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“Continuous Care”

Hawai‘i Hospice and Palliative Care Organization

Kōkua Mau eNewsletter

Da baggah is big this month...

Dear Jeannette

There is a lot going on this month and next so our newsletter is full of (hopefully) interesting and useful announcements.

Dr. Emese Somogyi, Board Chair for Kōkua Mau and Medical Director of Palliative Care at Castle Medical Center compiled some of the highlights from the recent 2013 Annual Assembly of the *American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine* and the *Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association* which was held in New Orleans from March 13 through March 16:

It was a great event in a great city and Hawai‘i was well represented. One of the highlights was **Dr. Daniel Fischberg** of The Queens Medical Center and long time Kōkua Mau board member and supporter receiving the Academy's Gerald H. Holman Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Fischberg's involvement with Kōkua Mau was acknowledged in the program and from the stage.

New Fellows of the Academy with ties to Hawai‘i include Dr. Fischberg and Dr. Kavita Sharma. Dr. Ayano Kiyota (HPH, Pali Momi) had a very interesting poster presentation. The meeting was attended by over 2,500 physicians, nurses, and other health professionals. For highlights of a few pearls: [please visit our website](#).

Finally, as the Board President of Kōkua Mau, I would like to use this opportunity to thank all of you for supporting Kōkua Mau. Because of that, the organization is able to continue its role of building our collective strength in caring for those who need it the most. As one conference speaker said: in doing this job, you risk your heart every single day.

Emese Somogyi

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