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Planned Parenthood of Hawaii Receives *Full Accreditation* Recommendation

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii (PPH) was visited by the Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) Affiliate Accreditation site review team from April 28 through 30, 2009. This visit is a part of the rigorous review of programs, protocols and systems in place at affiliates conducted in order to ensure the high quality and efficacy of Planned Parenthood health care services.

PPH was recommended for Full Accreditation (four years) and anticipates receiving the designation later this summer. The Accreditation team recommendation was the culmination of an extensive evaluation of PPH procedures and policies that included both the on-site visit and off-site reviews for compliance in more than 100 accreditation indicators.

Before the site visit team arrived, PPFA experts in Board and Administrative policies reviewed a score of PPH documents, procedures and policies. As stated in the recommendation: "The affiliate prepared for accreditation in a comprehensive way and took the opportunity to update their policies and procedures, many of which would be excellent samples for other affiliates."

The Accreditation visit team included an M.D. surveyor and two advanced practice Nurse Practitioners. During their intensive three-day visit, the PPFA site team reviewed more than 170 PPH medical records, observed over 35 areas of clinical competence, visited all three of the PPH health centers (Honolulu, Kahului and Kailua Kona on the Big Island), audited 10 personnel records, and conducted 12 personal interviews with staff and the President of the Board of Directors. The site visit reviewers monitored procedures in abortion, colposcopy and family planning services. The recommendation states: "The care delivered at the PPH health centers is excellent and the affiliate is to be commended for the complexity of services offered. Charts are well organized and it is easy to access information. PPH's critical documents are in a high level of compliance with PPFA's accreditation standards."

Other operational areas that received attention included administration, fund development, educational programs, public affairs, and diversity within staff and volunteer leadership. The recommendation concludes with the following: "PPH is to be commended for their many efforts and accomplishments for which they are rightly proud. PPH is acknowledged for its inspiring education program, quality clinical services, and commitment to a strong advocacy program."

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The 2009 session was a busy and exciting one for Planned Parenthood of Hawaii. We had three major bills this session, Comprehensive Sex Education, Refusal of Abstinence-Only Funding and EC in the ER.

Thanks to all of our friends' and partners' support, SB777 Relating to Comprehensive Sex Education passed! This bill requires that any recipient of state funding intended for sexual education provide comprehensive and medically accurate education, including information about contraception and sexually transmitted diseases. It's a giant step toward helping our teens make safe and responsible choices about sex!

HB329/SB778 urged the State of Hawaii to refuse Federal Title V "abstinence-only" funding. Though this bill did not pass, we are pleased to report that President Obama has put an end to the era of "abstinence-only" sex education. On May 7, 2009, President Obama released his proposed 2010 budget, eliminating mandatory "abstinence-only" education. His new budget promotes the use of evidence-based programs, such as education that includes information about contraception, to reduce teen pregnancy rates.

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As in so many other years, EC in the ER, HB428/SB604, did not pass. There was much discussion this year surrounding an amendment that would exempt religion-affiliated hospitals from complying with the new law. While we were successful in keeping this amendment out of the bill that passed the Senate, it ultimately died when the House Committee on Health declined to schedule a public hearing. We will continue the fight to ensure that all victims of sexual assault receive complete and compassionate emergency medical care in Hawaii's emergency rooms.

PPH opposed several bills that aimed to limit women's access to reproductive health care, including abortions. Bills were introduced to ban "partial-birth" abortion, to require parental notification for minors seeking abortion services, to create new crimes for harm to or for the killing of a fetus, and to define a fetus as a human being. None of these bills succeeded, and in fact did not receive public hearings in their assigned committees.

On a personal note, 2009 was my first legislative session as PPH's new Vice President of Government and Public Affairs. Despite long weeks, late nights and a particularly steep learning curve, it has been a great session. Being able to advocate for reproductive rights alongside our invaluable allies and partners has been a wonderful experience. I can't wait for 2010!

Katie Reardon joined Planned Parenthood of Hawaii in January 2009 as Vice President of Government and Public Affairs. Prior to PPH, she served as the Senior Attorney at Boston's Victim Rights Law Center, where she provided legal services to victims of sexual violence. A graduate of Northeastern University School of Law and the University of Vermont, Ms. Reardon moved to Hawaii in 2008. When she isn't working or chasing after her dog, Lucky, she is exploring the joy of life in Hawaii.

Young Fun's *Damn! I'm Sexy* Party a Steamy Success

Young Fun, a PPH committee organized by young, professional men and women, was started in December of 2008. We wanted to have a fundraising event that would highlight the new wave of young working professionals who would like to give back to PPH. Young Fun successfully organized the *Damn! I'm Sexy* event for Valentine's Day.

Damn! I'm Sexy was an event to highlight the *sexiness* of staying sexually healthy. This includes making sure young men are getting tested for testicular cancer, young women are aware of their birth control options, and both men and women are taking responsibility for their sexual health. The idea being that proactive is sexy!

The 39Hotel in Chinatown provided a hip venue for the event, with a nice, relaxing outdoor/indoor bar and dance floor. Christian, 39Hotel bar chef, created signature cocktails for the event, and cookies were donated by Hokulani Bakery. We also had fabulous donations from the HonuGuide, Passion Parties, Alliway Boutique and the Hawaii Superferry for door prize drawings.

