

West Hawai'i

West Hawai'i started the New Year working in collaboration with the American Lung Association. American Lung provided Quit Smoking Survival Kits that Pat Fleck, Community Coordinator introduced to Respiratory Therapists at Kona Community Hospital and West Hawai'i Community Health Center. The Quit Kits were developed to help those interested in a New Year's resolution to quit smoking.



Pictured with the kits are (left) Angel Wannemacher, Respiratory Therapy Manager at KCH, and (right) Jennifer De Costa, WHCHC Cessation Specialist.

Pat continued her work serving on the Government Affairs & Economic Development Committee of the Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce, as they co-sponsored the 2012 Hawai'i Island Economic Summit "*Expanding our Horizons*", in partnership with the County of Hawai'i, Department of Research and Development. Over 200 participants from around the island, including Mayor Kenoi, Council Members and lawmakers from Hawai'i County and O'ahu participated in this all day event held January 13 at the Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel.



Leading up to the 2012 legislative session, Pat attended a series of Talk Story and Town meetings held in December and early January by Senator Green and Representatives Evans and Coffman; getting an opportunity to ask for their continued support to protect funds for tobacco prevention and control.

The next West Hawai'i Coalition meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 22nd at 9:00 am, at the Kona International Market Place, Kailua-Kona.