

**2021 SMP/SHIP National Conference** Virtual Meeting • Part Two–August 10-12, 2021

# **Power through the Pandemic**

Partnering to Move the Lei Needle Hawaii SHIP, MIPPA, & SMP Hawaii August 11, 2021

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### **Custom Of Giving & Wearing Lei**

# Symbol of Native Hawaiian culture that is given to mark life's major events

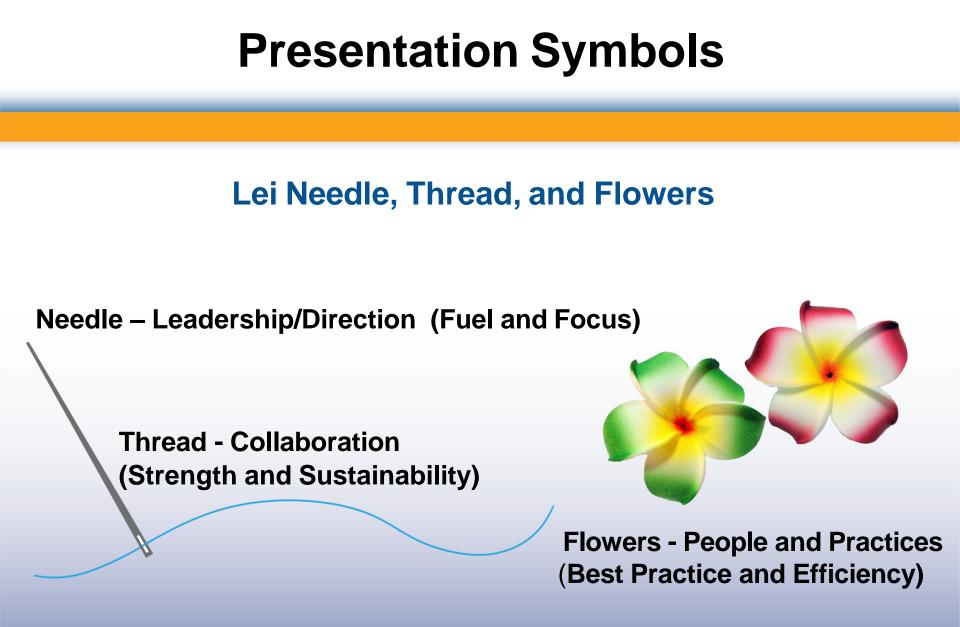


Wanda's move from Hawaii

Carol's wedding

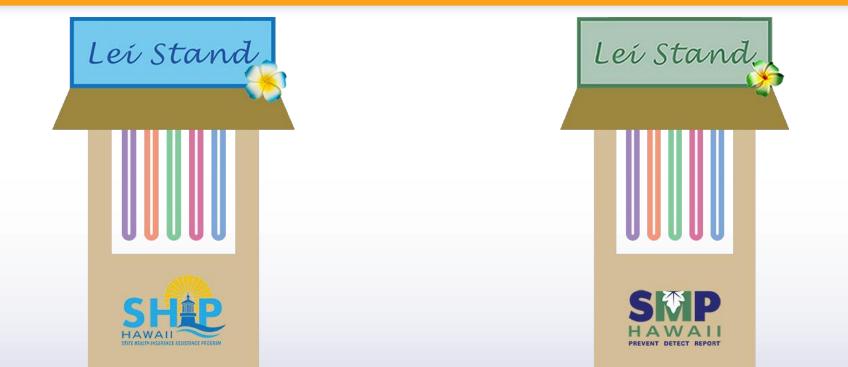
Candace's birthday Norma's college graduation







### Finding Partners with Shared Missions, Goals, and Objectives



Empowering, educating, and assisting beneficiaries with Medicare benefits and costs

Empowering, educating, and assisting beneficiaries with suspected Medicare fraud, errors or abuse

## **Joining Forces**

### **Using 4 Strategic Themes to Guide our Work**



Service Excellence



Capacity Building



**Operational Excellence** 







### **Categorizing the Work within Strategic Themes**



### Service Excellence

- Counseling and Assistance
- Community Outreach
- Kinaole: Doing it Right the First Time



