

**TESTIMONY**

**GM542**

**HTH  
Confirmation Hearing  
03-12-2012**

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GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



LORETTA J. FUDDY, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.  
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

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In reply, please refer to:  
File:

**Senate Committee on Health**

**GM 542, Gubernatorial Nominee to the  
Statewide Health Coordinating Council**

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

**Monday, March 12, 2012  
1:30 p.m.**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation  
2 of Bonnie Lee Pang to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC).

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None

4 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation to the  
5 SHCC Gubernatorial Nominee, Bonnie Lee Pang. Ms. Pang is a Benefit Consulting Manager  
6 at Atlas Insurance Agency, Inc. She served previously as Market Business Leader/Principal  
7 for Mercer Health & Benefits – Hawaii, Accounts Manager for Kaiser Foundation Health Plan,  
8 Inc., and Presentation and Communications Coordinator for the Hawaii Medical Services  
9 Association.

10 Ms. Pang is an executive board member of the Punahou Alumni Association, member  
11 of the Society of Human Resource Managers and the Hawaii Association of Health  
12 Underwriters. She previously served as member of the Windward Oahu Subarea Health  
13 Planning Council.

14 We ask for your support on the confirmation of Ms. Bonnie Lee Pang to the Statewide  
15 Health Coordinating Council.



# Hawaii Residency PROGRAMS, INC.

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Straub Clinic & Hospital · Kuakini Medical Center · Wahiawa General Hospital · Kaiser Foundation Hospital · Hawai'i Medical Center East

February 27, 2012

Chairman Josh Green and  
Members of the Statewide Health Coordinating Committee  
c/o Ms. Mailene Oakland-Tialavea  
Committee Clerk Assistant  
Office of Senator Josh Green, M.D.  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 222  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Nomination of Bonnie-Lee S.L. Pang

Chairman Green and Members of the Committee:

The purpose of this letter is to strongly recommend and support the nomination of Ms. Bonnie-Lee S.L. Pang for appointment to the Statewide Health Coordinating Committee.

Ms. Pang has my strongest possible personal and professional support for this nominated position.

I have known Ms. Pang as a friend, professional colleague, and business partner for more than six years. I can think of few individuals who possess her background, commitment and passion for addressing the healthcare issues facing the people of Hawaii.

To put my recommendation in perspective, I am the CEO of Hawaii Residency Programs, Inc. and employer of 240 medical school graduates – now Residents and Fellows – in one of our 17 separate training programs. All of these programs enjoy full accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). Annually, about 60% of our graduates either enter practice in Hawaii or return from Mainland fellowships to enter practice here. I am proud to say that more than 50% of the physicians practicing in Hawaii (on all of the islands) are graduates of our accredited programs.

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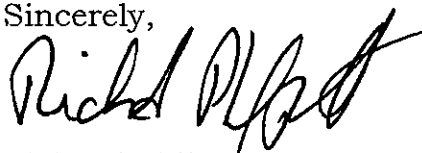
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Ms. Pang's résumé speaks to both her substantial ties to Hawaii and her healthcare background. Her seasoned and informed advice has been of extraordinary value in providing affordable, quality health care to our 290 residents and staff employees. What is not evident in that résumé are her initiatives to work with our graduates to convince them to stay in Hawaii and practice here: She has coordinated efforts to assist our graduates with the financial challenges of opening a new practice and made a particular effort to understand the barriers we face to recruit or retain new board-certified physicians. She has paid particular attention to the grave risks faced by our neighbor islands because of diminishing access to board certified specialists.

Aside from these professional considerations, Ms. Pang is a person of substance and commitment. She will do what she promises to do. Despite her incredibly busy professional life, she will be dedicated to this position and this Committee.

I hope that the Committee will see the wisdom and value in Ms. Pang's membership on the SHCC.

Sincerely,



Richard Philpott  
Chief Executive Officer

RP/cmj

February 21, 2012

Ms. Mailene Oakland-Tialavea  
Committee Clerk Assistant  
Office of Senator Josh Green, M.D.  
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 222  
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Chair Green and Members of the Committee,

Please accept this letter of recommendation in support of Bonnie-Lee S.L. Pang for reappointment to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

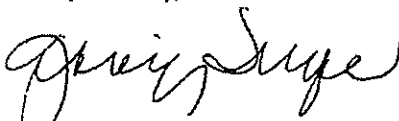
I have had the pleasure and privilege of working with Bonnie for over 10 years. Over the years, Bonnie has shown to be a woman of high integrity and moral character. Her determination and drive are at their core, rooted in her genuine concern for the well being of others. Her leadership and contributions to the business community of Hawai'i are unmatched.

Her 17 years of experience in the insurance industry and benefits arena, coupled with her strong relationships with Hawai'i businesses, for-profit, non-profit, large and small employers, brings knowledge to the council which is critical to the success of providing quality and affordable care. She is highly respected and considered to be one of the leaders in the industry.

Born and raised in Hawai'i, Bonnie is committed to making sure that the people of Hawai'i are well served and that they continue to have access to benefits that are instrumental in providing for care and protecting future generations.

Bonnie's experience, expertise and willingness to serve, make her an excellent candidate for reappointment.

Respectfully,



Jennifer L. Timpe  
HR and Operations Director



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February 29, 2012

Ms. Mailene Oakland-Tialavea  
Committee Clerk Assistant  
Office of Senator Josh Green, M.D.  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 222  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Ms. Oakland-Tialavea:

I submit this reference for Bonnie Pang as I have known Ms. Pang for over 30 years as a personal friend. In recent years, we have worked together in a professional capacity. I support Ms. Pang's nomination and re-appointment to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

In my working with Ms. Pang I have found her to be resourceful, and progressive in her actions. She also thinks and works to manage health care costs while providing optimal access to health care for Hawaii consumers and businesses. She has experience working with a broad range of health care providers and consumers, extending from the Hawaii Residency program to health plans and even as far reaching as employers and the related bargaining units. She gives of herself tirelessly in her various volunteer roles in the community.

I support Ms. Pang's nomination and expect the Department, State and community will continue to benefit from an appointment of Ms. Pang.

Sincerely,

  
Tracie Ann Tjapkes, MHA



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James Shigeo Dixon  
1058C Green St.  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96822

March 7, 2012

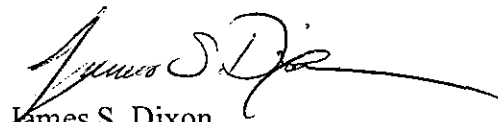
The Honorable Joshua Booth Green, M.D.  
Chairman of the Senate Committee on Health  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 222  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Senator Green,

I am writing as a friend and business associate of Ms. Bonnie Lee Pang in support of her reappointment to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council. I have known Ms. Pang for five years and know her to be a person of high integrity who strives to bring value to each challenge she undertakes. Her years of experience in the employee benefits industry has given her insight into the challenges faced in providing quality care, which is accessible to all of the people of our small, geographically-isolated islands as well as the systems through which health care delivery is financed in the State of Hawaii.

I believe the State will benefit from Mr. Pang's reappointment to the Council, and humbly request your support.

Very truly yours,



James S. Dixon