



GOV. MSG. NO. 392

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

February 5, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **State Council on Mental Health**:

Donna Darlene Hansen

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE

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testimony

From: Donna [Donna@MauiRealEstate.net]
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2008 4:52 PM
To: testimony
Subject: State Service Area Board Re=appointment
Attachments: #392 signed application.pdf; Suda ltr.pdf; Wagner Recommendation.pdf; Cella.pdf

From: Donna [mailto:Donna@MauiRealEstate.net]
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2008 4:50 PM
To: 'testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov.'
Subject: FW: State Service Area Board Re=appointment

From: Donna [mailto:Donna@MauiRealEstate.net]
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2008 4:47 PM
To: 'testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov.'
Subject: State Service Area Board Re=appointment

Aloha David Ige, Chair and
Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

My sincere apologies. I cannot attend the March 31st, 2008's hearing. Please see attached the requested information. If you have additional information please feel free to call me.

All the Best!

Donna Darlene Hansen

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TO: The Senate Committee on Health
David Ige, Chair and Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

FROM: Donna Darlene Hansen, Nominee #392
Member of the State Council on Mental Health
P. O. Box 294, Kihei HI 96753
Email: dad@MauiRealEstate.NET

DATE: Monday, March 31, 2008

TIME: 1:15 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 016

Dear Chairs and Committee Members,

I am currently serving on the State Council on Mental Health and would be honored and pleased to continue serving on the Council. It has been a very educational and helpful experience for me to be involved with the State Council. I enjoy the people, the information that I learn and then share with the Maui Service Area Board and believe that I can continue to contribute to the system, to the State and to Maui. My focus and goals continue to be to:

1. Continue to bring Maui's Mental Health Needs to the attention of the State
2. Continue to learn the inter-workings of the Mental Health System
3. Contribute my personal and professional knowledge to assist the system in working affectively
4. Communicate to Maui the needs of the State System from Maui
5. Communicate to others how I, as well as others, can assist the State in helping those individuals in need of Mental Health assistance
6. Assist in every way possible in affecting a successful mental health system
7. Help in networking the different agencies with each other
8. Be a good communicator between individuals and agencies in Maui with State agencies

In addition, my personal experience with our family member being involved in the system has helped me to contribute information in a positive and helpful way. That knowledge has enabled me to assist in educating others in the good as well as negatives that occur throughout the system. That education has made it possible for me to contribute to the State Board how the system can work more effectively.

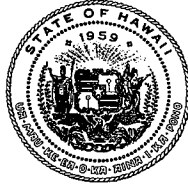
I appreciate the opportunity of offering my time, interest and energy to continue to serve on the State Mental Health Board and your taking the time to consider my written testimony.

Sincerely,



Donna Darlene Hansen

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



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In reply, please refer to:
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Senate Committee on Health

**GM 392, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE TO THE STATE COUNCIL ON
MENTAL HEALTH**

**Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.
Director of Health**

March 31, 2008, 1:15 p.m.

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination of Donna Darlene
2 Hansen to the State Council on Mental Health (SCMH) for a four-year term.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** Ms. Donna Darlene Hansen is a realtor and is a family member who has an
5 adult son with severe and persistent mental illness. She serves on the Maui Service Area Board (SAB)
6 on Mental Health and Substance Abuse, holding the position of Vice-President and represents the SAB
7 as an Interim appointee to the State Council on Mental Health. Her experience and expertise as a realtor
8 for over thirty years recently earned her the shared title with her husband as Top Coldwell Banker Agent
9 for the State of Hawaii for 2005. Ms. Hansen's membership in professional organizations includes the
10 Maui Board of Realtors in which she serves as the South Maui representative to the Board and Board
11 member at-large. Ms. Hansen also supports the activities of The Children's Advocacy Center, Hui
12 No'eau Visual Arts Center, and Homeless Outreach Programs. She is viewed by community members
13 as being dedicated to the needs of persons with mental illness and a vigorous advocate on their behalf.

14 Thank you for your positive consideration of this request.

RORIE K. Suda
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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Rorie Suda and I am writing this letter of recommendation for Donna Hansen. I have known Donna for four years. I have worked very closely with her in her professional career as a top sales agent for Coldwell Banker and in her personal life as a crusader for consumers with Mental Health illnesses.

Donna is dedicated to her career and family. She has been able to balance the constant demand of her clients and has been able to also maintain a solid family foundation. She is dedicated to the serving the community especially those consumers with mental health illness.

Experiencing first hand the effects of mental illness issues, Donna has had to deal with taking care of her 31 year-old son who has severe form of mental illness. She has been able to see first hand how the system can and cannot work for those with mental illness. She has served on advisory boards and has dedicated hours of community service to help those with mental illnesses. She has most recently supported and fought to have an ACT team placed on Maui to better serve the consumers on Maui.

Donna is the most dedicated and compassionate person I have ever met. She has the will and drive to make a difference in the community and to help those who are in need. She is the kind of person you want to have on your side at all times. She will fight for what is right and always strives to do her best at whatever she does. She is truly an outstanding member of society and the community of Maui!

Sincerely,

Rorie K. Suda

March 27, 2008

David Ige, Chair and
Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

Regarding Donna Darlene Hansen
Nominee #392 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to
the State Council on Mental Health, Gubernatorial Nominee,
DONNA DARLENE HANSEN, for a term to expire 6-30-2012.

Dear Mr. Ige and Ms. Fukunaga,

It is my honor to recommend Donna Hansen to you to continue to
serve on the State Council on Mental Health.

I have known Donna and worked with her for almost 10 years, the
last five of which, as the Broker in Charge for the firms with which
she is associated Donna, in addition to being one of the most
conscientious, caring and professional Realtors ® in our firm is
also one of the most civic minded.

Donna's efforts to raise funds for children's charities are
legendary. She has worked for years to support Mental Health
programs for Maui residents.

She is a dedicated and high achieving goal setter who would be a
continued great asset to the Council. I hope you will give her
every consideration.

Jim Wagner
Broker in Charge
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The Shops at Wailea
3750 Wailea Alanui B-37,
Wailea, Maui HI 96753

March 28, 2008

Attention: David Ige


Chair of Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair regarding Donna Darlene Hansen, Nominee #392 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to State Council on Mental Health, Gubernatorial Nominee DONNA DARLENE HANSEN, for term to expire 6-30-2012.

Dear Mr. Ige,

It is with great pleasure I recommend Donna Hansen to serve on the Mental Health Board. I have had the privilege to know her personally for many years. She exemplifies a strong sense of commitment and dedication allowing her to accomplish anything she sets out to do.

Please feel free to reach me directly with any questions (808) 280-5000.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Cella

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March 28, 2008

David Ige, Chair
Carol Dukunaga, Vice Chair

Re: Donna Darlene Hansen, Nominee #392.
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Mental Health,
Gubernatorial Nominee, DONNA DARLENE HANSEN, for a term to expire 6/30/2012

I, Bobbi Newman, have enjoyed knowing Donna Hansen since 2001 on a business and personal level.

We have each experienced a family member afflicted with debilitating and catastrophic mental health challenges. I found Donna to be a diligent researcher, an effective advocate and compassionate friend who has practical experience on each level of finding solutions and helping to raise public awareness of the needs of mentally ill persons.

She is passionate about this field of Mental Health and I believe would be an asset to the State Council. Please confirm Donna Hansen to this post.

Respectfully submitted
Bobbi Newman
Wailea, Hawaii 96753