

The Waianae Model of Integrated Care in Our Healthcare Home

The Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center has followed the vision set by its founders to offer comprehensive primary care to all in our community regardless of their ability to pay.

The Health Center is organized around a healthcare model rather than a medical model which combines preventive and primary care services together in a healthy, supportive, healthcare home environment.

The components of this integrative approach are depicted in the following three petroglyph artworks that surround this gazebo.



Native Hawaiian Traditional Medicine

The petroglyph depicting the Native Hawaiian Traditional Medicine Model of Care is made up of three images: Pūlo'ulo'u (The sacred stick of spirituality); Hālau (School); and Pewa (Fishtail-shaped patches used to mend cracks in wooden artifacts to seal it together).



Integrative Health

The Integrative Health Model of Care is represented by a petroglyph with multiple images: the large circle represents holistic care; the cross is the four sacred directions; the arrowheads symbolize the inner and outer energies used in integrative medicine; and the inner circle represents the light in all things used in all methodologies.



Allopathic Medicine

The petroglyph depicting the Allopathic Medicine Model of Care is made up of two parts: the wooden staff of Asclepius (personification of the healing arts and its ideals from Greek mythology) and the single serpent encircling the staff represents renewal of youth as the serpent casts off its skin.



In the words of our Board Chair, Anthony Guerrero, Jr.

"The Health Center understands the connection between the body, mind and spirit. Our beautiful landscaping and walking trails encourage quiet reflection and offer an opportunity to heal more than just the physical level."

For more information on our Healthcare Home Model of Care, our services and clinic locations, visit us at www.wcchc.com.