DESIGNING LIVABLE COMMUNITIES FOR AN AGING SOCIETY

Is Hawaii Ready for Our Aging Society? The number and proportion of older adults continues to increase in Hawaii. In 2000, there were 207,000 older adults, representing 17.1% of the total population. By 2030, Hawaii is expected to have over 410,000 older adults, representing 25% of the total population (1 in 4 individuals will be an older adult). The aging of our population will pose significant challenges to our economic, physical and social infrastructures. Is Hawaii ready for this kind of demographic revolution?

Expanding the Dialogue and Planning: To better prepare for Hawaii’s aging society, the Executive Office on Aging and the four County Area Agencies on Aging (Honolulu Elderly Affairs Division, Kauai Agency on Elderly Affairs, Maui County Office on Aging, and Hawaii County Office of Aging) joined forces to expand the dialogue between public and private sectors, non-profit organizations, and community. State and county aging offices convened a statewide planning team led by Co-Chairs Dr. Dolores Foley, University of Hawaii Department of Urban and Regional Planning, and Carol Kikkawa-Ward (Former Chair, Plans and Project Review Committee, Policy Advisory Board of Elderly Affairs). Members included: representatives from the State and Area Agencies on Aging, the Department of Health, the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, the Department of Transportation, the Hawaii State Legislature, Mayor’s Offices and Departments, private sector and community.

The planning team organized and held a Conference on Designing Livable Communities for an Aging Society on November 15, 2006, at the East-West Center. Over 150 individuals from across the state attended, including representatives from government, policy makers, private sector, experts in transportation, housing, planning, and the community.

Sandy Markwood, CEO of the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging, served as keynote speaker and reviewed how...
A new coalition was recently formed among Hawaii’s aging advocacy organizations to speak with a united and coordinated voice about aging and family caregiving policies. The first meeting of the newly formed Hawaii Aging Advocates Coalition (HAAC) was held on December 21, 2006. The co-conveners were Wes Lum representing the Hawaii Caregiver Coalition and Harry Mattson from AARP Hawaii. Members include:

- Karen Miyake and Craig Yamaguchi - City and County Elderly Affairs Division
- Tony Wong - City and County of Honolulu Service Providers
- Stan Bain and Jim Howell - Faith Action for Community Equity
- Bruce McCullough and Al Hamai - Hawaii Alliance for Retired Americans
- Tony Lenzer - Hawaii Caregiver Coalition
- Alan Parker and Lito Asuncion - Hawaii County Office on Aging
- Debra Nakaji - Hawaii County Service Providers
- Lyn McNeff - Joint Advocacy Committee on Senior Affairs
- Kealoha Takahashi - Kauai Agency on Elderly Affairs
- Larry Geller - Kokua Council
- John Tomoso - Maui County Office on Aging
- Kathy Louis - Maui County Service Providers
- Rita Barreras - Maui Long Term Care Partnership

The Coalition is comprised of key state-wide aging organizations, from all levels of government, drawn together by a common goal - to advocate on behalf of constituents. Finding solutions to problems facing seniors and their caregivers will take a well-coordinated effort by all members.

The purpose of the initial meeting was to (a) get organized, (b) establish an internal communication mechanism, and (c) to discuss legislative proposals for the 2007 legislative session. In all, 46 separate measures were discussed. While no attempt was made to establish priorities, and as its first official action, HAAC agreed to support the recommendations of the Joint Legislative Committee on Family Caregiving, pending review of the actual bills.

For more information about HAAC or would like to get involved, contact Wes Lum at 586-7319 or email wes.lum@doh.hawaii.gov or Harry Mattson at 545-6005 or 537-2288 (fax) or email hmattson@aarp.org.

At some point seniors may find they need a little extra help with their every day life. If this fits your situation, case management may be of some help. Case management can work with a senior to navigate the various services available in the community in a cost effective and respectful manner. Case management is meant to maximize a senior’s ability to remain living at home and the situation does not have to be a “crisis” in order to enlist the help of a case manager.

What happens? A case manager will come and talk story with the senior and/or their family to assess their needs and what their situation is like. Then based on the information gathered, the case manager will develop a care plan by discussing possible services that may be of some help. The senior is the one to decide what services they would be interested in, and then the case manager will assist them in linking to a particular service(s) whether it is home delivered meals, personal case assistance, respite services, chore assistance, transportation, welfare services, etc. The case manager will continue to be involved for a time to ensure that services are in place and if the senior and/or their family have any additional needs that may arise.

