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Congratulations Medical Coding Students



Medical Coding students (Back Row) Melody Batalona, Lorna Souza, Althea Watanabe, (Middle Row) Eva Galariada-Rosa, Alexis Hartford, Airleen Lucero, Cheryl Wilhelm, Myrtle DeCanto, Manoa Ayau, (Front Row) Eve Williams, Keoki Clemente (Instructor), Lynn Chong-Albert, and Louella Kala-Makahi successfully completed the Wai'anae Health Academy's Introduction to Medical Coding course on August 9. Course instructors were Jeri Leong, R.N., CPC, CPC-H and President of the AAPC National Advisory Board of the Healthcare Coding Con-

sultants of Hawaii, LLC, Keoki Clemente, and Essie White. Mrs. Leong, lead instructor, said, "I feel the students showed enthusiasm, dedication and commitment throughout the ten weeks and we are proud to have been a part of developing this new career path for them." This class is the first step toward a career in the fast-growing field of Medical Coding. According to Mrs. Leong, because of the growing need for healthcare providers to care for the rapidly expanding senior population, the job market is looking up for those interested in this field.

The Waianae Comp. August 5 Blood Drive... A Huge Success!



Everyday in our community, hundreds of Hawaii's patients count on a healthy blood supply for their survival. Yet, the statistics are startling. Nearly 60 percent of us will need blood sometime in our life, but only 2 percent of us donate.

Blood donation is an important community service that will help ensure that blood is available when you or someone you love needs it. One donation saves up to three lives.

The Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center supports the Blood Bank of Hawaii, and as a Life Saver Club Member sponsors semi-annual blood drives. Thanks to community residents, patients and staff who participated in the blood drive, we collected 70 precious pints of blood. (That means we helped save up to 210 lives).

Mahalo, Waianae, for continuing to give the "Gift of Life"!

WAIANAE HEALTH ACADEMY NEWS

Fall 2004 – Enroll NOW!!

- September: Introduction to Health Professions (1 credit)
- October: Introduction to Medical Terminology (1 credit)
- November: Community Health Worker I (11 credits, Certificate of Completion)

Spring 2005

- January: Community Health Worker II – Social Work (7 credits, Certificate of Competence)
Medical Terminology
- February: Men in Transition Phlebotomy

For more information on these programs, call the Wai'anae Health Academy at (808) 696-3155. Location: 86-088 Farrington Hwy. #202, Waianae, HI 96792

Tobacco Education by Teens at 'Sunset'



Left to right: Natasha Silva, Olivia Vasquez, Jasmine Paglinawan, Maile Perreira, Helena Crawford, Jessica Landsness, Kau'i Brown, Kyle Tecson

August 14, 2004, Sunset on the Beach, kicked off the first community event of the year for the WCCHC's Youth Health Corp ~ TeenBEAT (Teens Being Educated About Tobacco) program. Individuals from the community and beyond attended the successful two-day event. TeenBEAT members from Wai'anae High School teamed up to increase public awareness about tobacco and the consequences of smoking.

The
Wai'anae Health
Academy
is Recruiting
for the
OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPY
ASSISTANT
(OTA)
PROGRAM



This is a Kapi'olani Community College accredited program. Pre-requisite courses will be offered at the Wai'anae Health Academy beginning in the Spring 2005 semester. The OTA program begins in Fall 2005.

SEPTEMBER CLINIC HOURS:

Medical and Dental Clinics

Closed: Labor Day, Monday, September 6, 2004

Medical Clinics:

Appointments available Monday - Saturday
Call 696-7081 to schedule an appointment.

Dental Clinic:

Open Monday - Friday and some Saturdays.
Call 696-1496 to schedule an appointment.

Adult Day Care open 365 days a year.

Emergency Room open 24 hours a day!

