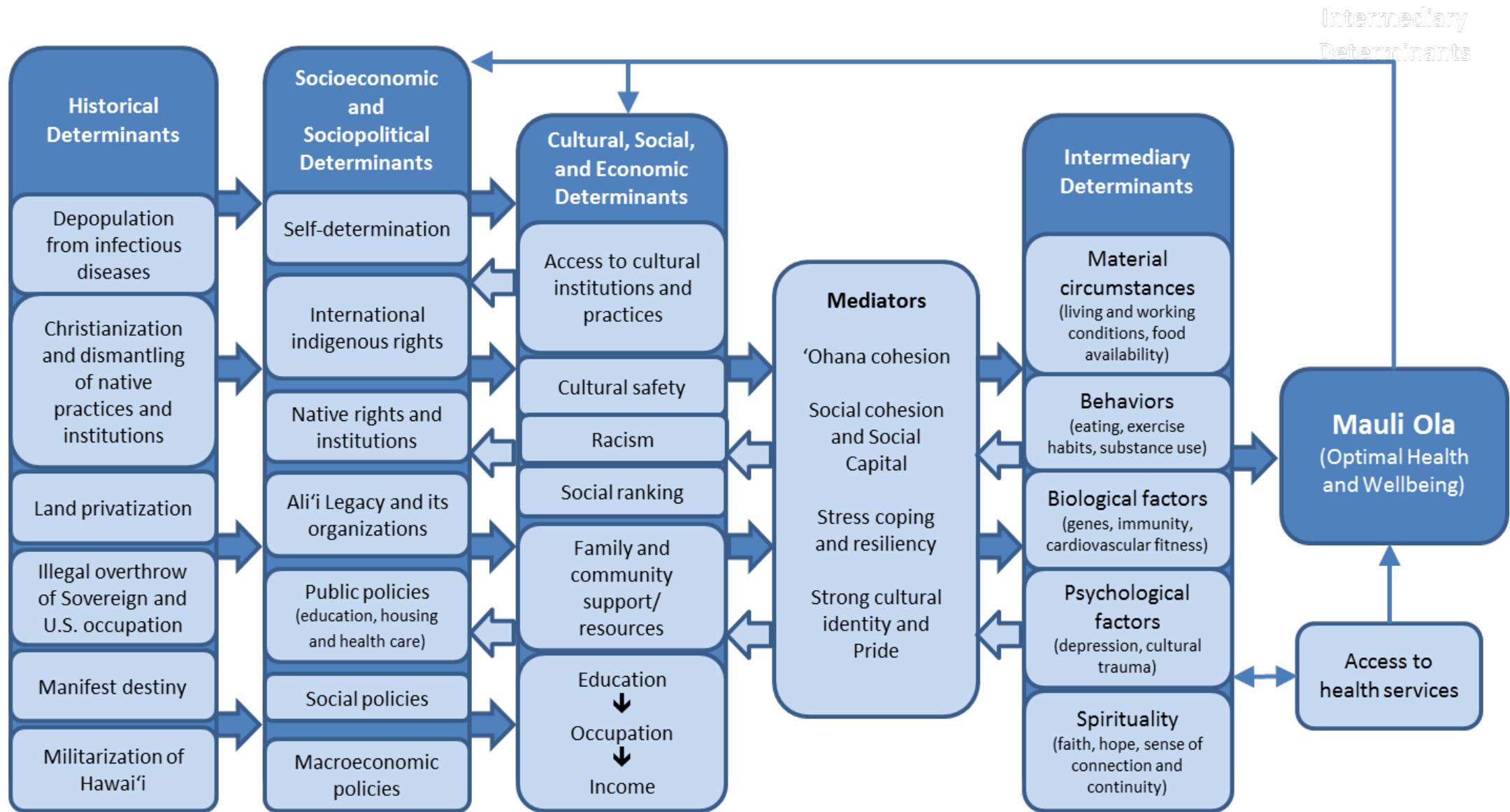
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Create a task force to formulate policies and procedures to eliminate the disproportionate impact of the **social determinants of health and chronic disease** on all individuals, with particular focus of Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Peoples.

The task force will focus on the following work:

1. Create **data sharing policies between state agencies** to improve access to these data for timely and disaggregated analyses to help inform policies and programs aimed at improving Native Hawaiian health;
2. Propose cost-effective **improvements to the environments** where Native Hawaiians live, learn, work, and play;
3. Propose state **legislation to address social and cultural determinants of health** in Hawai'i
4. Raise awareness and propose **programs to advance health equity**;
5. Propose programs and legislative action that will **address barriers to access to health care**;
6. Guide the use of **existing collaborations, systems, and partnerships to leverage resources** and maximize outcomes;
7. Propose activities that will **support community organizations promoting their own health** on their own terms; and
8. Propose initiatives that will **increase preventive services available** in Native Hawaiian communities



Mohala i ka wai, ka maka o ka pua

Flowers thrive where there is water, as thriving people are found where living conditions are good

Nā Pou Kihi



Ke Ao 'Ōiwi

Cultural Revitalization

- Native Hawaiian Representation
- Cultural Space



Ka Mālama Nohona

Family, Neighborhood and Community

- Community Building
- Environmental Safety
- Kīpuka
- Family Engagement
- Incarceration



Ka Hana Pono

Health Care and Prevention

- Culturally safe care
- Access to care



Ka Wai Ola

Education and Economic Stability

- Quality Education
- Food security/sovereignty
- Housing stability
- Economic sustainability

Ke Kahua



KE AO 'ŌIWI

NĀ POU KIHĪ – 'ĒKAHI

Ke Ao 'Ōiwi focuses on our *Native Hawaiian cultural spaces*, which include our natural resources, our cultural values, practices, and customs, and Rights as Indigenous Peoples that define us as the host and indigenous population here in Hawai'i. It also refers to our ability to exercise our indigenous prerogatives and aspirations and express our cultural identity, without discrimination or prejudice within the larger society of Hawai'i. Ke Ao 'Ōiwi is what makes Hawai'i special and provides the values that binds all the people of Hawai'i to each other.



