

A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

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Dear Readers,

We are excited to inform you of the expanded mission of the *Hawai'i Journal of Medicine & Public Health*, which is reflected in our new name, *The Hawai'i Journal of Health & Social Welfare*. The journal continues to be indexed by MedLine/PubMed and is freely available online through our website: <http://hawaiijournalhealth.org/>.

Why this change? In 2018, the Hawai'i State Department of Health and the University of Hawai'i (UH) expanded the number of partners providing financial backing for the journal. The lead academic partners now include the six units of the UH College of Health Sciences and Social Welfare, including the John A. Burns School of Medicine, UH Public Health, the Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work, the School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene, the UH Cancer Center, and the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. Other partners are the Hawai'i State Department of Health, University Health Partners of Hawai'i, and the UH Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research.

To reflect our newly-broadened support base, we are changing the name of the journal, as well as the scope of articles that we publish. With this, our July issue, we are proud to reveal our new name: *The Hawai'i Journal of Health & Social Welfare*. Our aim is to advance knowledge about health and social welfare, with a focus on the diverse peoples and unique environments of Hawai'i and the Pacific region. Regular features of the journal include peer-reviewed research articles, columns reporting on partner-engaged endeavors, and journal watch, which highlights articles from Hawai'i-based researchers published in other journals.

The journal continues to be edited by Dr. Kalani Brady, managed by Karen Rowan, and produced by Drake Chinen. Associate editors, contributing editors, and column writers (all volunteers) come from the Hawai'i State Department of Health and UH. We look forward to continuing to serve our readership by offering research articles, case reports, and editorial columns that give unique insights into the health and welfare of the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific region.

Mahalo for your continued support of our journal,

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