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“CDC PHAP Associate to Work on Non-Communicable Disease Mapping with the CHCC”

This past month, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (CHCC) Division of Public Health Services (DPHS) welcomed Victoria Shirriff, who will be working with the CHCC Non-Communicable Disease Bureau (NCDB) for the next two years as part of her fellowship with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Public Health Association Program (PHAP).

Shirriff earned her Bachelor's degree in Global Health from the University of Toronto, and recently finished her Master's in Public Health at the Yale School of Public Health. Her degree was focused on environmental health sciences, with an emphasis on climate change and food systems. While completing her Master's Degree, Shirriff also worked with the World Health Organization in their health emergencies department and, upon graduation, worked with the City and County of Honolulu's Office of Climate Change, Sustainability, and Resiliency. Victoria joined PHAP for the opportunity to gain hands-on experience and simultaneously learn about public health work at local and federal levels.



While at the CHCC, Shirriff will be working to integrate existing health data with Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping. This work will place data on risk factors and health outcomes in a geographic context, linking clinical outcomes with environmental influences. Using a geo-coded approach, the CHCC will be better able to identify areas of greatest need and develop intervention programs to best support prevention and health care efforts.

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