MAS Interim Meeting Highlights

Hawaii Convention Center
Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort
Honolulu, Hawaii
November 10-12, 2017

The Minority Affairs Section (MAS) hosted its reception and business meeting on Friday evening, Nov. 11.

Meeting Looks at Model Used to Address Needs of Diverse Patient Population

The keynote address, “How Family-Centered Care Helps Hawai’ian Healthcare Meet the Needs of a Diverse Patient Population,” was delivered by Maile Taualii, PhD, MPH, assistant professor of native Hawaiian and indigenous health at the University of Hawaii-Manoa.

Dr. Taualii’s presentation focused on an “ohana centered” model for health care delivery that is rooted in Native Hawaiian culture and values. The model focuses on moving from patient centered care to ‘ohana centered” care with the goal to assist patients in receiving the best individual care and disease prevention, and also receive advice and assistance in keeping their entire “ohana” healthy, from their kupuna (elders) to their unborn keiki (children) and everyone in between.

The goal of this culturally respectful delivery model is to prevent disease, maintain health, prepare for the next generation and help the kupuna ease gracefully into the time of hala, or the passing from this life into the next.

HOD Business Meeting Resolutions

Following the keynote was a discussion led by MAS delegate Dionne Hart, MD, regarding pending resolutions and other business before the House of Delegates that relate to minority health and to physicians who are underrepresented in medicine.

Save the Date

The next meeting of the MAS will be held June 8-9, 2018 during the AMA Annual Meeting in Chicago.