



GOV. MSG. NO 598

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

March 28, 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**:

Carol Ann Young

Term to Expire: 6/30/2011

Sincerely,

  
LINDA LINGLE

8 100 50

011 100



STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND SERVICES FOR THE BLIND DIVISION  
601 Kamokila Boulevard, Room 515, Kapolei, Hawaii 96707

April 7, 2008

Mr. David Ige, Chair  
Ms. Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair  
Senate Health Committee  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

SUBJECT: GM 598 Governor's Nomination to the State Council on Mental Health  
Hearing: Wednesday, April 9, 2008, 1:20pm

Chair David Ige, Vice Chair Carol Fukunaga, and members of the Senate Committee on Health, thank you for the opportunity to present information about my background for consideration of my confirmation for the State Council on Mental Health.

I have a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling with deaf and hard of hearing persons and have worked in rehabilitation for 25 years. I have worked as a counselor and a staff specialist at Vocational Rehabilitation and Services for the Blind Division. In my current position at Vocational Rehabilitation, I coordinate services for deaf and hard of hearing persons and I coordinate staff training.

I have seen a growing need for increased training and specialized services for persons who are mentally ill within Vocational Rehabilitation. Vocational rehabilitation is an important component of services to persons with mental illness. My interest in serving on the State Council on Mental Health is a result of the desire to improve collaboration and increase the expertise of our staff.

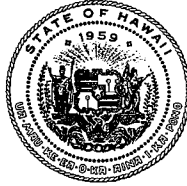
Thank you for your positive consideration of my appointment.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol Young".

Carol Young  
Staff Specialist

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



CHIYOME LEINAALA FUKINO, M.D.  
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
P.O. Box 3378  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96801-3378

In reply, please refer to:  
File:

**Senate Committee on Health**

**GM 598, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE TO THE STATE COUNCIL ON  
MENTAL HEALTH**

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

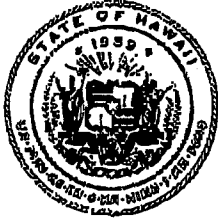
**April 9, 2008, 1:20 p.m.**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination of Carol Ann Young to  
2 the State Council on Mental Health (SCMH).

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** Ms. Carol Ann Young is being recommended by the Department of Human  
5 Services, Vocational Rehabilitation and Services (VRS), Blind Division. This appointment is to fill a  
6 federally mandated state agency SCMH membership position for representation from Vocational  
7 Rehabilitation. Since 1980, Ms. Young has largely worked as a Statewide Program Specialist in  
8 Vocational Rehabilitation with the State VRS agency. At present, Ms Young's major duties include  
9 leading staff development and training initiatives; collaborating with consumer boards to improve  
10 services, monitoring federal grants and local contracts; and acting as a technical specialist for persons  
11 who are deaf, hard of hearing and deaf-blind. Ms. Young received her M.S. Ed. in Rehabilitation  
12 Counseling from the Oregon College of Education at Monmouth; is a certified Rehabilitation Counselor;  
13 and she is fluent in American Sign Language.

14 Thank you for your positive consideration of this request.



## DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

919 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 101 • Honolulu, Hawaii 96814  
Ph. (808) 586-8121 (V/TDD) • Fax (808) 586-8129

April 9, 2008

### TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

#### Nomination of Ms. Carol Young to the State Council on Mental Health

This testimony is in support of the nomination of Ms. Carol Young to the State Council on Mental Health.

Ms. Young is a Staff Specialist with the Vocational Rehabilitation and Services for the Blind Division of the Department of Human Services. As a Staff Specialist, Ms. Young has worked extensively with disability groups in the community, particularly with the deaf and hard of hearing community, and in contract administration. She has attended and participated in many activities sponsored by our office, most recently to assist people with disabilities to understand the legislative process. She tirelessly has committed herself to improving services to the full range of disability groups.

Ms. Young's participation on the State Council on Mental Health will offer the Council the perspective of a person who is both an administrator and an advocate. In particular, there are many unmet mental health needs of people who are deaf or hard of hearing that should not be ignored.

