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You are invited to

**Kokua Council's 13th Annual Community Forum: "Looking out for our kupuna in 2017"**

**Monday, October 24, 2016** Miyama Main Hall, Harris United Methodist Church

**11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Nuuanu Ave. and S. Vineyard Blvd.—Ample parking—driveway off Nuuanu Ave

**Agenda:**

11:30 Luncheon (optional): Various Pizzas, Salad, and Dessert—\$5.00 Donation

11:55 Welcome, Introductions and Remarks

12:00 Program: Kokua Council's 13th Annual Community Forum: "Looking out for our kupuna in 2017"

Your comments and votes will be collected

1:30 Adjourn

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**Kokua Council Windward: Thursday, October 13, 2016: "The Urgent Need for Prison Reform in Hawaii" COMMUNITY WELCOME**

Pohai Nani, Club Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 45-090 Namoku Street, Kaneohe

**11:30 (Optional) — Buffet Lunch in Dining Room, \$11.** Reservation and Information: Samuel Cox (808) 779-3606 or [revsamuelcox@gmail.com](mailto:revsamuelcox@gmail.com).

**12:30 Program:** Kat Brady, "The Urgent Need for Prison Reform in Hawaii"

**Kat Brady** is a community justice advocate with a lifelong dedication to bringing the community's voice into public policy. As Coordinator of Community Alliance on Prisons, she works to increase civic literacy, public participation and advocates for just policy changes that are humane, compassionate and preserve human dignity.

1:30 Adjourn

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# Let's Look at Kupuna Care Funding

By Marc Delorme

When it comes to looking out for seniors in Hawaii, funding for the Kupuna Care program is essential. Many services for seniors depend on this funding source. So, Kokua Council decided to look at the support for this crucial program over the last ten years.

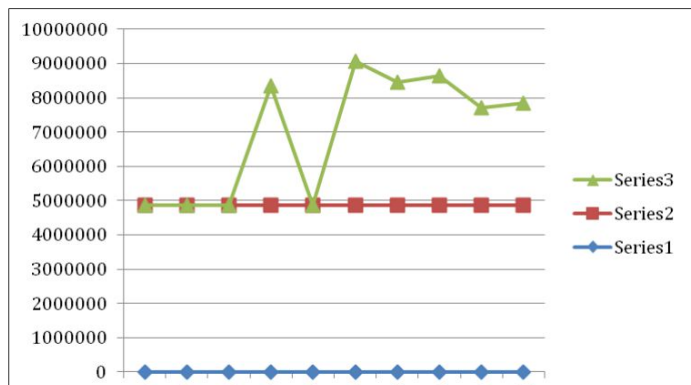
A request for information from the State of Hawaii Department of Health yielded the following numbers.

Executive Office on Aging Kupuna Care Funding 2008-2017

Kupuna Care	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Base	4,854,305.00	4,854,305.00	4,854,305.00	4,854,305.00	4,854,305.00
Supplemental	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,500,000.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,854,305.00</b>	<b>4,854,305.00</b>	<b>4,854,305.00</b>	<b>8,354,305.00</b>	<b>4,854,305.00</b>

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
	4,854,305.00	4,854,305.00	4,854,305.00	4,854,305.00	4,854,305.00
	4,200,000.00	3,600,000.00	3,780,000.00	2,850,000.00	3,000,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,054,305.00</b>	<b>8,454,305.00</b>	<b>8,634,305.00</b>	<b>7,704,305.00</b>	<b>7,854,305.00</b>



This is what the funding trend looks like in a graph. (The top line represents the supplemental.)

Then I talked to Barbara Service who has been on the Board of Directors of Kokua Council longer than I and has a better institutional memory. She said:

“We have always gotten a supplement (not sure what happened in 2012); the base budget for Kupuna Care has been \$4.8M since before I was involved. It was usually supplemented \$4.2M for a total of \$9M. For the past two years, though more

than \$4.2M was requested, only \$3M was awarded.

