

# 1st QUARTER NEWSLETTER FY2020



Yap State Office of the Public Auditor

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## Knowing What's OPA

### Q: Who We Are?

The Office of the Public Auditor (OPA) has been at the forefront of the state's efforts to fight government waste, fraud and abuse. Our vision is to be an agent of positive change and one that:

- ⇒ Strives for continuous improvement and encourages fiscal integrity in program delivery and effectiveness.
- ⇒ Is a continually learning and improving organization.
- ⇒ Appreciates, challenges, respects, and honors its personnel

## FY19 Published Reports

- ◆ #2019-01 Public Transportation System (PTS) for FY2018/Financial Audit — Nine (9) Findings
- ◆ # 2019-02 Department of Health Services (DHS) Business Office on May 2019/ Cash Count Inspection —Two (2) Findings
- ◆ # 2019-03 Sports Development Fund (SDF) Account from October 2018- June 2019/Inspection — Two (2) Findings

All Audit Reports were made available to the public on the [audityap.org](http://audityap.org) website and copies were shared to the state public library.

### Q: What We Do?

- ⇒ We carry out our mission using a multi-disciplinary and collaborative approach.
- ⇒ The goal is to forge a strong alliance with management in identifying ways to enhance governmental processes and in prosecuting program abuses.
- ⇒ We strive to make a difference in the state's performance and accountability and endeavor to fulfill our mission by providing management with tools to improve operations.
- ⇒ This is accomplished by conducting our work in an impartial, objective, and unbiased manner and in providing recommendations designed to bring to the attention of management opportunities for strengthening internal control and improving operating efficiency.



# Staff Engagements

## 7th Annual Fraud Awareness Briefing

11th– 12th December 2019, Colonia, Yap

FAB kick off with 25 government staff participated on the 1st day and 14 staff participants on the 2nd day of the workshop. The purpose of the workshop was to educate and refresh the minds of government employees of the state and national levels that Fraud is a critical issue to be dealt with in order to effectively promote accountability, transparency and integrity in our community.



*"Work from your good heart and mind, When you see a problem, Fix it".*

*-Cyprian Manmaw*

**QUALITY**

*...is everyone's responsibility.*

(Deming, W. Edwards)

## IDI Stakeholders Advocacy Strategy Workshop

18th– 22nd November 2019, Kolonia, Pohnpei

Participants were able to understand IN-TOSAI Development Institute's approach to the institutional strengthening and strategic management through daily sessions on SAI's strategic management, internal accountability, accountability, accountability ecosystems approach, advocacy frameworks, implementation of the advocacy framework by customizing to its desired change for each SAI, refining the implementation strategy and provide feedback on improvement of advocacy frameworks.



## FSM Public Auditors 5th Annual Conference

14th– 18th October 2019, Weno, Chuuk

The purpose of this annual conference is to bring together auditors from throughout FSM to receive valuable continuing professional education that helps improve accountability and transparency and achieve good governance. The conference includes training on designing and executing individual performance audits. The training sessions include a review of performance audit survey, planning and fieldwork phrases, developing audit objectives, and designing audit methodologies.

