

KA HŪLILI



NASW Hawaii Chapter Newsletter

If you are neutral on situations of injustice, then you have chosen the side of the oppressor.
-Desmond Tutu



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New Home for MBT School of Social Work

Gartley Hall was dedicated as the new home for the Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa on November 6, 2014. The school hosted an open house and friends and members of the Thompson family were on hand to officially open the school. Myron Thompson Jr said of his father, "Pinky Thompson for us was a man who was a representation of all the goodness in mankind. He really was. He lived that everyday."

The new facility is Leeds certified and is part of the historic quadrangle where the development of the Mānoa campus originally started. Gartley Hall, was built in 1921 and is on the Hawai'i Register of Historic Places. The renovation followed preservation guidelines to preserve the historic features, while adding new technology and green features. The building is 24,480 square foot and three levels, which include classrooms with extensive A/V features, a simulation lab and computer lab



The grand opening and dedication of the new home for the MBT School of Social Work, Gartley Hall, UH Mānoa

Letter from the President

Aloha Members and Friends,

I wish everyone a safe and Happy Holiday season filled with joy and peace.

It seems to get more and more difficult in today's world for us to fulfill that wish of peace for ourselves as a nation. What peace and Joy will be had in Ferguson where protests, unrest and tension are high; and as I write this, protestors march in Jefferson Missouri past the governor's mansion to the state capital? What peace will be had in New York where, again a grand Jury failed to indict an officer for the death of Eric Garner? What peace will be had here at home as the city expands the "sit-lie" law to 15 more business districts in Honolulu?

More than anything, these and other issues of discrimination at home and abroad are proof of a fundamentally flawed system. But while a perfect system may be unattainable, it can still be improved. The question is how? How do we make a system that seems doomed to be forever flawed better than it is now?

I can't begin to claim that I have the answer or even an answer but here are some basic ways I make sure I remain a "change agent":

1. I continue to embrace the ecological model of social work – the idea that individual components of any system influence, and are influenced by each other.
2. I stay involved wherever we can to take part in positively impacting the systems around us.
3. I stay as informed as possible when working with systems with which I am involved in order to make decisions and come to conclusions that are not driven by emotion or rhetoric.

I believe all of got into social work so we could make a difference. As we move through the holidays, I invite you to reflect on ways you are being an agent of change and share them with us. I would like to, with your permission, post your thoughts on our Facebook page and twitter feed.

Mahalo,

Eddie

NASW Board

President

Eddie Mersereau,

CSAC, LCSW



Please post your thoughts on how we as social workers can work to improve the status quo to our twitter feed #NASWHawaii or to our Facebook, National Association of Social Workers- Hawai'i Chapter, we want to hear from you!



Upcoming Continuing Education Opportunities

HIV counseling Healthcare Professionals' Teleconference Training Series 2014	Fri, December 12, 12:00pm – 1:30pm	Place: Queens Conference Center Auditorium (QCC) 510 South Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96812	Registration at: http:// www.regonline.com /training12Dec2014 1 CEU
Nonpharmacological Interventions for those Living with dementia: Addressing Behaviors and Improving Quality of Life	Tuesday, December 16, 4:30pm-6:30pm	Place: 15 Craigside Solarium, 15 Craigside Place, Honolulu, HI 96817 Visitor Parking Available	Limited to 100 attendees, so please register by phone or email: Contact: Jody Mishan, 295-2624 or jmishan@hawaii.rr.com 2 CEUs
NASW Social Work Film Festival <i>Horse Boy</i>	Friday, January 23, 5:00pm-7:30 pm	Place: UH Manoa, Gartley Hall	free to attend 2 free CEUs for NASW members

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Send information to: NASW Hawai'i Chapter, 677 Ala Moana Blvd. #702, Honolulu, HI 96813, Phone: 521-1787, Fax: 628-6990

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Member Profile: Keoki Moises

Q: What is the role of the SBBH at Mā'ili Elementary?

A: To provide counseling services and consultation services to the staff, work with family members, advocacy and referrals.

Q: What do you wish the general population knew about your work?

A: That the community can look to the school, that it's not a horrible or terrible thing to see a SBBH specialist, that our work can be proactive and preventative. There is a significant cultural component, it is important to consider economic challenges within the population as well as the population's strengths. Different cultures can benefit from each other, that is a strength, everyone is resilient, Mā'ili is resilient and thriving. As a SBBH, being a social worker I have the ability to assess to formulate, to refer and advocate. With my social work background I am comfortable working with the community as well as in the school providing therapeutic services.

Q: How do students access your services?

A: They are referred by teachers, parents and administration.

Q: What skill set is important?

A: Being warm, empathic and genuine. Without those nothing will help you develop the relationship.

Q: What do you find most satisfying about your job?

