



Newsletter

HPHA
Hawai'i Public Health Association

September 2011

HPHA Annual Meeting Update – Two Great Fundraisers!

The [HPHA Annual Meeting](#) is scheduled for September 28, 2011 at the UH Bio Med Building. The meeting will feature APHA President-Elect Mel Shipp, recognition of UH Office of Public Health Studies practicum preceptors, planning for the 2012 Pacific Global Health Conference and brief voting for new board positions.

We will have two exciting health-related fundraisers during the reception portion of the evening with [Holoholo General Store](#) and [Bamboo Home USA](#). Holoholo General Store is a mobile marketplace geared toward helping the people of Hawai'i, farmers, keiki, local economy and environment. They partner with various businesses to bring a selection of the freshest island produce directly from the North Shore farmers to the workplace. They will be taking orders at the Annual Meeting for a one-time trial delivery of produce bags to the to the UH Office of Public Health Studies. The hope is to set up regular deliveries at UH and other locations for those organizations who are also interested.

Bamboo Home USA sells a wide variety of bamboo sheets and other bamboo fabric products. Their mission is to promote healthy and unique products to our communities to be in line with healthier lifestyles.

HPHA will receive a portion of the sales that evening from both companies. Holoholo General Store plans to prepare some fresh food for the reception made from their local ingredients and Bamboo Home USA will be giving \$20 vouchers to everyone who purchases bed sheet sets that evening and \$10 vouchers to those who purchase \$50 or more in other products.

For more information about the HPHA Annual Meeting & Mixer, visit our [website](#).

Member Spotlight

Elizabeth "Beth" Giesting



Please meet Elizabeth "Beth" Giesting who, on September 1, 2011 becomes the Governor's first Healthcare Transformation Coordinator. The work of transforming Hawai'i's healthcare system requires coordinating public and private efforts across the state, seizing opportunities for funding and assistance, and advising on public policies. Among the activities she'll be undertaking are:

- Meeting with consumers and the healthcare community in Hawai'i to get input on how we can improve our system and reduce costs;
- Ensuring Hawai'i has access to the latest information from across the country on transformation; and
- Coordinating the many interests and opportunities already underway in Hawai'i.

Please [click here](#) to read about areas expected to be of focus in the transformation.

Over the years Beth has worked almost exclusively in primary care delivery. She has been the CEO of the Hawai'i Primary Care Association for more than

16 years and, before that, was the executive director of the Kalihi-Palama Health Center. She also briefly worked at the University of Texas Cancer Center in Galveston, TX. Beth is very interested in how we can address the social determinants that lead to health inequities in order to help all people embrace healthy lifestyles and is a member of multiple [public health-related organizations](#).

As of September 1, 2011 you may contact Beth at beth.giesting@hawaii.gov. Please also check out the Hawai'i Primary Care Association's annual conference on September 29-30, 2011 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. For more information visit: www.hawaiiPCA.net.

Chronic Disease Summit 2011

The Chronic Disease Management and Control Branch cordially invites you and your colleagues to attend the **Chronic Disease Summit 2011, Part II: Community Planning and Action** at the Ala Moana Hotel in Honolulu on Tuesday, **September 13, 2011**.

This meeting will bring together stakeholders and partners from across the state with an interest in the social determinants of chronic disease.

The purpose of this summit is to share progress made since the last Summit and to share promising practices in addressing the social determinants of chronic disease. As always, there will be time for networking and sharing throughout the day. We look forward to seeing you in September!

To register, please contact Amy Geyer at the UH Conference Center at ageyer@hawaii.edu or 956-8204 by Wednesday, September 7, 2011. Enrollment is limited to the first 200 registrants.

Save The Date!

A Training & Coalition-Building
Conference For Youth Service Providers

"Meeting A Critical Need: Creating A Safety Net For Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Youth"

Fri, Oct. 21 • 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i
1345 S. Berensia St., Honolulu

Grant Funding From Hawaii Department of Health,
Hawaii People's Fund, HPHA Foundation & State Equality Fund
Mr. Ji Chang at 808.952.7111 or jschang@hawaii.gov



Skills Building and Coalition Building Conference

October 21, 2011

This conference will kick-off a statewide collaborative effort among youth services providers, from the social services, health, education, and juvenile justice fields - including government and private non-profit organizations - committed to assuring that our safety net for youth extends to Hawai'i's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) youth, throughout Hawai'i. [See flyer](#) for more information.

Complete Streets

September 13 & 14, 2011

AARP is sponsoring three free sessions on September 13 and 14, 2011 at the Nuuanu YMCA, about the principles of complete streets and action planning in Honolulu. These sessions will be led by [Dan Burden](#) of the Walkable and Livable Communities Institute.

For more information, contact Jennifer Dang, jimakokua@hawaii.rr.com, or see the [attached flyer](#). Please visit <http://bit.ly/mQoK1J> to register.

Hawai'i Public Health Association

Our Mission

HPHA strives to promote public health in Hawai'i through leadership, collaboration, education, and advocacy.

Our Vision

HPHA envisions health equity in Hawai'i and the Pacific and a strong public health workforce able to effectively respond to health challenges.



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