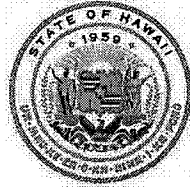


**GM 497**

**ANASTASIA L. KELLER-COLLINS**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, ANASTASIA L. KELLER-COLLINS, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.



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April 15, 2009

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senate Committee on Health  
Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT: GM 497 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Gubernatorial Nominee Anastasia Keller-Collins**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 497** to confirm the nomination of Anastasia L. Keller-Collins for a term to expire June 30, 2013.

The Council's Federal mandate (P.L.106-402) is clear in determining the composition of this body to ensure that all the players involved in the development, implementation, and use of DD supports are represented. The law specifically requires that 60 percent of the membership of the Council be comprised of individuals with DD, their parents, or family members. Additionally, the following agencies are required to be on the Council: Department of Health; the agencies that administer funds provided under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; the Older Americans Act of 1965; Titles V and XIX of the Social Security Act; the Protection and Advocacy Agency; the Centers for Excellence in DD Education, Research, and Service; agencies and private non-profit organizations concerned with services to individuals with DD. The Governor's nominee meets all the Federal requirements for Council membership.

Ms. Keller-Collins is the Vice President of Program Development for Easter Seals Hawaii (ESH), a non-profit organization providing services to individuals with disabilities. Her appointment to the Council would fulfill the Federal requirement for a representative of agencies and private non-profit organizations.

Ms. Keller-Collins' experience in overseeing the Home and Community-Based Services Medicaid Waiver program for ESH would assist the Council in its activities to maximize Federal funds and resources, and to assure that adequate and appropriate services and supports are provided through the waiver program. She will represent the

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private provider sector well on the Council through her active involvement with the Hawaii Waiver Providers Association. Her role on the Council would increase its efforts to collaborate with service providers to address the Council's community supports goal that "people with DD will have a comprehensive system of supports and services that promote self-determination, independence, productivity, integration, and inclusion in all facets of community life, and have the opportunity to live the life they desire."

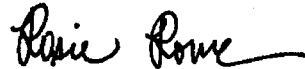
The Council is pleased with Ms. Keller-Collins' nomination to serve on the Council and looks forward to her contributions to increase coordination between the Council and service providers, and to improve the service delivery system for individuals with DD.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for **GM 497** to confirm Anastasia L. Keller-Collins to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,



Waynette K.Y. Cabral  
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March 24, 2009

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senate Committee on Health  
Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
415 South Beretania, Room 215  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Support for GM 497 nominating Anastasia L. Keller-Collins to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities

Dear Senator Ige and Honorable Members of the Senate Health Committee:

My name is Anastasia Keller-Collins and I serve as Vice President of Program Development for Easter Seals Hawaii. I am seeking confirmation to join the Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities representing Easter Seals Hawaii (ESH).

My current professional capacity provides me with oversight of the ESH Home & Community Based Services (H & CBS) program which provides support to Hawaii families on six (6) islands, employs 300+ staff, and provides more than 300,000 hours of direct service per year. In 2008 our H & CBS program achieved accreditation under the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitative Facilities (CARF).

My experience includes staff training and development, program management and development, and other operational and administrative efforts which I feel lend directly to the overall mission of the Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC). The roles and responsibilities of the DDC are diverse. I envision my role as someone who can combine thirty years as a recreation therapist with fifteen years of administrative experience to provide input and assistance on identified initiatives. These qualifications support my goal to work collaboratively to review and recommend policies and ensure best practices across the field, ultimately increasing the quality services and supports for Hawaii families.

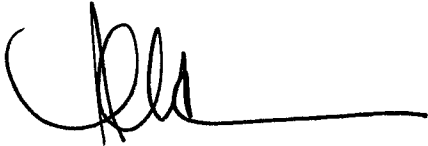
I would describe myself as committed, dedicated and dynamic, and feel confident in my total commitment to the idea of responsible change, finding solutions, and dedication to the process and to other committee members in order to impact lives in a positive, dynamic and creative way. One testament to these characteristics is my management of the growth of the H&CBS program by 700% over the past eight years.

I am excited at the opportunity to serve on the DD Council and look forward to sharing the knowledge I have gained through my experiences here at ESH and from the communities we serve.

I foresee no conflicts of interest in my serving on the DD Council. Should someone identify a potential area of concern I would be open to any resolution that would result in the integrity of the committee being left intact.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my **support for GM 497**.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AKC', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Anastasia Keller-Collins  
Vice President of Program Development



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March 24, 2009

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senate Committee on Health  
Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
415 South Beretania, Room 215  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Health Committee:

My name is Norman Kawakami, Senior Vice President of Operations. I am submitting testimony in **strong support of Governor's Message 497** nominating Anastasia L. Keller-Collins to be appointed to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

I have had the pleasure of working with Ms. Keller-Collins when she joined Easter Seals Hawaii (ESH) in 2001. Her work ethic and passion that she has for the ESH mission has been a key driving force in growing and enhancing ESH's Medicaid Home and Community Based Waiver Programs (H & CBS). From a humble beginning where she was initially responsible for 15 staff at one site, Ms. Keller-Collins currently oversees the H & CBS program which has services on five islands, employing 300+ staff, and providing over 330,000 hours of direct service per year. She has led the H & CBS CARF Accreditation efforts last year resulting in the maximum 3-year accreditation and has been a key team member of the ESH senior management group. She is highly regarded by our colleagues in the local community and the ES National Organization for programmatic expertise in supporting individuals with disabilities and other special needs. As ESH's Vice President of Program Development, Ms. Keller-Collins has a broad reach from her direct involvement with families to making important daily decisions that affect our programs. I am confident that she will bring a wealth of knowledge, insight and experience to the table to assist the Council in its activities.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our **strong support for GM 497** to confirm Anastasia L. Keller-Collins to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

Norman T. Kawakami  
Sr. VP of Operations



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April 6, 2009

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senate Committee on Health  
Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
415 South Beretania, Room 215  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Health Committee:

My name is Lee Ann Matsuda, Senior Vice President of Finance and CFO for Easter Seals Hawaii. I am submitting testimony in **strong support of Governor's Message 497** nominating Anastasia L. Keller-Collins to be appointed to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities for a term to expire on June 30, 2013.

