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Aloha Colleagues:

It is our pleasure to announce the upcoming Annual State of Hawaii Forensic Mental Health Examiner Training Conference “Best Practices in Forensic Mental Health” to be held at the McCoy Pavilion, Ala Moana Beach Park in Honolulu on March 14, 15 and 16, 2005. This year our focus is on the format of quality reports and conditional release evaluations. The Forensic Examiner Training Advisory Committee has worked hard to put together an exciting program which will which we feel will be beneficial and rewarding for all who attend.

By statute, the Adult Mental Health Division is responsible for providing the Court with certified forensic mental health examiners. In order to maintain a high standard of practice, the AMHD provides annual training as part of the certifying process. Unfortunately, there is no budget allotment to conduct such a venture. Therefore, at last year’s conference we polled participants regarding their willingness to help defray conference expenses by assessing a nominal fee. Based on the overwhelming positive feedback, we will be assessing a \$50.00/1- day fee, a \$100/2-day fee or a \$150/3-day fee to cover conference costs.

We look forward to our continued collaboration to advance our collective knowledge and expertise in forensic mental health.

With kind regards,

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