QMC-UH Research Partnership

The QMC-UH Research Partnership supports the development, implementation, and dissemination of collaborative projects to improve healthcare through research and evidence-based practice. This innovative partnership with The Queen’s Medical Center (QMC) and UH Manoa Nursing is a successful endeavor that bridges education and practice in our community while developing research capacity in both institutions.

History

Preliminary discussions about building a research partnership began in 2006 with a vested interest by UH Manoa Nursing Dean, Dr. Mary G. Boland, and QMC’s Chief Nursing Officer, Cindy Kamikawa. The original model partnered staff nurses with UH faculty members who had research or evidence-based practice topics of mutual interest. The nurse-faculty pair responded to an annual Request for Proposals by developing a proposal that was then scored by researchers from both sites. The collaborative leaders (Boland, Kamikawa, Inouye, Latimer, & Marshall) published a paper in Nursing Economics titled “Partnership to Build Research Capacity” in 2010.

In 2014, the partnership evolved to incorporate QMC’s Nursing Research Fellowship program where QMC and UH faculty mentors provide didactic and consultative services to teams of staff nurse researchers who are interested in generating new knowledge about QMC priority areas. This two year program provides education and support for the development and implementation of these projects. The first year consists of six monthly didactic sessions that culminate in complete proposals ready for submission to the QMC Institutional Review Board. The second year consists of monthly didactic sessions to facilitate implementation, analysis, and dissemination of each project. The project leaders at QMC (Latimer & Kimbell)
published a paper in The Journal of Nursing Administration titled “Nursing Research Fellowship: Building Nursing Research Infrastructure in a Hospital” in 2010.

A total of 16 studies were approved and funded over the next seven years. Of those funded, 11 studies were completed; two other studies are in final phases of data analysis or manuscript preparation. Project leaders (Kooker, Latimer & Mark) published a paper in The Journal of Nursing Administration titled “Successfully Coaching Nursing Staff to Publish Outcomes” in 2015.

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