



# KŌKUA MAU

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Hawai'i Hospice and Palliative Care Organization

## Kokua Mau Newsletter

July 2009

Greetings!

We wanted to let you know that congratulations are in order! POLST (Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment) is now law in Hawai'i. Thank you to everyone who worked to make Act 186 a reality.

[Act 186 \(HB1379 HD2 SD2 CD1\)](#) became law on July 15th without the governor's signature.

Please visit the Kokua Mau website for more information about POLST in the near future. The core team will be meeting shortly to determine next steps and develop a statewide form. As this legislation takes effect, our website will become a central repository for information related to POLST and the bill's implication for people living in Hawai'i.

### Palau: Palliative Care Workshop

A big "Thank You" to Rae Seitz and Joy Yadao, both Kokua Mau Board members, for lending their expertise to a successful Palliative Care Workshop in Palau. Organized and hosted by the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Palau, they accompanied Jeannette Koijane to Koror July 12-20.

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The training program was developed by Kokua Mau in collaboration with the Cancer Information Service-Pacific Region (CIS) in partnership with the Pacific Center of Excellence in the Elimination of Disparities ([Pacific CEED](#)). The formal three-day program for the public was followed by two days of internal meetings with key staff and trainings at the hospital. A final report will be posted to the website in the next month.

This is the second event Kokua Mau has collaborated on this year to increase our work with Pacific Islanders and is a follow-up to the Caring the Pacific Way course held in April ([click here](#) for more information).

Acknowledgement: Funding for this Palliative Care Workshop was made possible by the cooperative agreement number 5U58DP000976-2 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, specifically the REACH US project. The views expressed in the workshop and by Kokua Mau do not necessarily reflect the official policies of the Department of Health and Human Services, nor does mention of Kokua Mau imply endorsement by the U.S. Government.

### **Midweek July 15: Ann Lecompte**

Congratulation to Kokua Mau's Ann Lecompte, executive director of Bristol Hospice-Hawaii. She published "A Hospice Mission To Care" in Midweek. To read the July 15 article please [click here](#)

### **Save the Date - November 12 - Teepa Snow returns**

On November 12, '09 we are very pleased to announce an evening session with **Teepa Snow**.

Invited back by popular demand, the session is specifically for caregivers of people with dementia by the nationally recognized expert, Teepa Snow.

The session will be held from **5:00 - 6:30pm** at **Mabel Smythe Auditorium** at the **Queen's Medical Center**. We are partnering with Queen's, the Alzheimer's Association and the Comprehensive Cancer Control Program. More [details click here](#) but hold the date now.

Hope you are enjoying your summer

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