

TESTIMONY

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**HTH
Confirmation Hearing
03-14-2012**

My responses are in bold below. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the March 7, confirmation hearing as I have a management meeting scheduled for that day with all of our Branch Administrators from all the islands.

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the *State Council on Mental Health*?

To collaborate with consumers and other service providers to share strategies and services.

(2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the *State Council on Mental Health*?

To attend meetings; to inform the members of the services provided by Vocational Rehabilitation and Services for the Blind (VRSBD) and listen/be objective/participate in discussions on organizations, programs and areas of concern.

(3) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the *State Council on Mental Health*, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the *State Council on Mental Health*.

My skills, expertise and knowledge is in the area of services needed and/or available to prepare for, obtain and maintain employment for persons with mental illness. I have 32 years of experience in both the private and public sector in provision of vocational rehabilitation services and am a licensed Mental Health Counselor.

(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

To identify and be a part of a continuum of mental health services from adolescence to elderhood.

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the *State Council on Mental Health*?

To identify and be a part of a continuum of mental health services from adolescence to elderhood, one needs to be hardworking and a team player with a positive attitude. I am hardworking, have a positive attitude and am a team player.

(6) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the *State Council on Mental Health*?

I am currently working with Dr. Eddie Suarez from Adult Mental Health on their peer mentoring project and also working with Aileen Hiramatsu and staff from the Developmental Disability Division to create a continuum of vocational rehabilitation services from adolescence to adulthood. I am learning about services and working with mental and developmental disabilities that would be of benefit to this council.

(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the *State Council on Mental Health*?

How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest? No, I do not foresee any possible conflicts of interests.

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Senate Committee on Health

**G.M. 554, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation
to the State Council on Mental Health, Gubernatorial Nominees,
SUSAN FOARD for a term to expire 6-30-2015.**

**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 Susan Foard to
2 serve on the State Council on Mental Health (SCMH) for a term to expire on June 30, 2015.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** To confirm the appointment of Susan Foard to serve on the SCMH.

5 The SCMH appointees represent the federal mandated positions under Public Law 102-321,
6 Section 1914(c) and the Hawaii State Statutes, Chapter 334-10 representing the provider, vocational
7 rehabilitation, and families of adults or families of children with emotional disturbance segments of the
8 community.

9 **Susan Foard** is a certified rehabilitation counselor in the State of Hawai'i and has worked over
10 fourteen years as an employee of the Department of Human Services, Vocational Rehabilitation. She is
11 currently the Assistant Administrator, and administers the statewide programs of vocational
12 rehabilitation, independent living, and services for the blind. Ms. Foard has also worked in various
13 capacities within the City & County of Honolulu, the Department of Education, as well as the private
14 sector. Ms. Foard's professional experiences will be an asset to the Council's deliberations.

- 1 We respectfully request your favorable consideration in confirming the appointment of Susan
- 2 Foard to the State Council on Mental Health.
- 3 Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of this appointment.

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March 14, 2012

MEMORANDUM:

TO: The Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Chair
Senate Committee on Health

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **G.M. 554 – GUBERNATORIAL NOMINATION OF SUSAN FOARD
TO THE STATE COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH**

Hearing: Wednesday, March 14, 2012, 1:30 p.m.
Conference Room 229, State Capitol

The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the nomination of Susan Foard to the State Council on Mental Health.

Ms. Foard is seeking an appointment to fill a vacant position in the State Council on Mental Health (Council). Ms. Foard brings to the Commission an extensive background as a businesswoman, administrator and as a mental health and vocational counselor. Ms. Foard is a licensed Mental Health Counselor in the State of Hawaii. She is currently the Assistant Administrator of the Vocational Rehabilitation Services Division in the State of Hawaii Department of Human Services. Previous to coming to work for the State of Hawaii, Ms. Foard had worked in the private sector as an administrator for private vocation rehabilitation services for almost twenty years.

Ms. Foard's skills, expertise, and knowledge in the area of services needed to prepare for, obtain and maintain employment for persons with mental illness will be of great benefit to the Council.

We urged your favorable consideration of her confirmation to the Council.

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

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Comments:

My name is Scott Wall and I would strongly like to support the nomination of Susan Foard to the State Mental Health Council. I know Susan to be a reasonable and detail oriented person who will give her all to this task. She has my upmost support.

Mahalo,
Scott Wall

Administrator (Oahu)
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