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**G.M. 549 – G.M. 552, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the
Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board, Gubernatorial Nominees,
DANIEL EINEKER, PATRICK BROWN, LESTER FUNG, and TARYN DEAN.**

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

March 14, 2012

1 **Department’s Position:** The Department of Health strongly supports the nomination of Daniel Eineker
2 (6/30/2016), Patrick Brown (6/30/2014), Lester Fung (6/30/2015) and Taryn Dean (6/30/215) to serve
3 on the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board (OSAB) for terms to expire as
4 parenthetically indicated.

5 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

6 **Purpose and Justification:** To confirm the appointments of Daniel Eineker, Patrick Brown, Lester
7 Fung and Taryn Dean to serve on the OSAB.

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 non-providers of
10 mental health services and service area providers with a majority being non-state employees and non-
11 providers of mental health or other health services.

12 **Daniel Eineker** has worked as a financial management service professional for over thirty years
13 in New Mexico and Hawaii, and is currently an accountant in the Department of Health, WIC Branch.

14 He is familiar with boards and commissions having served on the Board of Directors of the United Self

1 Help and the Campfire Councils. Mr. Eineker's professional and life experiences will be valuable as a
2 member of the OSAB, while adding to the dialogue with an enriched financial perspective.

3 **Patrick Brown**, a retired federal manager, has twenty years' experience working and living with
4 children with mental illness and drug addiction challenges. This experience was honed not only
5 personally, but also as a result of his participation with foster children through the Catholic Charities'
6 Na Ohana Pulama program. Mr. Brown is familiar with addiction and mental health illness' treatment
7 and the resources made available through state-supported organizations. Along with his wife, he co-
8 authored a book for families on addiction. As a member of the Board, Mr. Brown will give the OSAB a
9 parent's voice and perspective of the importance of supporting families who have individuals living with
10 mental and substance abuse challenges.

11 **Lester Fung** is a strong advocate for people living with mental illness. He has written to
12 politicians, community leaders, and to Hawaii's leaders in Washington, D.C. on behalf of individuals
13 living with mental illness to effect policy change. Mr. Fung is knowledgeable in computer applications
14 and while completing his degree at Brigham Young University's Hawaii campus, completed his
15 practicum at the National Alliance on Mental Illness Hawaii (NAMI). Mr. Fung's advocacy efforts will
16 provide a voice for consumers of mental illness during Board deliberations.

17 **Taryn Dean**, a community representative, currently works as a Licensed Clinical Consultant for
18 the United States Marine Corps, Wounded Warrior Battalion West-Detachment Hawaii. Prior to
19 working with the marines, Ms. Dean worked extensively in the field of mental illness and substance
20 abuse as a clinical therapist, substance abuse counselor, crisis worker and service coordinator. In
21 addition to her strong clinical social work background, Ms. Dean is very involved in her community and
22 volunteers for other children, youth and adult organizations, as well as for the American Red Cross
23 Disaster Mental Health services on an on-call basis. Ms. Dean fulfills the community representation on
24 the OSAB.

1 We respectfully request your favorable consideration in confirming the appointments of these
2 nominees to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Oahu Service Area Board.

Testimony in favor of Daniel J. Eineker, nominee for the Oahu Service Area Board on Mental Health and Substance Abuse, GM549

Chair Josh Green, M.D. and Members of Senate Committee on Health

Presented by Randolph Hack, 2nd Vice-Chair, State Council on Mental Health

I have served in all officer positions on the State Council on Mental Health for over 4 full terms (over 16 years) as a consumer member and lately as the designated representative of the state mental health authority.

I have known Dan Eineker for some 20 years. He has built a successful career in government accounting despite living with mental health challenges. He is a good friend, courteous and loyal. He has provided good support to the consumer organization, United Self-Help, as a volunteer board member and officer for many of these years. He has not shirked any task as minor as signing a small check to as important as making major policy decisions for that agency.

We first met through a mental health support group founded by Laurie Meech in the 1980s. Ms. Meech had a talent for bringing different people together and we became friends. She and other group members helped provide important support to Dan towards the path he later took in his career. Despite having mental health challenges, he has always been self-sufficient and motivated in the drive towards mental health.

We come originally from the same area in the continental USA, the Northeast. He was born and raised in New Jersey, I in New York. We both enjoy the music of Bruce Springsteen, who is from New Jersey.

I feel strongly that Dan would be a good asset to the Oahu Service Area Board and urge that you support this nominee through the confirmation process.

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Comments:

My name is Scott Wall and speaking on behalf of the Consumer, Family, & Youth Alliance we feel that Dan Eineker will make a great voice for the consumers of Hawaii and we strongly support his nomination for the Oahu Area Service Board.

Scott Wall

Administrator (Oahu)

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