The Honolulu Gerontology Program of Child and Family Service provides case management services through a variety of programs. These programs serve seniors over the age of 60 and/or their family who need some assistance in their activities of daily living such as shopping, transportation, house cleaning, bathing, cooking, etc. These services are provided island-wide. For more information, call 543-8497.
EAD STAFF ATTENDS DC SUMMIT

By May Fujii Foo

EAD staff Karen Miyake, Tony Baccay, Joel Nakamura and May Fujii Foo were among 1,300 attendees at the Choices for Independence National Leadership Summit held in Washington, DC in December 2006. Sponsored by the Administration on Aging (AoA), the event was designed specifically for aging representatives from the 50 states as well as U.S. territories to work together to build future changes to our nation’s system of long-term care.

Many of the sessions focused on providing one-stop centers that offer a menu of services called Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC). Honolulu was awarded a grant to develop a virtual ADRC that will provide in-depth information on services available to seniors and persons with disabilities of all ages. You’ll be hearing more about this in future issues of Aloha Pumehana over the next 18 months.

Other sessions included discussions on the implementation of proven evidence-based health prevention strategies. Honolulu received a grant for the implementation of a Healthy Aging project modeled on the Stanford Model for the management of chronic diseases. EAD will be working in cooperation with Alu Like and Lanakila Rehabilitation Center on this pilot project.

One of the post conference sessions presented by Administration on Aging staff provided an overview of the changes brought about by the recent reauthorization of the Older Americans Act. Staff stressed that the changes were made to simplify the Act, increase flexibility, facilitate program integration and coordination, and enhance efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of services. Additionally, changes provided broader and more flexible funding for services.

One big change effective immediately is in the National Family Caregiver Support Program. The eligibility age of grandparents or other relatives taking care of children 18 or younger, formerly set at 60 years of age, has been expanded to include grandparents and other relative caregivers 55 years and older. Hawaii has many grandparents younger than 60 years old who are the primary caregivers for their grandchildren, so this change will help many people. Services have also been extended to grandparents or other relatives caring for severely disabled adults over age 18.

The reauthorization also allows service providers to offer individuals not currently served by Older Americans Act programs services as private pay clients. The profit earned from these ventures would help to provide additional services to targeted individuals who could not otherwise afford them.

The Meals Programs, the largest program under the Older Americans Act, contributes to the nutritional health of older individuals. Changes to both the congregate and home delivery programs will help to further reduce hunger and food insecurity, promote socialization, health and well-being.

Additional changes also expanded and broadened protection to vulnerable elders against abuse, neglect and exploitation and will establish a comprehensive state elder justice system. For more information, call 768-7709.
the coming age wave will impact housing, health, transportation, land use planning, public safety, parks and recreation, workforce development, volunteerism, arts and cultural activities and economic development. She presented best practices from across the country and offered specific strategies to take in creating livable communities for older adults. She asked the audience to think about 3 major questions:

1. Is your community a good place to grow up and to grow old?
2. Will your community meet your needs when you are 65, 75, 85, 95 or even 105?
3. If not, what can you do now to begin to make your community a livable community for all ages?

(Source: Sandy Markwood, National Area Agencies on Aging, November 15, 2006.)

Other speakers included the Hawaii County Mayor, Harry Kim, who offered a strong, values-based message to participants in making life better for all of the people of Hawaii; Dr. Pearl Iboshi, State Economist, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, who provided Hawaii specific data; May Mendelson, PhD, who shared her personal ideas of what is needed; and Ramsay Taum, PhD, University of Hawaii School of Tourism, who added cultural perspectives to the discussion. The speeches highlighted the conference participants’ work in identifying issues, strategies and opportunities and actions to be explored and taken.

