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EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

February 5, 2010

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 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 **MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE, Kaua'i Service Area Board:**

Thomas E. Dorsey PhD

Term to Expire: 6/30/2014

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE



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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Senate Committee on Health

G.M. 215, G.M. 216, & G.M. 217, Gubernatorial Nominees for Consideration and Confirmation to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Kaua'i Service Area Board

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

March 5, 2010

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health strongly supports the nomination of Crystal L.
2 Aguinaldo, (6/30/2013), Thomas E. Dorsey, Ph.D. (6/30/2014) and Brenda K. Viado, MA, (6/30/2014),
3 and to serve on the Kaua'i Service Area Board on Mental Health and Substance Abuse (KSAB) for
4 terms to expire as parenthetically indicated.

5 **Fiscal Implications:** Not applicable.

6 **Purpose and Justification:** To confirm the appointment of Crystal L. Aguinaldo, Thomas E. Dorsey,
7 Ph.D., and Brenda K. Viado, MA, to serve on the KSAB.

8 Pursuant to Chapter 334-11 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes on Service Area Boards, the
9 members of the Service Area Board are service area residents who are consumers or nonproviders of
10 mental health services and service area providers with a majority being non-state employees and
11 nonproviders of mental health or other health services.

12 **Crystal L. Aguinaldo**, a consumer representative, is being recommended for her first four-year
13 appointment to the KSAB. In 2008, Ms. Aguinaldo worked with the Steadfast Housing program on
14 O'ahu and currently works as a Peer Coach with Mental Health Kokua and as a Network of Care Peer
15 Educator with the Hawaii Mental Health Transformation State Incentive Grant Department. A 1988

1 first runner-up in the Miss O'ahu Filipina contest, Ms. Aguinaldo is very committed to living her
2 recovery by attending the Kaua'i Friendship House programs and support group meetings, along with
3 her desire to help her fellow peers in their own recovery. Ms. Aguinaldo's involvement with the KSAB
4 has allowed her to give back to her community by becoming a positive advocate for her peers.

5 **Thomas E. Dorsey, Ph.D**, a retired psychologist, served on the KSAB from 2002–2005 as a
6 Board member as well as the Chair of the Board. In 2005, Dr. Dorsey resigned from the KSAB, as a
7 result of having to move to the mainland to take care of his ailing parents. Later in July 2008, Dr.
8 Dorsey was re-admitted to the KSAB and currently serves as the Vice-Chair. He has worked for 40
9 years in the field of mental health and worked for 15 years providing mental health and substance abuse
10 treatment services on the island of Kaua'i. Dr. Dorsey's professional experience on Kaua'i has allowed
11 him to have intimate knowledge on issues and concerns regarding service delivery. This experience and
12 knowledge has enabled him to be a valuable member of the Board, where he has been able to offer
13 recommendations for expansion and modification of services to meet the growing needs of consumers
14 on the island. Dr. Dorsey represents the community segment of the KSAB.

15 **Brenda K. Viado, MA**, is a certified rehabilitation counselor in Hawai'i and has worked over
16 thirty-five years as an employee of the Department of Human Services. Currently, she is the Kaua'i
17 Branch Administrator for the Vocational Rehabilitation and Services to the Blind Division, State of
18 Hawai'i. Ms. Viado has served on the KSAB since May 2004 and elected as the Chair of the Board in
19 2007. Based on her insights and exceptional leadership as the Chair, the Board recently re-elected her
20 for another term as that position. Ms. Viado represents the service area provider segment of the KSAB
21 membership.

22 We respectfully request your favorable consideration in confirming the appointment of Crystal
23 L. Aguinaldo, Thomas E. Dorsey, Ph.D., and Brenda K. Viado, MA, to the KSAB.

1 Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of these volunteers who represent the
2 community, service provider and consumer interests of the Kaua'i Service Area Board.