

TELEHEALTH PROJECT SUMMARY TEMPLATE

Please provide information on all major projects in the last ten years (1998-2008) and any planned future projects

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PROJECT NAME: **Big Island/Moanalua telemedicine hookup**

ORGANIZATION/AGENCY (and primary contact): **Kaiser Permanente (Mary Hew)**

FUNDING (source and amount): **Kaiser Permanente IT department \$126,046**

START UP FUNDS: **\$126,046**

REIMBURSEMENT (submitted/not submitted): **NA**

DURATION (start time and date): **2005-present**

PURPOSE/INTENT (100 words maximum):

Subspecialty consultation between Kaiser Hospital on Oahu and the clinics in Kona and Hilo on the Big Island.

MAJOR CRITICAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS: **So far consults have been made to subspecialists in Allergy, Cardiology, Nephrology, Plastic Surgery, Behavioral Health Services**

CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS:

CRITICAL BARRIERS (overcome or not): **Difficulty identifying a willing/interested physician champion**

MAJOR LESSON LEARNED: **We schedule IT support for every telemed clinic. The equipment learning curve for nurses is steep**

CURRENT STATUS (active, planned, dormant, completed, other?): **active**

PARTNERING ORGANIZATIONS: **none**

IS THERE A CLINICAL CHAMPION OR A COMMITTEE OVERSEEING THE TELEMEDICINE PROGRAM?

No clinical champion. A committee of representatives from administration, appointment staff, and nursing staff meet regularly (every other month) to monitor utilization as well as explore additional telemed opportunities. We use the specialty nurses to ask the physicians to identify potential appropriate patients for telemedicine services.

TECHNOLOGY USED: **Tandberg II units**