HARVARD TAKES AN INTEREST IN WAIANAE

The Director of the Center for Integrative Medicine Research at Harvard University came to Waianae in August to see what excellent work Waianae is doing in the field of Integrative Medicine. Dr. Eisenberg came with Dr. Ira Zunin, the Chair of the Hawaii State Consortium on Integrative Medicine, and Mr. Roger Epstein, Esq., a board member of the Consortium.



Pictured at the WCCHC dining facility are (L to R), Dr. Ricardo Custodio, Medical Director of WCCHC, Dr. Terry Shintani, Director of Integrative Medicine at WCCHC, Mr. Richard Bettini, Executive Director of WCCHC, Kahu Kamaki Kanahele, Director of the Native Hawaiian Healing Center, Dr. Ira Zunin, Dr. David Eisenberg, Mr. Roger Epstein, Esq.

Wai'anae Participates in State-wide Disaster Training

The week of August 9th, Hawaii participated in a statewide bio-terrorism exercise; dubbed Ho'pakele Exercise. Because WCCHC has an emergency room, we receive HRSA funding for disaster preparedness and were eligible to participate in the hospital track portion of the exercise. Dept. of Homeland Security, CDC (Centers for Disease Control) and HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration) funded this exercise that posed the scenario of an infectious disease being introduced into Hawaii. The focus of the exercise program was to evaluate the movement and distribution of medicine and supplies from the Strategic National Stockpile to HI. Also important, was to test how well prepared our medical facilities are to respond to this type of threat, and the surge of sick patients that would result. As a member of the Emergency Management group of Healthcare Association of Hawaii, WCCHC ER was presented with a mock patient on August 10th. Per the federal evaluator, all the staff did an "excellent" job of managing the patient and taking

measures, that had the scenario been real, would have kept the employees and other patients safe! On August 12th the center opened their EOC (Emergency Operation Center) and worked together with EMS, HAH, MAST and others to assess how we can better serve the community in any disaster situation.



Disaster Training Mock Patient being cared for by WCCHC ER staff.

Re-opening soon at the FILCOM Center Waipahu Family Health Center

(previously Waipahu Clinic/Rural Oahu Family Planning)

An update to our patients:

Waipahu Family Health Center is scheduled to re-open our doors in November at the FILCOM Center in Waipahu.

For healthcare until we re-open, call the Kapolei Health Care Center at 674-9352.

'Oi Kau Ka ʻa, E Hana I Ola Honua:

While the sun yet shines, do all you can.

- Pukui 1983, 'Olelo No'eau #2388

Theme Discussion and Demonstration
by Ms. Noelani Wilcox

September
is
Women's Health
Month!

Healthy Cooking Demonstration
by our very own
Dr. Stephen Bradley

Visit our informational booths on Women's Health Issues

Aloha
Na Wahine

Come join us at our

Free
Jamba Juice
(while supplies last)

4th Annual Women's Health Day Event

Friday, September 10, 2004

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

at the WCCHC Amphitheater

Free
Native Hawaiian
Plant

Focusing on the Value of Time and Health.



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For more information contact: Jo-Lyn Correa 696-1569 or Veronica Gardner 696-1584

Come Dine at The Pavilion

at the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center



OPEN: Monday thru Friday

Morning Café:

The best way to start your day!

6:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Menu: Capuccino, latte, coffee bar, herbal tea, breakfast bento, seasonal fruits and cereal.

Lunch: 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Menu: Daily lunch specials including the Waianae Diet, sandwiches, salads, fruits, coffee bar, fresh brewed iced tea and snacks.

Enjoy a fantastic view and a great dining experience!

Waianae Coast Comprehensive
Health Center Dining Pavilion

WITH THIS COUPON: MORNING CAFE

**Fresh Fruit with
Purchase of a
Breakfast Bento**

Offer good Sept. 6-17, 2004 (Coupon may not be duplicated)

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WITH THIS COUPON: LUNCH

**\$1.00 off
Purchase of a
Hot Lunch Entree**

Offer good Sept. 6-17, 2004 (Coupon may not be duplicated)