



WORKING TOGETHER TO HELP OTHERS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR LUNCH

Monday November 27, 2017, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Miyama Main Hall, Harris United Methodist Church, Nuuanu Ave. and South Vineyard Blvd.

Ample parking—driveway off Nuuanu Ave.

TOPIC: DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: CAN WE PROTECT OUR SENIORS?

OUR PANEL OF EXPERTS:

- Inspector Nelson Makua who is with the Fire Prevention Bureau of the Honolulu Fire Department
- Toby Clairmont who is the Executive Officer of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA)
- John Cummings III who is Public Information Officer for the City and County's Department of Emergency Management

Agenda:

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

11:45 Welcome, Introductions and Remarks, Jim Shon, Interim President

12:00 Panel of Experts' remarks and Q&A. 1:00 Adjourn

Kokua Council Windward

Thursday, November 9th 12:30-1:30 pm, Pohai Nani, 2nd Floor Club Room

"Life of The Land- Where We Are Today" with Henry Curtis

Henry Curtis will give an update on what are the issues in Hawaii today.

For more information call Samuel Cox 779-3606 or Dick Miller 254-1796

In 2001 the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration identified the following responses of elders to disaster situations:

- 1. Sensory Deprivation** – Sense of smell, touch, vision and hearing may be less acute – hard to hear what is said in a noisy environment, or smell rotted food.
- 2. Delayed Response Syndrome** – Seniors don't react as fast, may need to keep disaster application centers open longer.
- 3. Generational Values** – how and what services are acceptable may be different depending on the generation, attitudes towards accepting help, etc.
- 4. Chronic Illness And Medications** – conditions such as arthritis make it harder to stand in long lines for services. Medications may cause confusion. Dehydration is an issue.
- 5. Memory Disorders** – seniors may not remember directions or information.
- 6. Transfer Trauma** – frail elders dislocated without adequate support could cause illness or death.
- 7. Multiple Loss Effect** – loss of spouse, income, home, physical abilities, compound each others, makes recovery more challenging.
- 8. Hyper/Hypothermia** – seniors are often more susceptible to the effects of heat or cold.
- 9. Crime Victimization** – con artists target the elderly particularly in a disaster. These issues need to be addressed in shelters/
- 10. Unfamiliarity With Bureaucracy** – especially seniors who have not had experience working through a red tape system. Especially true of older women whose spouse may have handled a lot of paperwork.
- 11. Literacy** – those with lower educational achievement – harder to understand and complete applications or follow complicated directions.
- 12. Language And Cultural Barriers** –command of English, understanding authority figures, American systems and expectation,

trusting police, etc. This also means that police and other authority figures may lose patience and interpret cultural difference as noncompliance.

13. Mobility Impairments – just getting around, driving, use of public transportation, ability to carry supplies.

14. Welfare Stigma – Many elders are adverse to accepting welfare or help.

15. Mental Health Stigma – feelings of shame may prevent elders or their families from reporting mental health issues during a disaster.

16. Loss Of Independence – many fear the loss of independence if they ask for help. Fear of being placed in a nursing home may be a barrier.

2017 Kokua Council Community Forum Poll Results (3 or more mentions)

License Aging in Place Homes	17
Affordable Housing	14
Support \$ for Kupuna Caregivers Program	11
Workforce Development & Training	10
Support \$\$ for EOA, Kupuna Care	10
Tax REITs	9
Death With Dignity	9
EOA Mandated Alzheimer's Plan & Report	8
Fall Prevention Programs	8
Vote by mail & On line	8
Fix Provider Funding Issues	5
Tax Relief For the Poor	5
Provider Status for Pharmacists	4
Tighten up Handicap Placard Rules	3
Paid Family Leave	3
Regulations for Condos	3
Raise Minimum Wage	3
Public Funding for Elections	3



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Who Are We?

The **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 & South Vineyard Blvd., Ample parking and a light lunch are provided for \$5.00 Donation. **REACH US:** c/o Harris United Methodist Church, 20 South Vineyard Blvd, 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. "

YOUR 2017 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Board and attending community members elected the 2017 Kokua Council Officers and Board Members. **Officers:** President – OPEN; Vice President (& acting President) - Jim Shon, 282-1509; Secretary – Lyn Moku; Treasurer – Barbara Service, **352-7779** **Board Members:** Charles Carole; T. J. Davies, tjdavies@juno.com ; Larry Geller, 540-1928; Phyllis Hiramatsu, Tony Lenzer, Lila Mower, Marilyn Seely, Barbara Service, Helen Wagner. Emeritus: Sam Cox, Laura Manis, Richard Miller.

Website: www.kokuacouncil.org

JOIN KOKUA COUNCIL!

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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Life Member __ \$100.00

Organizational Member __ \$25.00

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