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EXPERIENCE

ST. FRANCIS HEALTHCARE SYSTEM OF HAWAII

Honolulu, Hawaii

Director of Corporate Affairs and Advocacy

The Director of Corporate Affairs and Advocacy is responsible for:

- Corporate compliance to meet all applicable federal and state regulations and for advocacy, environment of care, policies, quality, risk management, and safety.
- Creating and communicating a favorable public image for St. Francis Healthcare System (SFHS) through media campaigns designed to reach patients and clients and their families, employees, healthcare institutions and agencies, industry analysts, government agencies, and other stakeholders.
- Supporting the SFHS President and CEO and Administration in all aspects of public policy strategy development and implementation.

ST. FRANCIS HOSPICE

A Program of St. Francis Community Health Services

Honolulu, Hawaii

Executive Director

Executive Director of a health care program which provides care, comfort, and support to the terminally ill and their loved ones in facing death with dignity and meaning via an interdisciplinary team approach aimed at minimizing physical, emotional, spiritual, and psychosocial pain and suffering.

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ST. FRANCIS HEALTH SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Program Director

Director of a program which provides personal bathing services to those frail and elderly who qualify under the Federal, State, and City criteria.

ST. FRANCIS HOSPICE
Administrative Director

ST. FRANCIS LIFELINE PROGRAM
Manager

Manager of a personal emergency response service for frail elderly and individuals with chronic medical conditions living at home.

ST. FRANCIS HOSPICE
Business Manager

ST. FRANCIS HOSPICE
Office Manager

FOCUS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
Washington, D. C.
Executive Assistant & Office Manager

Executive Assistant to the President of a new diagnostic and laboratory business being formed via strategic mergers and acquisitions.

SIERRA LEONE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION/U. S. PEACE CORPS
Tikonko, Sierra Leone, West Africa

Teacher of chemistry, mathematics, and physics at a rural village secondary school.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, Leonard Davis School of Gerontology,
Los Angeles, California, Certificate of Completion, Fundamentals of Gerontology
Course

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, Honolulu, Hawaii, B. S., Chemistry

AFFILIATIONS & COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Member, Act on RAISE Campaign Partners
- Member, Advisory Council, University of Hawaii at Manoa Center on Aging
- Past President, Board of Directors, Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition
- Treasurer, Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition
- Member, Board of Directors, Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition
- Secretary, Board of Directors, The Arc in Hawaii
- Member, Board of Directors, The Arc in Hawaii
- CDC Building Our Largest Dementia (BOLD) Public Health Core Capacity Grant Advisory Committee
- Member, Ethics Committee, St. Francis Healthcare System
- Member, Board of Directors, Kokua Council
- Member, National Alliance for Caregiving Advocacy Collaborative
- State President, AARP Hawaii
- Member, Executive Council, AARP Hawaii
- Project Advisor, National Alliance for Caregiving 50 State Strategy
- Past Chairperson, Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs
- Former member, Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs
- Former member, Board of Directors, Palolo Chinese Home
- Former member, Adults Age 75+ Working Group, COVID-19 Vaccination Program, State of Hawaii Department of Health Immunization Branch
- Former member, Vaccine Prioritization/Allocation Working Group, COVID-19 Vaccination Program, State of Hawaii Department of Health Immunization Branch
- Former member, National Alliance for Caregiving COVID-19 Vaccination Working Group
- Former member, Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias State Plan Collaborative
- Former member, Hawaii Catholic Conference
- Former member, Statewide Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias
- Former member, Board of Directors, Kokua Mau
- Former member, Hospice Committee, Kokua Mau
- Former representative for St. Francis Hospice to the Hawaiian Islands Hospice

AWARDS

- AARP Hawaii Leadership Award
- Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society Honoree
- Mits Aoki Legacy Foundation Community Service Award.
- Scholar, National Alliance for Caregiving 13th Annual Conference of Caregiver Advocates
- Certificate of Recognition for Twenty-five Years of Service, St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii
- Shining Light Award, presented annually and jointly by the Hawaii Alliance of Retired Americans and Kokua Council to the individual who has contributed to advancing issues in the Legislature and the community of senior advocates in the legislative process
- Certificate of Recognition for Twenty Years of Service, St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii
- Certificate of Recognition for Fifteen Years of Service, St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii
- Mother Marianne Award Recipient, St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii
- Achievement Award Recipient, St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii

MEDIA

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Blair, C. (2019). *Pod Squad: Meet AARP's New Volunteer State President*. Honolulu Civil Beat Podcast, July 15, 2019.

Fujimori, L. (2018). *Supporters rally for Kupuna Caregivers Program measure*. Honolulu Star Advertiser, March 20, 2018.

PUBLICATIONS

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