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# KŌKUA MAU

*"Continuous Care"*

## Hawai'i Hospice and Palliative Care Organization

### Kōkua Mau eNewsletter

**Oct. 2012**

Dear Jeannette

We would like to invite you to a presentation about a new resource that is designed to help health care professionals reach people with serious illness and their loved ones.

Kōkua Mau is committed to helping people better understand the options they face as they make decisions for themselves or loved ones as well as to help providers better explain these sometimes complicated topics. We have been working to find and create materials that will help with this task and are therefore very pleased to invite you to join us.

**Who:** Dr. Angelo Volandes, ACP Decisions

**When:** Monday October 29, 2012.

(Two Options) **3:30pm-5pm OR 5:15-6:45pm (refreshments served)**

**Where:** Kuakini Medical Center Conference Room, PB-5

**Hilo: Tuesday Oct. 30** (we are working on time and date, please RSVP for details)

**Kaua'i, Lihu'e: Wednesday Oct 31** at 12 noon at Wilcox (please RSVP for details)

Please **RSVP as soon as possible** or by Friday October 17 as space is limited to Jeannette Kojane at [koijane@kokuamau.org](mailto:koijane@kokuamau.org) and feel free to forward this on to colleagues who may be interested. Please let me know if you have any questions.

**Details:**

### Quick Links

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### Featured Article



**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. And yes - it is tax-deductible.

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](#).

**Our Members**

**Dr. Angelo Volandes** and his colleagues from ACP Decisions ([www.acpdecisions.org](http://www.acpdecisions.org)) have created a series of short (and some not so short) DVDs that help to explain important concepts in advance care planning including Tube Feeding, CPR, Advance Care Planning and care for people with Dementia.

[Visit Our Members](#)

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These DVDs are designed to be used by providers to help explain these often misunderstood concepts to their patients. These are meant to enhance and supplement one-on-one conversations with providers not replace them.

**Dr. Volandes** will be in Hawai'i at the end of October and we hope that you will join us for a presentation about the project. If there is positive feedback, we will then be exploring how we can make these DVDs available for us in Hawai'i. Kaiser Permanente has already begun using the videos here in Hawai'i and Adventist Health has purchased them as well. HMSA is sponsoring this visit.

You can read more about the project and view a sample DVD at their website [www.acpdecisions.org](http://www.acpdecisions.org), including literature on the project as they already have 2 published articles on the efficacy of the randomized control trials.

## **Kōkua Mau Monthly Meeting Thur Oct. 25**

At the next Kōkua Mau meeting, we will be discussing the upcoming presentation by **Dr. Angelo Volandes** as well as updates of activities in Hawaii.

Additionally we will have a special guest presenting:

**Rev. John Lunn**, RN is a visiting consultant in palliative care in India and Africa. He spent nearly 7 years in India and 3 years in Liberia. His new assignment will be in Tanzania. Before he embarks on his new journey, from the 1st week of October he will spend three months in Honolulu.

Meetings are open to all and are held:

3:00PM to 5:00 PM

**Conference Room 224 of the Weinberg Building  
St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii  
2226 Liliha Street in Honolulu.**

*Please note: There will be no meeting on November 29. The last Kōkua Mau meeting of the year will be held on Dec. 6 when we will be discussing POLST and asking people to share their experiences on its implementation. We will be asking people from different sectors to present as well as strategize about educational and other activities. More details to follow.*

Parking is validated. Directions & details [on our website](#)

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Save the Date: Monday, Nov. 12, 2012  
The Fine Art and Science of Pain & Palliative Care

**Conference on Pain and Palliative Care**  
**Monday, November 12 (all day)**  
**The Queen's Conference Center**

### **Featured Topics:**

- Discussing Prognosis with Patients/Families
- Treatment Preferences with Patients or Families Who Want "Everything"
- Pain Management: Balancing Analgesia & Safety
- Challenges in Opiate Therapy for Patients with Chronic Pain

### **Registration is now open!**

QMC physicians and Staff: \$95 and \$110 after 10/29  
Non-QMC registrants: \$150 and \$165 after 10/29

- Download [registration form and information](#)

For More Info: Call Sharon Caneda at (808) 691-4406 or the Queen's Office of CME at (808) 691-7009 or by [email](#)

### **Featured Faculty**

[\(details on our website\)](#)

#### **Timothy Quill, MD**

Professor of Medicine, Psychiatry & Medical Humanities, University of Rochester  
School of Medicine & Dentistry, Rochester, New York

#### **Maureen Cooney, DNP FNPBC**

Nurse Practitioner/Clinical Nurse Specialist in Pain Management, Westchester Medical Center Valhalla, New York

## **Our Community Survey**

**LAST CHANCE:**

This is your opportunity to tell us what you think and participate in our Kōkua Mau [Community Survey 2012](#). Your answers will be helpful in shaping our activities and scheduling, as well as setting priorities for our work, so please, be as honest as possible.

We anticipate this survey to be 10-15 minutes long. Please be assured that this survey is intended to get your opinions only and your responses will remain confidential. Go to: [Kokua Mau Community Survey 2012 \(link\)](#)

**New Kōkua Mau Materials:  
Tubefeeding, CPR and Advance Directive**

One of Kōkua Mau's main objectives is to help educate people about the decisions that need to be made when they, their family or loved ones are seriously ill. We have 3 new brochures:

- [Tubefeeding](#)
- [Questions about CPR](#)
- Revised Booklet: [Your Advance Directive for Future Healthcare](#) (an additional two page check list to help complete an Advance Directive)

**Two mini conferences for family and informal caregivers**

AARP Hawaii is pleased to announce 2 mini conferences for family and informal caregivers in October and November on Oahu. All events are free. Space is limited. People can register by phone (toll free) 1-877-926-8300, or online.

November 10, 2012 (Saturday): Filipino Community Center

November 14, 2012 (Wednesday): Ala Moana Hotel

Details [and registration links on our website](#)

Aloha -  
Jeannette Kojane  
Executive Director

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