Follow-up meetings are being held across the State. The Honolulu Elderly Affairs Division held an informational forum a day after the statewide conference. On January 16, 2007, the Kauai Agency on Elderly Affairs held a similar meeting. For further information on the conference or information on planning processes on Oahu, please contact: Honolulu Elderly Affairs Division at 808-768-7705.
Aging Network.Com
By Joel Nakamura

www.hawaii.gov/dcca/areas/ocp/landlord_tenant Know your rights as a tenant; includes the Landlord-Tenant Handbook by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

www.elderlyaffairs.com/housingguide.html Looking for government subsidized elderly housing? To be eligible you must be 62 or older and meet income limits. Plan early as they have waiting lists. Listing includes eligibility criteria.

www.opala.org Want to know when your trash pick-up is or how to recycle certain items? Go to the Department of Environmental Services website.

www.hawaiiianhumane.org Volunteer, adopt a kitty, or report animal abuse at the Hawaiian Humane Society. Is your health condition making it harder for you to care for your pet? The PALS program may be able to help.

www.parks.honolulu.gov/sdi/home.html Looking for an activity? Want to learn how to swim? Do craft projects? Play games? Here is the listing of the Department of Parks & Recreation activities available at neighborhood park facilities around Oahu.

www.opala.org/main/hawaii_id_cards No longer have a driver’s license and need a current ID? Go here for information on what you need to obtain a Hawaii State Identification card.

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HEALTH RELATED SERVICES FOR KALIHI VALLEY SENIORS AND THEIR FAMILIES

By Merlita Compton, MPH
KKV Elderly Services Program Coordinator

Situated in the heart of Kalihi Valley, next to a gentle flowing stream and surrounded by mango, marungay, and ulu trees is the Kokua Kalihi Valley (KKV) Elder Center. Here you will find a friendly neighborhood setting where elders come to exercise, talk-story, access case-managed services, and see doctors and dentists. KKV Elderly Services is one of 16 health programs operated by KKV Comprehensive Family Services. KKV’s mission statement commits to “work toward healing,” to serve “families and individuals” through “strong relationships” that “honor culture and foster health and harmony.” KKV provides health services to multi-ethnically diverse residents with interpreter and translation services available in 17 languages.

The Elder Center serves Kalihi Valley seniors and their families, including Kuhio Park Terrace and Kalihi Valley Homes, the State’s two largest public housing projects. The overall goal of KKV’s program is to provide effective community-based care and health services aimed at preventing premature institutionalization. Supporting frail or disabled adults helps them to remain living in their own homes as independently and safely as possible, while maintaining or increasing their quality of life.

KKV currently provides community-based Case Management, Caregiver Respite and Support Groups. These programs are Kupuna Care Services, which receive funding through grants from the State of Hawaii Executive Office on Aging and administered by the Elderly Affairs Division of the City and County of Honolulu.

In addition, KKV offers Health Maintenance Programs which provide exercise, health screening, health education, counseling, socialization, and hands-on activities, including a dance group called, “The Staying Alive Kupunas’ Dance Ensemble.” Lunch is provided daily by Lanakila Meals on Wheels to all Health Maintenance participants. Van transportation is provided to and from program activities and medical appointments. Dental and medical clinics, group visits and consultations with nutrition and behavioral health specialists are scheduled twice monthly at the Gulick Center. In addition, the center’s geriatrician provides home visits for clients as needed.

If you are a senior or caring for a senior, call 848-0977 or come to 1846 Gulick Avenue for a visit anytime. Our staff will be happy to provide information about our program.
CS Welcomes new Senior Advisor: “I truly am excited about returning to the City,” says Mark Oto, Senior Advisor to the Director of the Department of Community Services (DCS).

Having worked in the larger State setting, Mark appreciates the collegiality and efficiency of working in the City’s smaller organization. He especially appreciates working with a department that touches the lives of neighbors most in need - members of the aging community, youth, individuals and families struggling to find a home to live in, and those seeking employment to improve the quality of their lives. It has turned out to be exciting and rewarding and he is impressed with the employees’ “can-do” attitude and their commitment to helping the public. “When Mayor Hannemann appointed me to this position, he impressed upon me his goal of leaving the City in a better place than when he entered,” Mark said. “I am appreciative of the opportunity to work with all of our staff and volunteers to do just that - make the City a better place.”

Welcome Aboard, Mark!

Senior Recognition Program:
For the 41st consecutive year, Mayor Mufi Hannemann and the Honolulu Committee on Aging are honoring senior volunteers who gave their time and talents to make a difference in their communities. “Healthy Living by Sharing Aloha” is an awards program for outstanding senior volunteers. Family, friends, and the public are invited to celebrate the accomplishments of each senior nominee as they are recognized and presented with a Certificate of Recognition. The gala event, hosted by KGMB’s Kim Genaula and Guy Hagi and entertainment by Melveen Leed, will be held on Thursday, April 12, 2007 at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel, 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. For more information, call the Senior Hotline at 523-4545.

