

GM 316

Stephen Kalani Brady

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i
Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled
Substances, Gubernatorial Nominee, STEPHEN KALANI
BRADY, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.



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Senate Committee on Health

G.M. 316 & G.M. 327, Nomination for Consideration and Confirmation for Commissioners of the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances

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

March 4, 2009

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health strongly supports confirmation of Stephen Kalani
2 Brady, M.D. (6/30/2013) and Darin H. Kawazoe (6/30/2013) to serve on the Hawaii Advisory
3 Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances (HACDACS) for terms to expire as
4 parenthetically indicated.

5 **Fiscal Implications:** Not applicable.

6 **Purpose and Justification:** To confirm the appointment of Stephen Kalani Brady, M.D. and Darin H.
7 Kawazoe to serve on HACDACS.

8 HACDACS appointees represent a cross-section of the community, including, but not limited to
9 pharmacological, medical, community and business affairs, youth action, educational, legal defense,
10 enforcement and corrections segments of the community.

11 **Stephen Kalani Brady, M.D.** was first appointed to HACDACS on July 1, 2007. He is board
12 certified in internal medicine and is a fellow of the American College of Physicians. In 2003, he was
13 appointed vice chairman of the Department of Native Hawaiian Health at the University of Hawaii, John
14 A. Burns School of Medicine, where he serves as associate professor. Dr. Brady is known throughout
15 Hawaii and beyond as a man of medicine and music. After graduating with honors from Harvard

1 University as a scholar in engineering and applied physics, he earned his master's degree and worked on
2 his doctorate in biostatistics and epidemiology at the University of Hawaii. Subsequently, he studied at
3 the University of Pennsylvania to complete his dissertation in acute lymphocytic leukemia and his
4 medical studies in 1982. He returned home to Hawaii for residency training and then practiced internal
5 medicine for several years. He has been the featured physician on the weekly program "Ask the Doctor"
6 on KHON FOX Channel 2 Morning News and also co-hosted the weekly medical talk show, "Health in
7 Paradise." Dr. Brady represents the medical segment of the community.

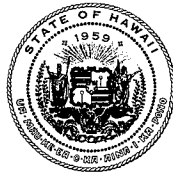
8 **Darin H. Kawazoe** was first appointed to HACDACS on July 1, 2007. He heads a consultant
9 firm (dba Support Unlimited, LLC), which designs and develops community-based programs for
10 organizations. His work focuses on education, health, prevention, culturally-relevant and criminal
11 justice-appropriate treatment services, including but not limited to: developing strategies and learning
12 modules for offenders; training, coaching and developing a continuum of evidence-based practices for
13 substance abusing mentally ill consumers; and designing, facilitating and implementing community-
14 based action plans to address drug use in high-risk neighborhoods. Mr. Kawazoe is a Certified
15 Substance Abuse Counselor (CSAC) who has extensive experience in the field of substance abuse
16 treatment. He served as the Program Director for the State's first Drug Court and as the coordinator for
17 the Hawaii Drug Control Strategy Summit convened in 2003. Mr. Kawazoe represents the community
18 and business affairs segment of the community.

19 We respectfully request your expeditious and favorable consideration in confirming the
20 appointment of Stephen Kalani Brady, M.D. and Darin H. Kawazoe to HACDACS.

21 Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of these volunteers who represent the
22 medical, community and business interests of the community.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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March 2, 2009

Senate Health Committee
David Ige, Chair
Josh Green M.D., Vice Chair
Rosalyn Baker, Member
Will Espero, Member
Fred Hemmings, Member
Clarence K. Nishihara, Member

Dear Senator Ige and Committee Members,

I am writing in support of the confirmation of Kalani Brady, M.D. to the Hawai'i Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances.

Dr. Kalani Brady's desire to serve on the Commission stems from his commitment to the health and well being of the people of Hawaii. Dr. Brady is keenly aware of the human and financial costs to our community posed by drug and controlled substance abuse.

Dr. Brady's professional experience will be a great resource to the Commission. His expertise includes the specialties of internal medicine, native Hawaiian health, biostatistics and epidemiology. Perhaps I am most impressed with Dr. Brady's demonstration of selfless dedication to the patients living at Kalaupapa through his weekly visits to minister to their health care needs.

Dr. Kalani Brady is a true asset to this community and will make an outstanding addition to the Hawai'i Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Marumoto".

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