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PEACE Conference Highlights Five Years of Collaboration Towards Strengthening and Sustaining Healthy Pacific Communities

Hagatna, Tues., July 13, 2010- Planning is underway for the 5th Annual PEACE Conference slated for August 6-7, 2010 hosted by the Prevention & Training Branch of the Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse (DMHSA), the PEACE Coalitions and Council. This 2-day conference will highlight the successes among PEACE partners over the past five years that led to increasing community awareness, conducting community-based prevention programs, changing community norms through legislative policies, and sustaining effective partnerships. Conferees will have the opportunity to learn about the latest substance abuse and suicide data and trends, interact with community-based prevention program staff, visit local exhibits, and attend workshop sessions highlighting lessons learned in the application of evidence based prevention programs. The first day focuses on Substance Abuse Prevention, followed by a 5 p.m. candlelight beachside vigil for survivors of suicide. The second conference day focuses on suicide prevention.

WHO: The Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse, Prevention & Training Branch

WHAT: 5th Annual PEACE Conference **“Strengthening and Sustaining Healthy Pacific Communities.”** Conference is FREE and Open to the public. Registrations are now being accepted.

WHERE: Location to be announced

WHEN: August 6- 7, 2010 (8 am. – 5 p.m. both days)
Candlelight vigil from 5 p.m- 7 p.m. - August 6, 2010.

WHY: Highlight the successes of the state and community level partners and coalitions providing prevention services in the community.

Registration forms can be downloaded at www.peaceguam.org. For more information, call DMHSA, Prevention & Training Branch at 477-9079 thru 9083.

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