We held a Sexy Outfit Contest for those daring enough to dress up in their sexiest outfit. We had five categories for contestants to enter: Most Catalogue, Most Hardcore, Most Creative, Most Missionary and Most Naked. Alliway Boutique donated the gift bags for the winners. PPH staff member Veronica Ryan dressed up as the Condom Fairy and won in the Most Creative category!

Leading up to the event, *Damn! I'm Sexy* was highlighted in the local newspapers. *The Honolulu Weekly* described the event as one of the hot picks for Valentine's Eve. *The Honolulu Advertiser* and *Star-Bulletin* both listed the event in their Weekend Events Section. The MetroMix also came and took photos of the event to post on their website. There was even a posting on Barbra Pleadwell's blog about her take on the night. Check it out for yourself at http://hastingsandpleadwell.wordpress.com/.

The Young Fun supporters came out in full force and donated their time on Valentine's Day to raise over $2,000 for Planned Parenthood of Hawaii's small, sexy event of approximately 150 supporters. We had a wonderful show of support from all who attended, and we plan to have another event soon.

Mahalo to all who came out!

The Young Fun Committee is looking for new members and fresh ideas for other events. If you are interested or would like more information about how to get involved, email Kathleen at kstofocik@pphi.org.

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Planned Parenthood of Hawaii Presents *Musical Mementos – An Evening to Remember*

The newly remodeled Monarch Room of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel welcomed more than 300 Planned Parenthood friends and donors who gathered again to celebrate freedom of choice and to support PPH programs and educational services on Friday, January 23, 2009.

PPH presented the Bette Takahashi Service Award to Hawaii Youth Services Network for their leadership and collaboration with PPH in supporting the reproductive health of teens across Hawaii through medically accurate sexuality health programming in school settings.

Another high point of the evening came when Congressman Neil Abercrombie led the jubilant crowd in raising a toast to President Barak Obama, who that very day in Washington, D.C., overturned the global gag rule that had hampered international family planning efforts during the previous administration.

Honorary Co-Chairpersons Amy Agbayani and Doris Ching, along with Advisory Committee leaders Rai Saint Chu and Sara Buehler, encouraged the community to celebrate with Planned Parenthood as our new president was inaugurated earlier in the week. Yvonne Jaramillo Ahearn and Colleen Wong from the PPH Board of Directors worked with more than 30 volunteers over the months leading up to the *Evening to Remember,* ensuring an exciting and enjoyable gala.

That evening, more than 50 additional volunteers, including youth from the First Unitarian Church, members of the Hawaii Association of Insurance Professionals, several of the PPH Young Fun support group and PPH staff assisted in greeting guests, directing them to their tables, helping with checkout for the silent auction and lending a hand to guarantee that everyone enjoyed their evening with Planned Parenthood of Hawaii.

The *Evening to Remember* was filled with beautiful *Musical Mementos*. Guests arrived and were greeted with a complimentary tropical cocktail provided by Ocean Organic Vodka, while the divine harp music of Ruth Freedman enchanted those bidding on travel packages, restaurants, jewelry and other wonderful prizes in the fabulous PPH Silent Auction.

As guests were seated for dinner in the Monarch Room, they were treated to a special selection of standard favorites and the beautiful operatic vocals of Momi Ho and accompanist Jevon Gegg-Mitchell.

After dinner, headliner Paul Shimomoto and Friends – Jeff Peterson, Dan Del Negro, Mark Tanouye and Von Baron – took the stage and regaled the audience with a hapa haole hula music and hula stage show also featuring Paul's lovely wife, Kari, and Malu Production dancers Malu Kama, Jessica Kama, Mahina MacFarlane and Mika Neil.

The gala evening raised more than $96,000, proving our community's strong commitment to Planned Parenthood of Hawaii and freedom of choice.

Mahalo to all who helped make this *An Evening to Remember*.

1 - Congressman Neil Abercrombie flanked by PPH Evening to Remember *Honorary Co-Chairpersons (L) Amy Agbayani and (R) Doris Ching.*

2 - Guests Leslie Brown, Cordell Lietz, Murat Bicakci and Dr. Ann Rahall.

3 - Shaunagh Robbins, Amy Agbayani and Kenneth Robbins.

4 - The evening ended with a live hapa haole hula music and hula stage show featuring the award-winning crooner, Paul Shimomoto and Friends, with Kari Shimomoto and the dancers of Malu Productions.

5 - Barry Raff, PPH CEO, and guests Qimei Chen, Dana Alden and Rich Turbin.

6 - Denby Fawcett of KITV and Bette Takahashi among the 300 guests.

7 - PPH guests and friends enjoyed the beautiful newly remodeled Monarch Room of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel.

8 - Vocalist Momi Ho warmed the crowd with her operatic vocal stylings before dinner.

9 - PPH guests started the evening by bidding on the fabulous silent auction.

10 - Alan Shinn, Chairperson, Hawaii Youth Services Network Board of Directors; Judith Clark, HYSN Executive Director, with Bette Takahashi Service Award plaque; Melinda Wood, President of PPH Board.

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