

Kokua Mau Newsletter

September 2009

Dear Jeannette,

I hope this finds you well. There is a lot going on now with hospice and palliative care in Hawai'i. If you know of colleagues or friends who would like to receive our newsletter, please forward it along to them and invite them to sign up.

POLST - Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST) became law in Hawaii on July 15, 2009 as Act 186.

Kokua Mau is the lead agency for implementation of POLST in Hawai'i.

We have created a [designated website for POLST](#) related information. You can download the "[POLST Form](#)" and the "Provider's Guide to POLST" as a pdf in one single location. The POLST form is free and please keep in mind that it should be printed two-sided on lime green paper. ([More about that on our website.](#))

We are creating a "Consumer's Guide to POLST" that will be posted soon. If you would like to have a speaker about POLST, please contact our [speaker's bureau](#).

Ken Zeri: "Name in the News", Star Bulletin, August 21, 2009

Congratulation to Kokua Mau's Ken Zeri, President & CPO of Hospice Hawaii and Kokua Mau Board Chair. His interview about the myths and misconceptions of the health care debate and end-of-life issues was published in the Star Bulletin. To read the August 21 article please [click here](#).

Rep. Marilyn Lee hosted Ken Zeri on her Olelo show "Kukui Connections" to talk about POLST and caring for the terminally ill on August 16th. [Kukui Connections](#) airs every Sunday at 4 p.m. on Olelo, Channel 54 (O'ahu) and maybe you can catch a rerun.

Talking Points on the health care debate and end-of-life care

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In response to the myths and misinformation surrounding end-of-life issues in the current health care debate, the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) has come up with talking points that might be useful in your work. As you strive to present balanced and accurate information, individual conversations are often most effective. You can post these talking points at work, distribute them to colleagues or pass them out at meetings. Please [visit our website for more information](#).

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Save the date: upcoming workshops and conferences

Holiday Grief Workshop

October 17 from 8:30 to 3PM in Kaneohe (O'ahu). This workshop run by St. Francis Hospice is designed to give grieving persons, their family and friends, comfort, support and practical suggestions of dealing with grief during the holidays. Download the flyer of the event [from our website](#).

Queen's Conference on Pain and Palliative Care:

Mission Possible III

Wednesday, November 11, 2009

The Queen's Conference Center

AMA PRA Credit: 7.25

To find out more [visit their website](#)

Is This Normal Forgetfulness or Something More Serious? - Recognizing Early Symptoms with Teepa Snow

November 12, 2009, 5:00 - 6:30pm

Mabel Smythe Auditorium

Queen's Medical Center.

To find out more [visit our website](#)

Last but not least you can now find past Kokua Mau newsletters [on our website](#).

Aloha and have a great September.

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