Fukumoto Adult Day Care, LLC: Located above Aiea High School and in its second year of operation, the Fukumoto Adult Day Care provides a comfortable and safe environment with meaningful and enjoyable activities to stimulate the mind and body. Indoor basketball, darts, balloon volleyball, horseshoes, etc. are not only physically demanding but mentally and emotionally stimulating. “I believe that mental exercises are important to deter or slow down the process of dementia,” says owner/operator, Donald Fukumoto. “My current participants can remember all 50 state capitals with little helpful hints.” Physical and mental exercises are conducted twice daily. The Fukumoto Adult Care operates Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The rates are $60/day plus tax, with $180 deposit, including lunch and two snacks. Participants should be ambulatory and continent. For more information, call Donald Fukumoto at 487-7582 or email at usssmile@yahoo.com.
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6 AARP Driver Safety Program is a comprehensive nationwide course designed especially for the older driver. It takes into consideration the physical changes of the mature driver and identifies ways they may compensate for those changes. The cost is $10 and a Certificate of Completion will be issued upon completion of the two 4-hour course. Registration is required. Windward Community College, 235-7363, Mar 6 & 13, 8 a.m. - 12 noon; Kaiser Health Clinic Hawaii Kai, 432-2260, Mar 3 & 10, 8 a.m. 12 noon; Queen’s Hospital, 537-7117, Mar 4 & 11, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.; St. John Vianney, 262-7806, Mar 13 & 15, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Waikiki Community Center, 923-1802, Mar 19 & 21, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Honolulu Kaiser Clinic, 432-2260, Mar 20 & 27, 12 noon - 4 p.m.; AARP Information Center, 843-1906, Mar 23 & 30, 12 noon - 4 p.m.; Lanakila Senior Center, 847-1322, Mar 28 & 30, 8 a.m. - 12 noon;

15 Senior Classic Games, Halawa District Park, 9 a.m. For more information, call 973-7258.

29 13th Annual PrimeTime Wellness Fair, Thursday, Mar 29, 2007, Blaisdell Exhibition Hall, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Free admittance. Focus on the physical, mental, and financial well-being of Oahu’s senior citizens.

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12 Mayor’s 41st Senior Recognition Program, Sheraton Waikiki Hotel, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. The public is invited to share the entertainment and refreshments. Free. For more information, call 523-4545.

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17 Try Fest, 9 a.m. - 12 noon. For more information, call 973-7258.

OAHU - WINDWARD

Kahuku Public/School Library
56-490 Kamehameha Hwy.
Kahuku, HI 96731
Thur 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
e-file available

OAHU - CENTRAL/LEEWARD

Aiea Public Library
99-143 Moanalua Road
Aiea, HI 96701
Tue 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
e-file available

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Nursing Homes/Home-Bound
Sat 9 a.m. - 12 noon ONLY
Appointments Required
Carolyn Abney (808) 949-0119

Key Project
47-200 Waipioe Road
Kaneohe, HI 96744
Fri & Sat 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Closed Mar 23, 24 & Apr 6, 13, &14
e-file available

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Information and assistance for family and friends who reside on the Neighbor Islands:

Kauai Agency on Aging
Phone: 1-808-241-4470
4444 Rice Street, Suite 330
Lihue, HI 96766

Hawaii County Office on Aging
Phone: 1-808-961-8600
Hilo Office
101 Aupuni Street, Suite 342
Hilo, HI 96720

Kona Office
Phone: 1-808-327-3597
75-5706 Kuakini Hwy., Suite 106
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

Maui County Office on Aging
Phone: 1-808-270-7755
Information Assistance & Outreach
Phone: 1-808-270-7774
200 S. High Street, Wailuku, HI 96793

Molokai
Phone: 1-808-553-5241

Lanai
Phone: 1-808-565-7114

To Obtain State information, contact:
State Executive Office on Aging (EOA)
Phone: 1-808-586-0100
250 S. Hotel St., Suite 406
Honolulu, HI 96813

For Out-of-State information, contact:
National Eldercare Locator
Phone: 1-808-677-1116

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