



KŌKUA MAU

"Continuous Care"

Hawai'i Hospice and Palliative Care Organization

2nd Kōkua Mau Newsletter

May 2012

Palliative Pupus May 16!

Dear Jeannette,

Welcome Pacific Health Ministry our newest Kokua Mau Member! **Deborah J. Whisnand**, Executive Director of Pacific Health Ministry **will present at the next Kokua Mau monthly meeting** on Thur. 5/31. (more below)

This is a also **reminder that the next Palliative Pupus** will be held on **Wed. May 16** from 5:15 to 7:00pm at the Queen's Conference Center. This month's discussion will feature a case where the hospital-based palliative care team and the home hospice team had to resolve mutual concerns for patient safety including the potential for domestic violence. In a broader sense we will consider: when is it not safe to go home and who decides?

This clinical case discussion is open to all (although RSVPs are appreciated.) Parking and other [details on the website](#).

The Kokua Mau Monthly meetings are held at St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawai'i on 2226 Liliha Street.

[Pacific Health Ministry](#) is a spiritual service agency founded in 1986 by the religious and health care communities to provide

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Help us meet our ambitious goal:

100 Kōkua Mau members for 2012!

We have listened to your feedback. We are offering the Stakeholder KM [Membership](#) for 2012 starting at \$40 (\$25 for students or persons in training) per year.

Of course, we are grateful if you can join as a [Sustainer](#) at \$100 or more to help us reach our financial goals more quickly. And yes - it is tax-deductible.

Membership is the backbone of

spiritual care and education in health care institutions and the general community. PHM utilizes the unique multi-cultural content of Hawaii as a means of understanding ministry. PHM provides the spiritual care services and Professional Chaplains at twelve of Hawaii's major residential and health care institutions. As the only organization in Hawaii accredited by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, PHM trains clergy and qualified laypersons. Clinical Pastoral Education teaches Ministry Formation, Spiritual Care, Crisis Counseling and Institutional Ministry Practice for persons pursuing certification as Professional Chaplains.

Kōkua Mau's budget and helps us to be a financially sustainable organization. Just follow the steps outlined on our [website](#).

We especially encourage organizations to join. If you have recommendations of organizations who might want to support Kōkua Mau's [Vision and Mission](#), please let us know. A personal introduction from somebody they know well is always best.

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Interesting News Coverage

Contemplating Mortality with Ira Byock

Krista Tippet, host of on NPR's "On Being" interviewed Ira Byock (first aired April 26). Ira Byock is Director of Palliative Medicine at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center and a Professor at Dartmouth Medical School. A short synopsis: What if we understand death as a developmental stage - like adolescence or mid-life? Dr. Ira Byock is a leading figure in palliative care and hospice in the United States. He says we lose sight of "the remarkable value" of the time of life we call dying if we forget that it's always a personal and human event, and not just a medical one. [Listen to the one hour interview](#) (or the unedited two hour version) on their website or download the podcast.

RN: Why I chose palliative care over aggressive cancer battle

Registered nurse Amy Berman was 51 when she was diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer that had spread. She writes about why

she chose palliative care over aggressive treatment. Instead of waging a war she cannot win, she writes, she and her physician are focusing on treatments that optimize how she functions and addresses symptoms. "I want every patient facing end-of-life decisions - which, when you think about it, eventually will be all of us - to have access to the kind of open communication I'm receiving," she writes. [More: Washintonpost.com April 30, 2012.](#)

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5/15 Living With, Through & Beyond Cancer

The Tenth Annual Cancer Survivorship Series: Living With, Through & Beyond Cancer

On Tuesday, May 15, CancerCare, will present one of four **free**, telephone workshop entitled: **Recapturing Joy and Finding Meaning**. You can listen to these programs on the telephone or via live streaming through the internet. For [more information go to our website](#) or register directly on the [CancerCare website](#).

Tue. 5/15 - Social Work: Credentials, Climate and Value

Tuesday, May 15, 2012

7:30 am to 8:30 am HST! (1:30 - 2:30 PM EDT)

The audio conference will be broadcast at the **Queen's Medical Center**. People interested in attending please RSVP to Beth Freitas at 691-4726.

This audio conference will provide background on the hospice and palliative care macro-level climate in which social workers operate and will discuss the value of credentials in palliative care practice. [More on our website.](#)

ASCO new recommendation advocates starting palliative care at the time of diagnosis with advanced cancer

The American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) recommends steps to ensure that physicians initiate candid discussions about the full range of palliative care and treatment options soon after patients' diagnosis with advanced cancer (defined as incurable disease). [Read their policy statement](#) and find more links on their website.

Eden at Home Trainings

The *Caring for elders who live at home* workshop focuses on changing perceptions of elders at home and in the community. Information about the Sat **May 19 Honolulu** workshop (limited to 20 participants) in [Honolulu on our website](#).

Tuesday Family Caregiver Classes

Tuesday Mornings, April 3 to June 26. [More on our website](#). The Child & Family Service - `Ohana Care Program is very excited to have a wonderful Caregiver Group facilitator.

2012 Aging and Disabilities Issues Booklet

The 2012 Aging and Disabilities Issues booklet is now available ([Download PDF file](#)). The seventh annual publication offers an overview of legislative issues dealing with aging, disability, caregiving, and long-term supports and services. The purpose is to call attention to the priority issues which deserve the serious attention of our lawmakers, advocates, and the public.

This is a joint project of the Hawai'i Family Caregiver Coalition, the Hawai'i Pacific Gerontological Society, and the Maui County Office on Aging. The booklet was distributed to legislators in March 2012 during a Family Caregiver Advocacy Day.

Special Report

In case you missed the special report from *Emese Somogyi, Chair of Board, Kōkua Mau* and to find out why Diane Meier, one of the undisputed leaders and visionaries of our field reminded us: "**Everybody, take notice, because the future is here. Hawai'i is doing what the rest of the country will be doing in 5 years.**" [please visit our website](#).

See you at Palliative Pupus and the monthly meeting

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