“We've requested that the full amount (\$9M) be put in the base budget (so we don't have to go back **every year** and make the same request; in the last session, the \$3M was put in the base budget, **But only for one year**. This makes a difference because EOA gets the money faster and agencies don't need to scramble, often waiting for six months or more before being funded (can you imagine working six months on the **promise** of being paid?)”

So, a diminishing funding trend at a time when our senior population is mushrooming is not the direction we were hoping for. The funding issue of Kupuna Care deserves more exploration.

## New federal rules for long-term care homes are very extensive, will require more diligent state monitoring

New federal rules that are to take effect November 28 will prohibit pre-dispute binding arbitration agreements for long-term care facilities that receive federal funds—usually Medicare or Medicaid. Removing these clauses, which prevent families from suing, is very appropriate and welcome. This prohibition applies to new admissions only, after the effective date.

But the rule brings extensive changes in other areas, and it will be necessary to closely monitor whether long-term care facilities have made the changes necessary to comply. For example, surveyors may have to determine if staffing is sufficient to provide food to residents that is served at an appropriate temperature and in an appetizing form and is sufficient to prevent unintended weight loss and dehydration. That is just one new requirement of the new federal rule, but it illustrates that enforcement will not be a matter of simply taking a quick glance around the facility. Also, without conducting unannounced inspections, the State will not be able to monitor effectively.

**These examples of rule changes** for facilities receiving federal funds are not intended to be comprehensive. For a **complete copy of the new rule**, visit the Kokua Council website [kokuacouncil.org](http://kokuacouncil.org)

The new rule mandates changes in newly constructed, reconstructed, or newly certified facilities including:

- Bedrooms must accommodate no more than two residents
- Each resident room must have its own bathroom equipped with at least a commode and sink

Changes for all long-term care homes include:

- Each resident room must be equipped with or located near toilet and bathing facilities
- The facility must be adequately equipped to allow residents to call for staff assistance through a communication system which relays the call directly to a staff member or to a centralized staff work area from each resident's bedside, toilet and bathing facilities
- The rule includes changes in personnel responsible for infection control
- The facility must ensure that meal service is provided to meet residents' clinical and nutritional needs

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## Please donate – help support Kokua Council's lawsuit

To get the Department of Health to post care home inspection reports as the law requires will involve convincing a judge that they must do that. The lawsuit has been filed. We have legal expenses ahead. **Please contribute to our legal fund to help us win for Hawaii seniors and others needing long term care.**

We're counting on your help to succeed with this challenge. **Please don't delay**—send in your contribution as soon as possible.

I want to contribute to Kokua Council's Legal Fund. Please make checks payable to **Kokua Council** and mark them "Legal Fund" at the bottom. Please consult your tax adviser as to applicable tax deductions.

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(details on both meetings inside)

**Who Are We?**

**Kokua Council** is one of Hawaii’s oldest advocacy groups. There is a **\$10.00 annual membership** to defray printing and postage costs. At each meeting, topical issues are presented for discussion and possible action. We embrace diversity and extend a special invitation to any senior or intergenerational-minded individual interested in advocating for these important issues in Hawaii. All are welcome. **WHEN:** 4th Monday of every month, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **WHERE:** Harris United Methodist Church @ Nuuanu and Vineyard Blvd. There is ample parking. A light lunch is provided for a \$5 donation. **REACH US** c/o Harris United Methodist Church, 20 South Vineyard, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Mission:** “Kokua Council advocates and seeks to empower seniors and other concerned citizens to be effective advocates in shaping the future and well-being of our community, with particular attention to those needing help in advocating for themselves.”

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Yes! I want to join Kokua Council. Here are my annual dues and my contact information. I understand that my phone number will be added to the Kokua Phone Tree and I will receive the monthly newsletter and occasional e-mails. Our fiscal year starts in January. Please make checks payable to **Kokua Council**.

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