### **Operational Excellence**

- Integrated Planning Meetings
- Streamlined Forms & Processes
- Shared Resources and Costs
- Implemented VRPM to Manage Risk
- Seamless Internal/External Referrals



### **Capacity Building**

- Recruiting/Training Volunteers
- Building Partnerships
- Expanding Knowledge and Tech



### Innovation

- Co-Promoting Projects and Events
- Recruitment Media/Website
- Retention S Formula
- Intro to Medicare Course at UHM
- Silver Linings Volunteer Celebration



## **Targeting the Same Population**



### **Medicare Beneficiaries!**





#### Judy B. SHIP/SMP volunteer





### Rene S. SHIP volunteer

SHIP & SMP with RSVP



# **Focusing on a Shared Purpose**

### **Reach Target Populations**

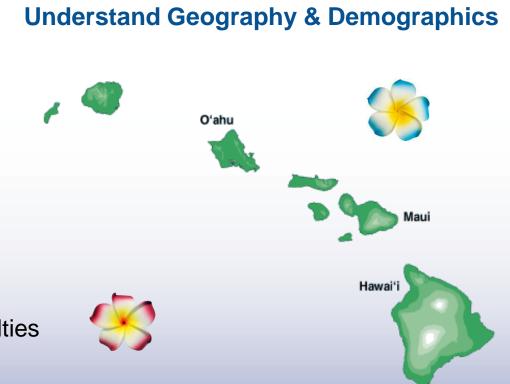
- Native Hawaiian Population
- Low-Income
- Rurally Isolated
- Limited English Proficiency

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### Promote Valuable Message

- Brand Awareness
- Education and Assistance
- Prevent Late Enrollment Penalties
- Prevent Fraud and Abuse







## **Carefully Selecting Our Flowers**



**Identify Best Practices, Partners, and Resources** 



**Collaborate to Achieve Shared Goals, Strategies, and Purpose** 



### Agree on Desired Outcomes

- Streamline Operations/Save Time
- Avoid Duplicate Efforts/Save Money
- Expand and Enhance Statewide Outreach
- Recruit, Train, and Retain Volunteers



## **Sewing The Lei to Work Smarter**

- Trust and Commitment from Staff, Volunteers and Partners
- Defined Roles and Expectations
- Realistic Timelines
- Effective and Open Communication
- Honest Evaluation for Improvement









### **Building a Strong Foundation and Culture**

### Humility, Sharing, and Cooperation to Power through the Pandemic





## **Program Reflection**

Service Excellence

Capacity Building

Innovation

Operational Excellence

### **Questions**:

- What are our needs and wants?
- Who do we partner with?
- Who would we like to partner with?
- How can these partnerships be mutually beneficial?



## Hawaii SHIP Reflection

#### What are our needs and wants?

• Recognized as a community resource for accurate information and assistance

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- Increase Volunteers
- Keep Volunteers and Increase Capacity
- Work Smarter not Harder

#### Who do we partner with?

- Local Senior Centers
- Non-Profit Community Organizations
- Area Agencies on Aging/Aging and Disability Resource Centers
- Other Volunteer-Based Programs
- Federal, State, and County Agencies



## Hawaii SHIP Reflection

### Who would we like to partner with?

- Media (radio, podcast, tv, print)
- Medical Community
- Centers for Independent Living

### How can partnerships be mutually beneficial?

- Joint Marketing and Advertising
- Co-Promotion of Community Events/Presentations
- Networking Opportunities





# **SMP Hawaii Reflection**

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**Operational Excellence** 

#### What are our needs and wants?

#### 1. Know Our Volunteers

- Practice Kinaole: A Significant Transformation of Culture
- Formula for Success aka "S-Formula"

#### 2. Re-Build and Re-Design our Infrastructure



• Standardize VRPM and Best Practice

#### 3. Brand Awareness & Volunteer "Retentment": A Lasting 1st Impression

- Kukui Nut Symbol Informs, Inspires and Validates a New Culture; Be the Light
- Align Retention with Recruitment; "Retentment"
- Aim for Higher Capacity Volunteers; Strong Core
- Pair Seasoned Volunteers with New Recruits; Mentorship



## **SMP Hawaii Reflection**

#### Some of our External Partners:

County, State and Federal Agencies



- Law enforcement, Judiciary, Senior Centers, Banks, Gyms, Golf Clubs; Rec Centers
- AARP Hawaii and other Retiree Associations

#### **Potential Partners:**

- Faith-Based Groups
- Hawaiian Electric, Honolulu Board of Water, Oahu Pickleball Assoc., and other Agencies Serving Older Adults
- Unions Painters, Carpenters, Government Employees, Local 5
- Restaurants, Retail; think outside the (shave ice) cone!



