



# KŌKUA MAU

*“Continuous Care”*

## Hawai‘i Hospice and Palliative Care Organization

### Kōkua Mau eNewsletter

**February  
2013**

Dear Jeannette

We have great news: Our own Dr. Daniel Fischberg, Kōkua Mau Board Member, will be presented the Holman Distinguished Service Award from The American Academy of Hospice & Palliative Medicine (AAHPM) on Friday, March 15 in New Orleans. Dr. Fischberg is the Medical Director for the Pain and Palliative Care Program at Queen's and serves as the Chief of the Division of Palliative Medicine and a Professor in the Department of Geriatric Medicine at the John A. Burns School of Medicine.

Needless to say, this is quite an honor! Past winners include Dr. Ira Byock and Dr. Charles von Gunten.

The [award](#) recognizes outstanding and dedicated service to the Academy of Hospice & Palliative Medicine. The award is presented to an individual that has advanced the mission of the AAHPM in a significant and lasting way. Congratulations Daniel!!

#### Why Join Kōkua Mau?

Kōkua Mau, as a local community-benefit organization (not a state agency!), is fueled by the passion of dedicated volunteers with a lean budget and every penny spent on making our work possible. Your generous tax-deductible gift will allow us to have a real impact on improving quality of life for those with serious illness and their loved ones.

For over 13 years, Kōkua Mau has been a voice for outstanding hospice and palliative care and services in Hawai‘i, providing high-quality information, trainings and ever growing networking opportunities. Check

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**Join Kōkua Mau as a members now for 2013!**

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

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You can read more on the website about some of [our current activities](#). Please get involved!! [Some 2012 highlights](#):

- [POLST](#)
- **Education and Networking for Professionals**
- **Advance Care Planning Materials**
- **Supportive Care Pilot**
- **Quality Improvement Project**
- **Outreach to the Public**

Please contact [Jeannette](#) with any questions.

### **Thur. 2/28 Kokua Mau Monthly Meeting**

Please join us for the monthly Kokua Mau meeting. This month at the request of Kokua Mau members we have invited Ho'okele to present information about their health navigation program and their iHealthHome technology. Vicki Shim and Jameson Martin from Ho'okele will be doing the presentation. Ho'okele's web site is [hookelehealth.com](http://hookelehealth.com)

We will also have updates from Anna Loengard on the C-TAC (Coalition to Transform Advanced Care) meeting she recently attended, the HMSA Supportive Care program and progress on the ACP Decisions videos and their rollout in Hawaii.

**Thursday, Feb. 28**  
**Conference Room 224**  
**Weinberg Building** at  
**St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii**  
**2226 Liliha Street**

For directions and parking information [check our website](#)

### **Kōkua Mau Cool Stuff**

Missed a Kokua Mau Meeting? We have posted the minutes of the [January 31, 2013 Meeting](#) on our website.

Another note: Our mailing list is opt-in. In other words you need to actively subscribe to it. In case your organization is a member of Kōkua Mau it does not mean your colleagues will get our eNewsletter automatically. Please encourage them to [sign up](#) with a few clicks.

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### **2 Courses: The ExCEL in Social Work**

This looks like an interesting training for social workers. Please forward it along to your networks. Shirley Otis-Green is involved and spoke about this training when she was here several years ago.

The [ExCEL in Social Work: Excellence in Cancer Education & Leadership program](#) will have 2 courses in 2013. Choose one and apply now, it's free!

Minneapolis, MN: **May 13-14, 2013** (Hilton Minneapolis)

San Diego, CA: **June 3-4, 2013** (Loews Coronado Bay Hotel)

ExCEL is a growing community of dedicated social workers committed to improving the delivery of psychosocial care. Essential elements of the program include strategies for improved team functioning and collaboration, screening and assessment, family-conferencing, culturally-sensitive communication, and advocacy and leadership. Selected social workers will identify a goal that they will seek to achieve after attending an ExCEL course. In addition to the course, all participants will be offered structured follow-up post-course by the ExCEL team and support from the ExCEL community in the form of networking, mentorship, various media and social media outlets, and a variety of other opportunities to personalize their commitment to improve the delivery of psychosocial-spiritual care.

There is no cost to attend ExCEL once accepted. Registration is free, materials, meals and hotel for one night are included in the ExCEL acceptance. (Travel costs are not included).

More on the [ExCEL website](#)

### **Reminders from past eNewsletters**

#### **Save the date: Wed. Feb 13, 2013**

#### **3rd Hospice & Palliative Care Conference in Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i Island**

Attendance will be limited. **RSVP to Hospice of Kona at 324-7700** today to reserve your space.

This event is for Clinical Health Care Professionals and is designed to optimize awareness of options/services to specific patients in your care. Building resources and networking with other health care providers will be an additional benefit.

**Key note Speaker:**

**Dr. Ira Byock**, Chair, Palliative Medicine, the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth, Director of Palliative Medicine, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. Dr. Byock is on the front lines of hospital care and illuminates one of the most important and controversial ethical issues of our time.

Also among the presenters are well known experts:

- Daniel Fischberg, MD, PhD-Medical Director, Pain & Palliative Care, Queens Medical Center
- Stephen Denzer, MD-Medical Director, Hospice of Kona
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See you soon!

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