KE AO 'ŌIWI

NĀ POU KIHĪ — 'EKAHI

- Standardize new DHHL design to be community centered and multigenerational family friendly
- Right of first refusal for state agricultural lands
- Establish a running list of NH professionals from which the Governor can appoint into positions of leadership
- Develop leadership curriculum/program for those interested in running for office



KA MĀLAMA NOHONA

NĀ POU KIHI — 'ELUA

Ka Mālama Nohona focuses on the environments where *Native Hawaiians live, work, learn, age, and play*. Native Hawaiian values and practices are rooted in the relationships between and amongst people (kānaka), our physical places ('Āina), and our spirituality (ho'omana). They are exemplified through our traditional values and practices that strive for *aloha* (compassion and kindness), *lōkahi* (harmony), and *mālama 'āina* (caring for our land and natural resources).

Native Hawaiians believe that our health and wellbeing are intimately and reciprocally linked to the health and wellbeing of our *'ohana* (family, friends, and community) and our *'āina*. *Ka Mālama Nohona* (caring for the people around us and the places we share) is essential to promoting the health and wellbeing of all people in Hawai'i.



KA MĀLAMA NOHONA

NĀ POU KIHĪ – 'ELUA

- Advocate/plan for median strip/sidewalks in NH communities (with community input)
- Adopt a community for collective impact
- Cultural impact fee (for businesses taking from community without benefit to community)
- Inclusion of school-based health centers in high-need communities
- Better transition from prison to community and family settings
 - E.g., ensuring they have a Hawai'i state ID, enrollment in health care and behavioral health services prior to release



KA HANA PONO

NĀ POU KIHĪ – 'EKOLU

Ka Hana Pono focuses on our lifestyle choices and aspirations as Native Hawaiians in striving for optimal health and wellbeing in ways that are consistent with our shared cultural values and practices. It includes the types of physical activities and foods we enjoy, the health care services we access and receive, and the health promotion opportunities available to us, which must be inclusive of our cultural values and practices. Ka Hana Pono is directly linked to the foci on Ke Ao 'Ōiwi and Ka Mālama Nohona. Native Hawaiians can only exercise the healthy lifestyle choices that are afforded them by the larger society and the communities in which they live, work, play, and learn.



KA HANA PONO

NĀ POU KIHĪ – 'ĒKOLU

- Creation of health care workforce that mirrors population (i.e., 25% are Native Hawaiian)
- Mandate cultural safety trainings for all providers and allied health professionals
- Long-term care options with home based options
- Expand definitions within family leave to include multigenerations and hānai
- Reinstate dental benefits to Medicaid program
- Mandate each state agency to have NH Health Policy (similar to language access policy), enforced by Office of Health Equity.
- Develop legislation to support “community dollars” in insurance plans – allow people to choose where to use exercise dollars (paddling team or hula instead of 24-hour fitness)
- Develop minimum requirements for data collection within Native Hawaiian serving organizations



KA WAI OLA

NĀ POU KIHĪ — 'E HĀ

Ka Wai Ola focuses on achieving social justice through educational achievement and economic success for Native Hawaiians. Native Hawaiians have a long history of valuing learning and the pursuit of knowledge, which are celebrated in our mo'olelo (history) and exemplified in the phenomenal achievements of our kūpuna (ancestors). Economically, our ancestors developed a sophisticated system of resource management that ensured equitable access to the riches of the 'āina (land), wai (fresh water), and kai (ocean) for all. All members of society had a clear and well-defined role that contributed to the welfare of the community. Ka Wai Ola provides the foundation for securing the educational and economic benefits needed for people to flourish.



KA WAI OLA

N Ā P O U K I H I — ' E H Ā

- Net regulations for subsistence vs. commercial fishing
- Improve access and affordability of native foods and plants
- Mandated completion of NH History/colonization training for teachers
- Increase collaboration with HODOE to increase cultural shift and resign the system
- Uplift Hawaiian-Focused Charter schools education methods (i.e. 'āina based learning, project-based learning, culture-based education, etc.)
- Inclusion of Pre-K in public schools
- Advocate for increased minimum wage
- Create tax relief program reflecting hānai system- ex: kūpuna who take care of their grandchildren



KE KAHUA

FOUNDATIONAL ELEMENTS

Ke Kahua is the foundation on which a structure, such as a hale (house), stands. Across the previous four Pou Kihī, several common recommendations emerged from the subcommittees that the Task Force determined as vital to establishing a strong foundation in order to advance the recommendations described under each of the four Pou Kihī.



KE KAHUA

FOUNDATIONAL ELEMENTS

- Establish a Native Hawaiian Public Policy Committee
- Enforce current policies and membership
- Increase positions within Department of Health's Office of Health Equity with specific positions for NH Health
- NH leadership program including mentoring component
- Explore options for funding NH Health programs (tourism tax, social impact bonds, language tax)
- Develop an online data bank for all state agencies
- Cultural impact statements
- Health equity community dashboard by ahupua'a to include workforce needs, clinics, access to lā'au, healthy food sources, community programs

Key Action Issues

- Cultural impact fee
- Native Hawaiian Public Policy Committee
- Online databank across agencies
- Restoration of dental benefits for Medicaid
- Rethinking the design of Hawaiian Homestead communities
- List of Native Hawaiian professionals for appointment to boards, committees, etc.

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