I recommend your positive endorsement of Ms. Young to the full Senate.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCINE WAI  
Executive Director



## University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

**John A. Burns School of Medicine**  
 Pacific Basin Rehabilitation Research and Training Center  
 1268 Young Street #204 • Honolulu, Hawaii 96814  
 Telephone: (808) 592-5900 • Facsimile: (808) 592-5909



April 4, 2008

Senate Health Committee  
 David Ige, Chair and Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair  
 Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 215  
 415 South Beretania Street  
 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: Recommendation for Carol Young as member of the Hawai'i State Council on  
 Mental Health

Dear Honorable Senators Ige and Fukunaga,

It is my sincere pleasure to recommend Carol Young as a member of the Hawai'i  
 State Council on Mental Health.

### Information about PBRRTC

Pacific Basin Rehabilitation Research and Training Center is a University of  
 Hawai'i affiliated program. It has been in existence since 1988. PBRRTC seeks and  
 implements grants for research and demonstration or capacity building related to persons  
 with disabilities. The agency also provides contractual services such as project or  
 program evaluation, planning, needs assessment and facilitation related to disability  
 issues. PBRRTC has worked with Hawai'i Vocational Rehabilitation and Services for the  
 Blind Division (HVRSD) providing the listed contractual services since 1991.

### Association with Carol Young

In my position as a researcher and later the director of Pacific Basin RRTC I have  
 worked with Mrs. Young since the 1990s. I have found her to be a concerned, ethical and  
 committed rehabilitation professional. We have worked with people with disabilities on  
 the Hawai'i State Rehabilitation Council, members of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
 Advisory group for HVRSD, and other concerned citizens and rehabilitation  
 professionals to conduct various needs assessments of persons with disabilities in Hawaii.

### Needs of Persons with Mental Health Needs

Several years ago Mrs. Young, who is responsible for assessing training needs,  
 developing and devising training for vocational rehabilitation counselors working for  
 HVRSD and I were working on a federal grant to secure funds for counselor training.  
 A need for training about improving services for persons with mental health issues was

recognized and formally submitted as a part of the grant. Previously this kind of training was only available from universities in other states, serving groups that were not culturally similar to Hawai'i. We hoped that courses could be developed through the University of Hawai'i to meet the need for information and training locally.

After the grant was awarded to HVRSD, Carol worked tirelessly for more than a year with a team of University researchers and teachers and a variety of community private and public agency representatives to develop a certificate of training specific to better serving persons with mental health issues. The group envisioned a six or seven course certificate covering:

- Principles and Practice of Psychiatric Rehabilitation
- Psychopathology
- Collaborative Case Management Strategies
- Vocational Assessment in Psychiatric Rehabilitation
- Placement Techniques in Psychiatric Rehabilitation
- Ethical Issues in Helping Professions
- Internship in Psychiatric Rehabilitation


What resulted was a single, graduate level course on the first subject. Due to issues quite beyond the control of the team working on the certificate, the University department worked with could not help complete the development of the certificate.

#### **In Summary**

Mrs. Young is quite aware of the needs of persons with mental health issues in our community. Her agency funded a needs assessment of persons with mental health issues in Hawai'i that was completed in 2007. Mrs. Young and her employing agency are aware of the needs and barriers to appropriate services for people with mental health issues, particularly with respect to employment. Carol is a capable, caring and dedicated individual who would be a boon to the Hawai'i State Council on Mental Health. I hope you will support her nomination as do I.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

  
Robin Brandt, PhD, Director

cc. file



STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND SERVICES FOR THE BLIND DIVISION  
601 Kamokila Boulevard, Room 515, Kapolei, Hawaii 96707

April 8, 2008

Senate Health Committee  
David Ige, Chair  
Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

Dear Senators:

I am pleased and honored to nominate Carol Young for an appointment to the Hawaii State Mental Health Council. I believe Carol's vast background, experience and expertise in the field of rehabilitation will be of tremendous benefit in promoting the goals and purposes of the State Mental Health Council.

Carol is a Staff Specialist for the Hawaii Vocational Rehabilitation and Services for the Blind Division (VRSBD) of the Department of Human Services and is also a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor. She oversees all training and counselor recruitment activities for VRSBD and serves as a staff liaison to several agency partners including the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Advisory Board, the University of Hawaii at Manoa Rehabilitation Counseling program and the San Diego State Rehabilitation counselor education program.

I believe she will work hard to assist the State Mental Health Council in developing long-term strategies that will assist in improving mental health services in Hawaii.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe D. Cordova".

Joe D. Cordova  
Administrator