



WORKING TOGETHER TO HELP OTHERS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR LUNCH

Monday, November 28, 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:** Steve Katz and Kumi McDonald: **“Breaking the Stigma of Mental Illness”**

Steven Katz is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, the father of a man living with a mental illness and a woman who is a mental health counselor and music therapist.

Kumi Macdonald is the executive director of NAMI Hawaii (National Alliance for Mental Illness Hawaii) since 2015, a person living in recovery from depression, and a mother of child recovering from depression.

1:00 **Adjourn**

Kokua Council Windward: Thursday, November 10, 2016: “Hawaii Says No More”
COMMUNITY WELCOME

Pohai Nani, Club Room, 2nd 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.

12:30 Program: Catherine Betts and Toby Kapahu: **“Hawaii Says No More”**

Catherine Betts is the executive director of the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of women. **Toby Kapahu** is a survivor and advocate. Both are members of the Hawaii Says No More.

Did you or someone you know experience domestic violence and/or sexual assault? Have you or someone you've known felt the shame and stigma that too often comes when victimized by these crimes? For the most part, these have been considered women's issues. Hawaii Says No More wants to raise awareness and engagement to the rest of the community—especially youth, men and bystanders. Let's all work together to end domestic violence and sexual assault.

Please come learn more about Hawaii Says No More and what you can do to help.

1:30 Adjourn

Kokua Council’s 13th Annual Community Forum: “Looking out for our kupuna in 2017”

Each year in October Kokua Council invites a number of community leaders to speak about issues that are of importance to them in a forum setting. At the end of the session, those in attendance submit their views of what legislative priorities should be in the coming session.

This year’s presenters are listed at the right.

Kokua Council’s board goes through the priorities submitted to us during the next two months. Then we assign leaders to the top issues and make preliminary decisions on what issues will be supported with written or oral testimony in the 2017 session.

Just to give you an idea of what participants submitted, here is a slightly edited list, minimally re-arranged. In other words, pretty close to the raw data. Yes, it’s a jumble, but this is what’s on people’s minds.

- Increase Kupuna Care Funding
- Support Long Term Care Ombudsman program
- Ombudsman funding
- More staff for Ombudsman & Office on Aging
- Homeless Housing
- Affordable housing
- Senior housing
- Long Term Care Insurance
- Increase funding for ADRC Honolulu
- Transportation
- Workforce training in dementia care
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Presenter	Organization
Amber Collins	PHOCUSED
Anne Holton	Senior Companion Program
Audrey Suga-Nakagawa	AARP
Calvin Hara	Manoa Cottage Care Home
Carole Mandryk	Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
Christy Nishita	UH Center on Aging
Corie Tanida	Common Cause Hawaii
Francine Wai	Hawaii Disability & Communication Access Board
Gavin Thornton	Hawaii Appleseed
Janian Thurman	Kupuna Ed. Center KCC
Jennifer Stasch	Partners in Care
John McDermott.	Hawaii Long Term Care Ombudsman
Marian Tsuji	Lanakila MOW
Melissa Mansfield	Altres Home Care
Rose Nakamura	Project DANA
Steve Katz	NAMI
Suzanne Hull	Foster Grandparent Program
Tracey Wiltgen	Mediation Center of the Pacific
Ann Shaver	League of Women Voters
Kat Brady	Community Alliance on Prisons
Pat Zukemura	Faith Action for Community Equity
Merle O'Neil	Waikiki Community Center

Community Forum raw results (continued)

Mental Health Funding	Create caregiver group training
Care for Alzheimers and mentally ill	Financing for long term care
Adjust low income tax credit	Enforce abuses of disabled persons parking permits
Criminal justice reform	Increase Handivan vehicles to accommodate the need
Help for economically challenged	Comprehensive plan for housing homeless and at risk seniors
Reduce incarcerations and Jail	More housing for severely mentally ill
Prison reform	Increase hospital beds for non-forensic mentally ill
Educate the community	Provide funding for more workforce development
Tax reform relief for poor	More affordable long term care home care services
Automatic voter registration	Adopt universal LTC insurance program
Pedestrian safety	Convert Mayor Wright housing into mixed use
End abuse of handicapped	Retirement savings for future retirees who are not state employees
Keep funding Kupuna Care as part of the budget base	Upgrade and increase low income tax credit
Public private partnerships for affordable housing.	Fire the Mayor and the City Council
Adjust property taxes to tax rich and absentee landlords	Public Awareness programs for seniors
Send psychiatrists and social workers for mental health emergencies, not police	More senior home services

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.

\$10.00 \$25.00 \$100.00 \$250.00 Other: _____

Date _____

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November 10 Kokua Council Windward: “Hawaii Says No More”
September 28 General Meeting: “Breaking the Stigma of Mental Illness”
 (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**.

Individual Member __ \$10.00 Life Member __ \$100.00 Organizational Member __ \$25.00

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