

Dear colleague,

Thank you so much for considering the completion of the attached survey. We are a small team tasked with organizing a state-wide summit on palliative care. MedQUEST is interested in creating a palliative care benefit for its members and the Department of Health is interested in better understanding the palliative care needs of our most vulnerable and medically complicated residents. The "we" referred to is a group of palliative medicine specialists, educators, and community organizers. We hope to answer 3 questions during the summit: What is the current state of palliative care in Hawaii, what would an ideal state look like, and, lastly, what major steps do we need to take to move forward towards the ideal state in which palliative care services are available to all who might benefit.

At this time the summit is scheduled to take place on April 25, 2020, and in light of current concerns about COVID-19 will likely be a webinar format. To make this as valuable and as informative as possible we are asking for feedback from major stakeholders, of which you are apart. The survey is meant to help create an "environmental scan" regarding the understanding of what palliative care is, the value of palliative care, and the experiences you may know about the palliative care programs currently available in Hawaii. We intend to share, in a de-identified, and aggregate manner, your feedback. We do intend to report data on specific palliative care programs.

In addition, we are working towards achieving 2 major outcomes as a result of this summit which we feel are fundamental to any progress we hope to make in Hawaii: consensus on a definition of palliative care and agreement on core elements any program or benefit characterizing itself as palliative care must include.

This survey should take less than 10 minutes to complete. **We would like responses no later than April 9, 2020, to ensure that we have enough time to compile and analyze the feedback.** <https://forms.gle/qC9931xh8vfDt8qD6>

For additional questions, please contact Jeannette Kojane via email - jkoijane@kokuamau.org

We deeply appreciate your assistance to ensure a successful summit.

Yours truly,

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