

GM 708

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Mental Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, CHARLENE DARABAN, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.



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**Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.
Director of Health**

April 13, 2011, 3:00 p.m., Room 229

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health strongly supports the nomination of Charlene
2 Daraban (6/30/2015), and urges her confirmation to the State Council on Mental Health for terms to
3 expire as parenthetically indicated.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

5 **Purpose and Justification:** Governor's Message 708 submits the nomination of Charlene Daraban for
6 consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Mental Health for a term to expire 6/30/2015.
7 She will serve as the representative of parents of consumers.

8 The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division of the Department of Health strongly supports
9 Charlene Daraban's nomination to the State Council on Mental Health. Charlene Daraban has been an
10 advocate for families of children with emotional and/or behavioral challenges for over two decades. Ms.
11 Daraban is one of the original employees of Hawai'i Families as Allies, a nonprofit organization whose
12 mission is to support families of children with emotional and/or behavioral challenges. Almost every
13 employee of Hawai'i Families as Allies (HFAA) is a parent, grandparent, foster parent or hanai parent of
14 children with emotional and/or behavioral challenges. As the state family organization, their services

1 include a warm line that parents can call if they have questions about their child's behavior, advocacy
2 services, parent education workshops, and support groups.

3 The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division has worked with Charlene Daraban,
4 affectionately known as "Charlie", and her organization over the past two decades. During this long
5 relationship, Charlie and HFAA have actively engaged with the Child and Adolescent Mental Health
6 Division to establish a model children's mental health system that is evidence-based, family- and youth-
7 driven, culturally competent, and provides individualized services to each youth. Because of Charlie's
8 and HFAA's contributions, Hawai'i can be proud that its children's mental health system has served as a
9 model system for the rest of the nation.

10 Charlie Daraban has personal experience as a parent and grandparent of youth with emotional
11 and/or behavioral challenges. The representation of this particular constituency has been difficult to fill
12 and has left a void in the State Council's deliberations. Charlie would serve as an excellent
13 representative of parents of children with emotional and/or behavioral challenges.

14 We urge confirmation of Charlene Daraban and thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Comments:

I strongly support the nomination of Charlene Daraban and urges her confirmation to the State Council on Mental Health. Charlene has been a strong advocate and supporter to families who has children with emotional, behavioral and/or mental health challenges. She is committed to families throughout the State and will represent the council in a professional manner. Please consider Charlene Daraban and her confirmation to the State Council on Mental Health. Thank you.