## **SMP Hawaii Reflection**

### How Can Partnerships be Mutually Beneficial?

- Build Awareness of Services
- Leverage Funding, Staff, Materials
- Connect and Integrate Community Resources
- Expand Referral Services
- Strengthen Communities through Communication
- Learn from the Unique Cultures on Each Island
- Increase Access to Benefits and Resources





## Commonality

### **Shared Goals:**

- Meet Performance Measures
- Strengthen Credibility
- Increase Volunteer Recruitment
- Expand Volunteer Capacity
- Retain Volunteers







## **Making Meetings Really Matter**

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#### **Needs:**

- Volunteer Coordinators Join Forces (SHIP, SMP, LTCOP)
- Share Best Practices, Resources, Partnership and Ideas
- Practice Kina'ole to Re-Shape Culture: Doing What's Right...The First Time

### **Planning:**

- Commit to Monthly Leadership Meetings with Volunteer Coordinators
- Encourage Valuable Assessment to Shape Program Improvements
- Support Open Communication and Constructive Feedback



### **Making Meetings Really Matter**

#### Strengths:

- Easier to update and make changes internally
- Positive relationships between Volunteer Coordinators
- Willing to accept constructive feedback and suggestions

#### Weaknesses:

- Accustomed to working in silos (change in mindset)
- Learning curve (learning to work together to reach goals)



# **Making Meetings Really Matter**

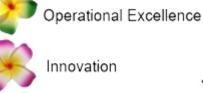
#### **Outcomes:**

- Enhanced internal communications and partnerships (2020-present)
- Addressed authenticity of self and staff to move purposefully together
  - $\circ$  Motivation
  - o Time Management
  - Divergency
- Quantified and Qualified Volunteer Contributions: "S-Formula" and Event Tracker

#### **Additional Benefits:**

- Learned more about each other on a personal level
- Created a safe place for Volunteer Coordinators to share ideas and thoughts
- Proved to be helpful when managing volunteers during COVID-19





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### **Needs:**

- Increase Knowledge of Services
- Increase Number of Volunteers
- Strengthen Program Credibility

#### **Planning:**

- Use Virtual Platforms (website, Facebook, Zoom and Microsoft Teams)
- Use Television, Radio and Print Advertising
- Distribute Newsletters, Grams/Bulletins and Flyers
- Work with Partners on Presentations and Idea-Sharing



#### Strengths:

- Clear goals for marketing
- Clear messaging
- Connections with local media

#### Weaknesses:

- Budget for advertisement
- Evaluate for cost effectiveness



#### SHIP Outcomes: Spectrum/ HNN:

#### SHIP Volunteer Recruitment PSA with UHM Coaches

**SHIP Brand Awareness** 





#### SMP Outcomes: Spectrum/ HNN

#### **SMP Program Outreach / Volunteer Recruitment**

#### **SMP Brand Awareness**





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#### **Outcomes:**

- Expanded Outreach (Public Service Announcements and Ads) on Channels Statewide (Hawaii News Now, Spectrum, Olelo)
- Increased Call Volume (Counseling and Volunteering)
- Increased Awareness and Recognition

#### **Additional Benefits:**

- Utilized Volunteers and Local Personalities to Promote Message
- Seamless Transition of Service Delivery During COVID-19
- Maximized Medicare Messaging During These Unprecedented Times

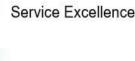




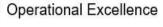
# Joint Events to Inform and Inspire

### **Needs:**

- Increase Volunteer's Knowledge and Skills
- Increase Volunteer Networking to Build Camaraderie



