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**FREE SEMINAR ON WORKING EFFECTIVELY WITH A SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER IN MENTAL HEALTH SETTINGS**

HONOLULU – The state's Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) will present a free seminar on “Working Effectively with a Sign Language Interpreter in Mental Health Settings” on April 19, 2013, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the DCAB office located at 919 Ala Moana Blvd., 5th floor conference room, in Honolulu, Hawaii. The seminar will feature Belinda McCleese, deaf services coordinator at the Orange County Behavioral Health Services Multicultural Development Program.

Seminar topics will include: understanding the impact of mental health issues upon the deaf and hard of hearing population, the role of an interpreter, and the importance of a clinician briefing with an interpreter before and after a session. The goal is to provide guidelines on how to effectively work with sign language interpreters in a mental health setting.

The seminar is free, but registration is required as space is limited. For a copy of the program flyer, go to the DCAB website at [www.hawaii.gov/health/dcab/](http://www.hawaii.gov/health/dcab/), e-mail [dcab@doh.hawaii.gov](mailto:dcab@doh.hawaii.gov) or call (808) 586-8121 voice/text telephone (v/tty).

To register or request an auxiliary aid or accommodation, contact Kristine Pagano, Communication Access Specialist, by April 12, 2013, via e-mail [kristine.pagano@doh.hawaii.gov](mailto:kristine.pagano@doh.hawaii.gov) or phone at (808) 447-1397.

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