

**GM217**



GOV. MSG. NO. 217

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**:

Brenda K. Viado CRC

Term to Expire: 6/30/2014

Sincerely,

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

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GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



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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.

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March 5, 2010

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senate Committee on Health

FROM: Lillian B. Koller, Director

SUBJECT: **G.M. 217 - Gubernatorial Nomination of Brenda K. Viado, CRC, to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Kauai Service Area Board**

Hearing: Friday, March 5, 2010 2:45 pm  
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the nomination of Ms. Brenda K. Viado, CRC (Certified Rehabilitation Counselor), to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Kauai Service Area Board.

Ms. Viado has been an active advocate and community leader in the county of Kauai, representing those with mental health as well as all types of disabilities during her professional career.

Ms. Viado has 35 years of professional disability rehabilitation experience, as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor and currently as the Branch Administrator, in the Kauai Branch of the Department's Vocational Rehabilitation and Services to the Blind Division, helping individuals who are disabled by preparing them for employment and independent living.

Ms. Viado is one of our employees who is always passionately involved in the outreach to the community, seeking partnerships and service to our vulnerable population. She has served people with all types of disabilities and was a special liaison to Department of Health Adult Mental Health Division and the Friendship Clubhouse for about 5 years as a counselor.

Ms. Viado is currently the Chair of the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Kauai Service Area Board and has been asked to continue to serve as Chair after her confirmation. Her experience, background and education are definite assets for the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Kauai Service Area Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony to this Committee.

**Bernard P. Carvalho Jr.**  
Mayor



**Gary K. Heu**  
Administrative Assistant

**John Isobe**  
Executive Assistant

**COUNTY OF KAUA'I**

**TESTIMONY OF THE  
COUNTY OF KAUA'I  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

**TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE  
ON HEALTH  
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2010**

March 5, 2010  
2:45 p.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GM 217, RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE BRENDA K. VIADO CRC TO THE MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE, KAUA'I SERVICE AREA BOARD**

**TO THE HONORABLE DAVID Y. IGE, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:**

My name is Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr., Mayor, providing testimony in support of Gubernatorial Nominee Brenda K. Viado CRC, to the State Kaua'i Service Area Board for Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

Ms. Viado currently is a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) and is being nominated to serve on the Board for the term ending on June 30, 2014. She is an experienced and well-respected leader in the community and will be an asset to the Board especially with her extensive experience with the State of Hawai'i Department of Human Services Vocational Rehabilitation and as their Director.

Her willingness to serve on this Board is also evident by her commitment and involvement in her community as she currently serves on the Kaua'i Workforce Investment Board (KWIB). Brenda is reliable, an active member of KWIB and encourages others to fully participate in KWIB-related activities.

It is an honor to have Ms. Viado serve in this capacity and represent the County of Kaua'i.

Mahalo nui for your consideration and the opportunity to present testimony in support of this confirmation.