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### **Planning:**

- Broaden Volunteer's Knowledge Beyond the Program
- Aim for Volunteer "Retentment": Recruitment and Retention
- Guest-Partner Presentations to Volunteers
- Increase Participation and Collaboration at Events



## **Joint Events to Inform and Inspire**

#### Strengths:

- Builds teamwork
- Not reinventing the wheel
- Increased attendance from the public
- Going virtual is not geographically limited
- Virtual events saves time, money, and lessens the physical demands on staff

#### Weaknesses:

- More coordination needed to manage increase in volunteers
- Potential scheduling conflicts



## **Joint Events to Inform and Inspire**

### **Outcomes:**

- Maximized human resources
- Increased external partnerships
- Enriched outreach opportunities

### **Additional Benefits:**

- Increased Dual Program Volunteers
- Expanded Volunteer familiarity with other programs
- Developed Volunteer knowledge in technology, healthcare topics, and fraud prevention





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# **Inspiring The Next Generation**

### **Needs:**

- Encourage Careers in Gerontology
- Build Student's Awareness of Medicare and Scams
- Inspire Community Service and Volunteerism
- Strengthen Partnership with the University System

### **Planning:**

- Partner with High Schools, Colleges, and Universities
- Offer Medicare Course with Community Service Project
- Inter-Generational Learning between Volunteers and Students





## **Inspiring The Next Generation**

#### Strengths:

- Existing relationship with the University of Hawaii at Manoa - Social Work and Public Health
- Medicare curriculum
- Connections with aging network, including SMP Hawaii
- · First course ever in UHM history

#### Weaknesses:

- Red tape
- Growing student interest
- Learning curve
- COVID-19



# **Inspiring The Next Generation**

#### **Outcome:**

- Increased Student's Knowledge for Career Development
- Integrated projects with Underserved Populations
- Designed Educational Blueprints to Expand Courses Offerings
- Created Lifetime Friendships with Students and Volunteers

### **Additional benefits:**

- Student Retention as Volunteers
- Mentoring, Support Systems, and Referrals









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#### **Needs:**

- Capture Volunteers' Reflections of Living through COVID-19
- Recognize and Celebrate our Priceless People
- Execute an Unprecedented Event for AEOS/EOA/DOH through Perpetuity
- Prepare for SMP's 25th and SHIP's 30th Anniversaries in 2022

#### **Planning:**

- Shared Program Objective to Create a Unique Celebration Event
- · Identify Roles, Theme, Interview Survey, Production Template and Scripts
- Video Acknowledgements from Partners (County, State and Federal Agencies)
- Develop Sustainable Content: Cooking Demo, Holiday Staff Video, "Silver Linings"
  - a vivid chronicle of Volunteers' sentiments and life lessons from the pandemic



#### Strengths:

- Amazing supportive leadership, volunteers and partners
- Creative and innovative staff who think in unison and can visualize the Finish Line
- Time management and organizational skills required to plan backwards in order to move forward to fruition

#### Weaknesses:

- Never been attempted before at AEOS or EOA
- Limited time with substantial
- Planning: Idea proposed in October; Event held on Dec.17,2021











### **2020 End-of-Year Virtual Celebration**

#### **Executive Office on Aging, Hawaii State Department of Health**



2020 AEOS End-of-Year Virtual Celebration

Silver Linings: A Salute to Our Amazing Volunteers

Praises from Our Partners

Purpose & Power from the Pandemic

What's Cooking?

**AEOS Volunteering: Reflections & Perspectives** 

**Our Priceless People** 

Silver Linings: Life and Living with COVID-19

Acknowledgements







## Summary

### **From Customs to Celebrations**

Honoring Hawaii's Culture and Indigenous People

### The Symbolism

• The Power of the Lei; Needle, Thread and Flowers

### **Selecting the Flowers**

- Necessary, Candid Analysis: Reflections for Next-Steps
- Making Meetings Matter to Produce Results
- Intentional, Purposeful Marketing
- Joining Forces: All that We Do = All that We Are
- Lighting up the Next Gen!
- Empowering our Priceless People



Today's presentation is our Makana to You, a Virtual Lei from Hawaii