A: I work with a good group of people that want to make a difference in kids' lives, one teacher drives all the way from Waialua every day, people want to come to the Mā'ili, we want the kids to succeed, we want to hear that a former student is in college, we want them to succeed in everything they do,

it's important for students to think about Mā'ili and give back, for our students to know when they go away to college or the mainland, to remember to come back, your family and friends will be here. Supporting the next generation is important.

Q: What do you do for self care?

A: Listen to music, go to the gym several times a month, watch movies and spending time with family. When challenged by "mana munchers" or if I am overwhelmed, I take care of myself and don't let it build up, I am sure to take vacation to replenish my mana.

Q: How did you get into social work?

A: I always knew I wanted to support people who were going through a lot in their lives. I wanted to work with Native communities on the Waianae coast, to make a difference by advocating and helping people make changes in their lives, that's why I went to UH Manoa, to get the skills and the knowledge base to be a community member as well as a professional in the community. I wanted to impact the lives of Native children. I plan to stay in DOE until I retire and then be an advocate or a surrogate parent for students who are receiving special education services.

Q: What is your most significant social work accomplishment?

A: Sustaining at Mā'ili for 10 plus years. When I began I was unsure about whether having a disability, I would be able to manage working with behavioral emotionally challenged kids.

Q: Why are you an NASW member?

A: It's important to be able to access resources



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location:
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for our professional growth, to get to know other members and what they are doing in the community and for professional collaboration in terms of consultation and referrals. As social workers it is important to be members of our community, to try and work in your community in whatever way possible, to get involved.



Social Work Film Festival

Brought to you by NASW Hawai'i & the MBT School of Social Work

Friday, January 23 5-7:30 pm
UH Mānoa, Gartley Hall

Join us for a panel discussion about Animal Assisted Therapy & a screening of *The Horse Boy*

Free to attend
2 CEUs for NASW members
A new monthly series

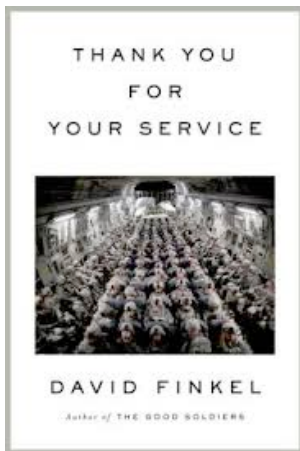


Hawai'i Chapter Annual Donation Campaign

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous and continuous support of the Chapter's activities that are made possible through your donations. Your donations also allow us to provide scholarships for BSW, MSW and PhD students. In 2015, we will be offering 3 \$500 scholarships to BSW students and 2 \$1500 scholarships to MSW or PhD students. Stay tuned for more information on scholarships through your email and our website.

Please consider a donation today. For a tax deductible donation, please make checks out to "NASW Foundation", Hawai'i Chapter in the memo line and mail it to our office (677 Ala Moana Blvd., Suite 702—Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813). Non-deductible donations can be made directly to the chapter, make checks out to "NASW Hawaii" and mail to our office, address above.

Book Review: Thank You For Your Service



David Finkel's book *Thank You For Your Service*, is not a light read and refuses to gloss over the brutality of the last decade of war, but it is a powerful and important book. The author's voice is very removed from the writing, which chronicles the return home of soldiers from

deployment and their complicated and difficult transitions back to civilian life and back home. The book connects people in the life of the Second Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, with Sgt. Adam Schumann as the unifying central figure. It follows soldiers through anger management and PTSD programs, through trying to relearn how to be a spouse or parent again and look for work, while

managing the very real burden of severe mental health diagnoses.

The author seeks to bring to light the individuals whose lives have been forever altered by their service and allow readers and the American public a glimpse into the gritty and real hardships that they face as they struggle with reintegration. "Every war has its after-war, its consequences and reminders, and so it is with the wars of Iraq and Afghanistan, which have created some 500,000 mentally wounded American veterans." He also gives a look at the other end of the chain of command, through Peter Chiarelli, the vice chief of staff of the Army, who had been given the daunting task of investigating the increase in suicides throughout the Army. This moving and painful book is a must read for social workers.

-Reviewed by Sonja Bigalke-Bannan, MSW, LSW

New ACA Resources for Social Workers

Students in the Health Concentration of the MBT SSW developed a website and handout resources designed specifically to help social workers navigate the challenges of the Affordable Care Act.

The Patient Affordable Care Act (ACA) is landmark legislation that promises significant reforms to how people access health care. A greatly expanded role for social workers is anticipated. What do social workers need to know in a rapidly transforming healthcare environment? UHM students of SW 722: Social Work Practice in Health Care provide user-friendly resources for social work students and practitioners—including those who work with older adults, children and families, and consumers of health/behavioral health. Use our Social Work Quick Reference guide (SWQR). More detailed information on how the ACA impacts social work practice and health disparities for diverse persons and communities across the lifespan and fields of practice available at: <http://acahawaii.weebly.com/>. Free materials may be downloaded.



Medicare ICD-10 Acknowledgement Testing

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is in the process of implementing ICD-10. All covered entities must be fully compliant on **October 1, 2015**.

