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The Queen’s Health Systems has appointed Joseph Keaweʻaimoku Kaholokula as a member of its Board of Trustees. Dr. Kaholokula is professor and chair of the Department of Native Hawaiian Health at the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) at the University of Hawaiʻi .

THE QUEEN’S HEALTH SYSTEMS (QHS) is a not-for-profit corporation established in 1985 to fulfill the intent of Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV to provide quality health care services to improve the well-being of Native Hawaiians and all of the people of Hawaiʻi. QHS is Hawaiʻi’s oldest family of health care-related companies, with some 6,000 employees at The Queen’s Medical Center, The Queen’s Medical Center – West O’ahu, The Queen’s Health Care Centers, Queen Emma Land Company, Queen’s Development Corporation, Queen’s Insurance Exchange, Inc., Molokaʻi General Hospital and North Hawaiʻi Community Hospital, and has ownership interests in CareResource Hawaiʻi, Hamamatsu/ Queen’s PET Imaging Center, and Diagnostic Laboratory Services, Inc.

A Vital Partnership

The Queen’s Medical Center is a vital partner with JABSOM in the clinical training of new physicians for Hawaiʻi, as well as MD specialists working under JABSOM supervision while seeking their licensure and board certification. Queen’s is the home base of the JABSOM Faculty and clinical trainees in Internal Medicine, Psychiatry and Surgery.

About Dr. Kaholokula

Dr. Kaholokula has a PhD in clinical psychology and he also serves as a researcher in the Center of Native and Pacific Health Disparities Research at JABSOM. The Center, funded by the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) to support biomedical and behavioral research on Cardiometabolic Health Disparities in its priority populations of Native Hawaiians, Pacific Peoples, Filipinos and other Pacific-based Native Peoples (Alaska Natives, New Zealand Maori). In particular, Dr. Kaholokula examines biological, psychological, and socio-cultural factors affecting Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander health, and to develop community-based and culturally-relevant interventions. He is also a member of a Native Hawaiian cultural group, called the Halemua o Kūali'i, dedicated to the perpetuation of Hawaiian cultural practices and values and building strong leaders for our Hawaiian communities.

Dr. Kaholokula's past awards include:

The NCMHD/NIH nominee for Presidential Early Stage Career Award for Scientists, 2009.

The Judy E. Hall, Ph.D. Early Career Psychologist Award, 2007.

2005-2009: National Center of Minority Health and Health Disparities Scholar, 2007.

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