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CONFERENCE PROVIDES NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE FOR LOCAL AGING AND DISABILITY PROFESSIONALS

HONOLULU - The State Executive Office on Aging (EOA) in partnership with the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) is hosting the 2013 Hawaii HCBS (Home & Community-Based Services) Conference in Honolulu from Dec. 3 to 5, 2013, at the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Hotel. The conference will give a national perspective for local aging and disability professionals and will feature the latest trends and innovations in the field. Participants will include federal, state and local policymakers and those who administer, manage and deliver waiver and other HCBS programs. Attendees will hear from leaders from the U.S. Health and Human Services Administration, National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities, National Association of Area Agencies on Aging, National Council of Independent Living, and many others on national trends and innovations in aging and disability programs.

"Hawaii's aging and disability networks are experiencing tremendous change in the way we plan for and deliver long-term supports and services in home and community-based settings," said Wesley Lum, EOA executive director. "Business, operational, and service delivery models that have worked for us in the past are now being challenged, and these models may no longer be relevant in light of new federal and state policy

directions. This conference will provide the perspective needed for us, as a unified network, to move forward together in creating a strong home and community-based services system for Hawaii.”

The agenda and registration information is available at www.hawaiiadrc.org.

The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) is the designated lead state agency in the coordination of a statewide system of aging and family caregiver support services in Hawaii, as authorized by federal and state laws. EOA through the four county Area Agencies on Aging provides information on how to access aging and caregiver support services so older adults at risk of nursing home placement may live in their own home for as long as possible. To learn more about EOA's efforts to develop comprehensive and coordinated systems to service older adults and family caregivers in the State of Hawaii, read the Hawaii State Plan on Aging (2011-2015).

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