

YOUTH HEALTH CORPS ~ TeenBEAT PLACE SECOND IN HOSA STATE COMPETITION

On April 5, 2006, three Wai'anae High School students who participate in the Youth Health Corps ~ TeenBEAT program at the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center earned second place in the state-wide Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) competition. Through a partnership with the

Health and Human Services class and the WCCHC, the three teens, Jae Dee Kaeo-Jeremiah, Loke Hew Len, and Franalyn Galiza, have been working hard since the beginning of their school year to gather information on one of their community's greatest health issues - Tobacco.

The YHC students presented their

findings on the prevalence of tobacco use among Native Hawaiians in our community and in the State, and its effects on their health. According to Jae Dee Kaeo-Jeremiah, "the judges were amazed at how much more Hawaiians were affected by tobacco use, compared to other ethnic groups."

The teens will now go to Orlando, Florida to represent the State of Hawaii in the national HOSA competition. With this great accomplishment and once in a lifetime opportunity, the three teens are now eager to compete nationwide and enjoy their time in Orlando.



NEW PROGRAMS AT THE WAI' ANAE HEALTH ACADEMY

The Wai'anae Health Academy, a program of the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, is currently accepting applications for the Health Administration and Plant Landscaping. Both programs are tuition free for all qualified applicants.

In partnership with Leeward Community College, the Wai'anae Health Academy is offering a Health Administration certificate program. There are currently no certificate or Associates degree programs with this specific focus. This two semester program provides a new option for career advancement. There is a B.A. degree in Health Administration at the University of Hawai'i West O'ahu. The WHA will work with LCC to implement a program in Health Administration, that will be a pathway to the program offered at West O'ahu.

The WHA has formed a new partnership with Windward Community College. Through this partnership the WHA will provide an Agricultural Technology Program in Plant Landscaping, which focuses on landscape planting and maintenance, as well as nursery and greenhouse operations. The WCCHC has an expansive garden and greenhouse on its 16 acre main campus that features Native Hawaiian and other plants, which will be used to train students in this program. Students completing this course will obtain a Certificate of Completion through the Windward Community College.

For an application for these program or information on other healthcare professional programs, please contact an education specialist at the Wai'anae Health Academy or call 696-3155.

Wai'anae Health Academy

✦ COLLEGE CREDIT
✦ TUITION FREE PROGRAMS

Summer 2007
HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Fall 2007
LANDSCAPING
(A Wai'anae Health Academy first)
NURSE AIDE
PRACTICAL NURSING

For more information call the Wai'anae Health Academy - 696-3155
Or visit us at 86-088 Farrington Hwy, Suite 202 (next to LCC - Wai'anae)

A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE WAIANAE COAST COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTER, LEEWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE, WINDWARD AND KAPI'OLANI COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Life Long Learning

Health Center Board Member Holds First Consumer Board Seat for National Health Organization



Lyle Kaloi, current president of the Health Center's Board of Directors, was recently named to the consumer board position of the Association of Asian-Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO). AAPCHO is a national association representing community health organizations in Hawaii, the continental United States and other islands in the Pacific. AAPCHO implements a broad

range of health education and promotion programs through its member community health centers, and provides technical assistance, training, data and resources to various organizations nationwide, to help them better serve Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders in their community. Since

its establishment in 1987, the AAPCHO board of directors had been made up of staff representatives from member community health organizations. Adding a consumer board position provides a voice for community members served by AAPCHO health organizations.

NOTICE TO ALL CURRENT Med-QUEST PATIENTS:

REMEMBER THESE DATES:
April 1 - May 31, 2007

Between April 1 - May 31 **ALL** Current Med-QUEST Members **MUST** choose a health plan.

If you **DON'T** choose a health plan by May 31st, you risk being assigned to a plan that you may not like or that does not meet your needs.

3 WAYS TO CHOOSE YOUR HEALTH PLAN

(The earlier you reply, the better your chance of getting the health plan that you want.)

1. You will be receiving your Med-QUEST "choice form" in the mail. Look for a "green envelope". Mail your form to the: Department of Human Services Med-QUEST OFFICE.
2. Or, contact the Med-QUEST call center at: 524-3370. You can make your choice over the phone.
3. Or, fax your form to 1-800-576-5504.

IMPORTANT: The Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center only contracts with the following QUEST health plans:

ALOHA CARE and **HMSA-QUEST**

If you select Summerlin or Kaiser for your health plan, you will not be able to see your primary care medical provider at our Health Center

QUESTIONS?

Call Patient Assistant Services at the main center: 696-1403, or talk to your Patient Assistant Services Representative at the clinic where you receive your medical care.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!