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OHA SUPPORTS NATIVE HAWAIIAN PHYSICIANS

(Kaka'ako, Hawai'i) 'Ahahui o nā Kauka, the Association of Native Hawaiian Physicians, has been awarded \$24,365 by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to foster activities in mentorship, community service and continuing education.

Striving to encourage more Hawaiians to seek health care earlier, 'Ahahui o nā Kauka has developed strategies to cultivate a health care workforce that is more attuned to the attitudes, beliefs and practices of Native Hawaiians about their health. The funds will be used to mentor young Hawaiians in medical school, as well as to improve understanding of Hawaiian health beliefs and healing practices to non-Hawaiian physicians that serve Hawaiian patients.

Additionally, OHA grant monies will support members of 'Ahahui o nā Kauka to participate in community education workshops, health screenings, and other community service activities throughout the next year.

Although Hawaiians comprise approximately 20 percent of the population of the Hawaiian islands, less than 5% of all licensed physicians in Hawai'i are Hawaiian.

'Ahahui o nā Kauka, founded in 1998, is the professional association of Native Hawaiian allopathic and osteopathic physicians. Its mission is to champion superior health and wellness for Native Hawaiians and their families.

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