[CR8858](#) instructs all [Medicare Administrative Contractors \(MACs\) and the Durable Medical Equipment MAC Common Electronic Data Interchange \(CEDI\)](#) contractor to promote ICD-10 Acknowledgement Testing with trading partners during three separate testing weeks, and to collect data about the testing. The first testing week was held November 17-21, and two additional weeks are scheduled:

- March 2 – 6, 2015
- June 1 – 5, 2015

While submitters may acknowledgement test ICD-10 claims at any time through implementation, the ICD-10 testing weeks have been created to generate awareness and interest, and to instill confidence in the provider community that CMS and the MACs are ready and prepared for the ICD-10 implementation. These testing weeks will allow trading partner's access to MACs and CEDI for testing with real-time help desk support. The event will be conducted virtually and will be posted on the CMS website, the CEDI website and each MAC's website.

Key points of the testing process:

- Test claims with ICD-10 codes must be submitted with current dates of service since testing does not support future dates of service.
- Claims will be subject to existing NPI validation edits.
- MACs and CEDI will be staffed to handle increased call volume during this week.
- Test claims will receive the 277CA or 999 acknowledgement as appropriate, to confirm that the claim was accepted or rejected by Medicare.
- Test claims will be subject to all existing EDI front-end edits, including Submitter authentication and NPI validation.
- Testing will not confirm claim payment or produce a remittance advice.
- MACs and CEDI will be appropriately staffed to handle increased call volume on their Electronic Data Interchange

(EDI) help desk numbers, especially during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. local MAC time, during this week.

- Your MAC will announce and promote these testing weeks via their listserv messages and their website

MACs and CEDI will be appropriately staffed to handle increased call volume on their Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) help desk numbers, especially during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. local MAC time, during these testing weeks. For more information about acknowledgement testing, refer to the information on your MAC's website.

End-to-End Testing

During 2015, CMS plans to offer three separate end-to-end testing opportunities. Each opportunity will be open to a limited number of providers that volunteer for this testing. As planned, approximately 2,550 volunteer submitters will have the opportunity to participate over the course of the three testing periods. End-to-end testing includes the submission of test claims to Medicare with ICD-10 codes and the provider's receipt of a Remittance Advice (RA) that explains the adjudication of the claims.

CMS plans to conduct end-to-end testing with Medicare fee-for-service providers and industry stakeholders in January, April, and July 2015. Registration for the January testing has closed, but opportunities will be available to register for the testing in April and July. The goal of this testing is to demonstrate that:

- Providers and submitters are able to successfully submit claims containing ICD-10 codes to the Medicare claims systems.
- CMS software changes made to support ICD-10 result in appropriately adjudicated claims.
- Accurate Remittance Advices are produced.

Want More Information About ICD-10?

For the latest news and resources to help you prepare for the October 1, 2015, deadline, sign up for [CMS ICD-10 Industry Email Updates](#) and [follow us](#) on Twitter

Mayor Caldwell signs bill to expand sit-lie laws beyond Waikiki



At the beginning of the month, Mayor Kirk Caldwell signed a bill that extended the city’s ban on sitting and lying on sidewalks in Waikiki to commercial districts throughout Oahu.

The law prohibits the obstruction of sidewalks from 5am to 11 pm and targets homeless people that have set up camps in commercial districts or sleep near shop fronts. The punishment for violation is up to \$1,000. Bill 48, which passed the Honolulu City Council in November, had just applied to the streets and sidewalk areas of Waikiki. The mayor has now expanded this prohibition to include commercial areas in Chinatown, downtown Honolulu, the Ala Moana Sheridan, Kahala, Kaimuki, Aina Hina, Hawaii Kai, Waimanalo and Kaneohe.

Katherine Xian of the Pacific Alliance to Stop Slavery is collecting data and stories of how this ban is hurting people who have

no place else to go. Her group would like to assist attorneys who may want to challenge the legality of the new law.

Proponents of the bill claim that the homeless infringe on the rights of the general public to walk down sidewalks and not encounter obstacles, or business owners who claim that the presence of the homeless affects their businesses.

Mayor Caldwell contends that this is part of his “compassionate disruption” campaign, aimed at forcing homeless people to enter the shelter system, through a series of nuisance laws.

City council members Kymberly Pine and Brandon Elefante as well as homeless advocates contend that the new laws just force homeless people to relocate from area to area, due to a lack of safe, clean shelter space as well as the litany of regulations at facilities, which cause many homeless who suffer from mental illness and drug and alcohol dependence to want to shelter there or qualify to stay there.

There may be further expansion of the areas that homeless are banned from if the city council passes measure 62, which will ban people from sitting or lying on the mall areas in Chinatown and Fort Street. This expansion is opposed by the Honolulu department of Parks and Recreation, who manages these spaces.

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2015 NASW Hawai'i Social
Work awards dinner



Friday, March 6, 2015 6-10pm
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