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UH Mānoa Nursing Supports Statewide Palliative and Hospice Training (S-PHC) Program

A grant from the HMSA Foundation provided funding for a collaborative partnership with Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, UH Mānoa Nursing and Kokua Mau, Hawaii Hospice and Palliative Care Organization to benefit long-term care and hospice patients statewide.

Honolulu, Hawai'i (February 27, 2013) – University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Nursing is a proud partner with Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) supporting the development of a palliative and hospice training program for physicians, nurses, and social workers who work with patients and families. The goal of the training program is to provide a broad foundation of knowledge in palliative and hospice care focused on delivering quality patient and family-centered care to long-term and hospice patients.

The S-PHC program's training and evaluation initial phase will be piloted at Leahi Hospital, HHSC's long-term care facility in Kaimuki. Kokua Mau will be responsible for developing the communication training and the mentoring program. HHSC, through its electronic medical record system will track patients' progress and service referral. UH Mānoa Nursing will conduct an exploratory study (supported by UH RMATRIX), describing the self-reported perception of patient and family satisfaction after receiving palliative care services.

"Training and mentoring of Hawai'i's health professionals about palliative and hospice care will improve the quality of care services they provide to seriously ill patients and families" said Dr. Merle Kataoka-Yahiro, Associate Professor, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Nursing.

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About UH Mānoa Nursing

UH Mānoa Nursing, the Nursing Capitol of the Pacific, is the leader in nursing education and research in Hawai'i with outreach to Asia and the Pacific Basin. We support the mission of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa: to provide an innovative, caring and multicultural environment in which faculty, students and staff work together to generate and transmit knowledge, wisdom, and values to promote quality of life and health for present and future generations. The School offers BS, master's, and doctoral programs. To reflect Hawai'i's unique cultural diversity and heritage, UH Mānoa Nursing is committed to increasing Native Hawaiian and other underserved people in all nursing programs. www.nursing.hawaii.edu

About the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation is the fourth largest public health system in the country and is comprised of 12 public hospitals, in addition to two non-profit affiliate providers. HHSC provides a range of high-quality health services including emergency, specialized disease management, primary care, rural care, long-term care, home health, and adult day-health for all patients, including the uninsured and underinsured, regardless of ability to pay. www.hhsc.org

About Kokua Mau

Kokua Mau, a Hawaii hospice and palliative care organization, works around the State to help people who are facing serious illness and their loved ones. They provide materials and resources to people to help them understand the decisions they may need to make and to professionals as they care for people who are seriously ill. www.kokuamau.org

About UH RMATRIX

The University of Hawai'i RCMI **M**ultidisciplinary **A**nd **T**ranslational **R**esearch **I**nfrastructure **eX**ansion or **RMATRIX** is one of five programs funded by the National Institute of Health and based at the UH John A. Burns School of Medicine. RMATRIX provides research infrastructure support for translational, transdisciplinary research on health disparities affecting Hawai'i's diverse ethnic communities. rmatrix.jabsom.hawaii.edu