I have been privileged to work with Anastasia Keller-Collins since I joined Easter Seals Hawaii (ESH) in 2005. You will definitely hear many give Ms. Keller-Collins accolades for her programming expertise in supporting individuals with special needs. She is highly regarded by families and colleagues for the unbridled passion and tremendous dedication she brings to her work. However, as head of the finance department, I can also personally attest to her keen business acumen as she oversees a division with over 300 employees on five islands. Ms. Keller-Collins balances each programming decision with an appropriate level of financial accountability. She will undoubtedly be an exceptional member of the Council as she will bring a unique balance of programming expertise and business "know-how" to the table.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my **strong support for GM 497** to confirm Anastasia L. Keller-Collins to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

Lee Ann Y. Matsuda  
Senior VP of Finance/ CFO

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# Hawaii Waiver Providers Association

April 8, 2009

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senate Committee on Health  
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Re: Support for GM 497 nominating Anastasia L. Keller-Collins to the State Council on  
Developmental Disabilities

Dear Senator Ige and Honorable Members of the Senate Health Committee:

The Hawaii Waiver Providers Association (HWP) is a statewide association comprised of 20 Developmental Disabilities Medicaid Waiver Service Providers affording leadership to collaborate and shape the service system to meet the needs of people with developmental disabilities. Founded in 2001, HWP's mission is to provide the necessary resources to develop, strengthen, and attain the highest standards of excellence for the developmental disabilities community.

Hawaii Waiver Providers Association is in strong support of GM 497 nominating Anastasia Keller-Collins to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. She is committed and dedicated. Her experience in the Developmental Disabilities field will prove to be a huge asset to the State's Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Wanda Villareal, President  
Hawaii Waiver Providers Association





April 9, 2009

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Josh Green, M.D., Vice Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Health

HEARING: Wednesday, April 15, 2009, 2:45 p.m., Room 016

RE: Support for GM 497 nominating Anastasia L. Keller-Collins to the  
State Council on Developmental Disabilities

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Treasurer

Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Green, and Members of the Committees:

I am submitting testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of GM 497 nominating Anastasia Keller-Collins to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Deann Canuteson  
President

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to present testimony.

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Sincerely,

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Re: GM 497

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, ANASTASIA L. KELLER-COLLINS, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.

Dear Chair Ige and Members of the Committees:

I am writing this letter in strong support of GM 497, Gubernatorial Nominee, Anastasia L. Keller-Collins.

My name is Ellen Ching and I have served as the Executive Director for The Arc of Kauai for the past 23 years. During that time, I've had the opportunity to meet and work with many individuals.

One of those individuals is Anastasia L. Keller Collins. I have known Anastasia for at least 10 years or longer and have worked with her on several Boards and Committees. In the past, this has included the Hawaii Waiver Providers Association, Board of Directors and Department of Health's Waiver Policy Advisory (WPAC) Committee, WPAC Standards Committee. As the chair of the WPAC Standard Committee she was tasked with leading her committee in the exhaustive review of all the DD/MR Medicaid Waiver Standards submit and compile recommendations to DOH. With Anastasia's leadership and focus, we were able to complete the review multiple times despite the very short deadlines. The standards were published in 2006 and a secondary revised version is in the process of publication and estimated to be released in June or July of 2009.

Currently, Anastasia and I are Board members of the Hawaii Waiver Providers Association. She also held served as an Officer of the Board and is currently on the Public Relations Committee. On each Committee and Board, she has demonstrated her commitment and dedication

by volunteering and completing important but time-consuming tasks; simply put she is a hard worker. She has never been an absentee Board member or Committee member in just name only.

I believe that behavior is the truest indicator of any individual and the best way to predict future behavior is to examine past behavior. Anastasia has the experience, knowledge, and capabilities to fulfill the duties as a member of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. She is compassionate and enjoys a positive professional reputation in the field for honesty, trustworthiness, character, integrity and citizenship.

Through the years of working with Anastasia, I have observed her creativity in searching for solutions "outside of the box" and her ability and willingness to work with everyone.

I admire her openness to criticism and more importantly for her willingness to take input and implement changes within herself in the most positive manner. Most certainly you need individuals that have the required knowledge and abilities however once that is established the most important characteristic that I look for is someone with a lot of heart.

I want someone that really cares about individuals with disabilities that is passionate and dedicated. I want someone who understands the inequities and difficulties that are endured by people with disabilities every day. I want someone who is fired up, wants to make a difference, will do their best and work at being the best everyday and I believe that Anastasia is that someone.

I humbly ask for your support of Anatasia L. Keller-Collins. Should you need more information or have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (808) 245-4132 ext. 0 or 16 or [arcklizann@vipahawaii.net](mailto:arcklizann@vipahawaii.net). Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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