

GM606

CAROL NOWAK

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Psychology, Gubernatorial Nominee, CAROL NOWAK, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

Report Title: Board of Psychology

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3/7/2012	S	The committee(s) on CPN has scheduled a public hearing on 03-15-12 9:30AM in conference room 229.



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Thursday, March 15, 2012
9:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 606.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Ahlani Quiogue and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Psychology, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 606, regarding the **reappointment** of Carol L. Nowak, Ph.D., to the Board of Psychology ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Nowak's reappointment to the Board.

Dr. Nowak has been licensed as a Hawaii psychologist since May 15, 1992, and her license is current, active, and in good standing. She has served on the Board as a licensee member since July 2008 and has attended 36 out of 40 meetings. Dr. Nowak is currently serving as the Board's Vice Chairperson, and is doing a fantastic job. As a licensee member, Dr. Nowak is extremely familiar with both local and national issues

facing the practice of psychology, which has assisted the Board in the process of amending its administrative rules. Dr. Nowak will continue to be an asset by contributing her time and energy to the Board.

The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Nowak to the Board of Psychology and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Carol L. Nowak, Ph.D.

Re: Re-appointment to the Hawaii State Psychology Licensing Board February 11, 2012

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Commerce and Consumer Affairs

Mahalo for this opportunity to present my background in your consideration of my re-confirmation to the Hawaii State Psychology Licensing Board.

I wish to continue to be a member of the Board of Psychology because such appointment to the Hawaii State Psychology Licensing Board would give me the opportunity to give back to the community my diverse experiences and expertise practicing psychology in Hawaii for nearly 20 years. I welcome the challenge of overseeing the very important licensing process of psychologists in the state, and contributing to the debate related to changes in laws and rules governing the practice of psychology.

I perceive the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Psychology to primarily be:

- protect consumers against harmful or unfair practices,
- promote the public's interest in the delivery psychological practices,
- create effective laws and rules governing psychological practice,
- promote policies and actions within the practice of psychology that support healthy competition in the delivery of psychological services to the consumers,
- minimize the impact on costs to the consumers so policies and actions are neither too strict or too lenient towards business,
- allow fair and reasonable licensure into the profession that supports competence and quality of licensees through standards which are fair, just and reasonable.

Given my understanding of the board's role, I believe that I am qualified for the position because I have a wide ranging background of experiences, working in private practice, for non-profit and profit health agencies and companies, and in teaching, supervising, consulting in psychology for the past 19 years.

Additionally, I have been a Psychology Board Member since 2008. This background gives me an uniquely diverse perspective when evaluating issues affecting both consumers and practitioners in the field of psychology. Also, I believe I have demonstrated a strong commitment to serving the health and educational needs of the people of Hawaii in both providing psychological services to consumers as well as in training those who provide psychological services to consumers. Some highlights of my experience include:

- 1991-1998 Queen's Medical Center, Department of Psychology, APA-approved, Psychology Residency Training Program, Supervising Psychologist, Practicum Coordinator, and Assistant Training Director, duties included supervision, teaching, consultation, and training.
- 1991-1998 Adjunct Faculty, John Burns School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry, supervising and training of psychiatry residents.
- 1991-Present Adjunct Faculty, Argosy University, supervising practicum students and teaching graduate courses.
- 1992-Present Private Practice, specializing in psychotherapy and consultation with individuals, couples, families, serving adults, teenagers, and children.
- 1993-1998 Psychological Consultant, Kailana Program, Adolescent Day Treatment/Group Home: A Joint Venture sponsored by the Marimed Foundation, Hale Kipa & YMCA of O'ahu, Kaneohe, HI, providing clinical consultation, supervision and training to the Kailana Program staff as part of their multidisciplinary team.
- 1994-1998 Clinical Affiliate, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Department of Psychology, Clinical Studies Program, supervising practicum students and guest lecturer.
- 1995, 1996 & 1998 Hawaii Psychological Association Board Member, Clinical Representative.
- 1996-Present Psychological Consultant, Sex Abuse Treatment Center, Honolulu, providing semi-monthly consultation to SATC Clinical Staff.
- 1999-2002 Program Director/Clinical Director, Hale Kipa Youth Services, overseeing Residential Treatment Programs for youth under CAMHD contracts.
- 2004-2011 Psychologist Team Member, Hawaii Learning Resources, North Hawaii Women and Children Services, conducting neuro-developmental assessments with children experiencing learning differences.
- 2004-2012 Consulting Psychologist, Pacific Autism Center, overseeing behavioral treatment services to children with autism.
- 2011-2012 Co-Owner with Judy Stevenson, Hawaii Learning Assessments, LLC, conducting neuro-developmental assessments with children and adolescents with learning differences.

In these trying times, providing mental health services to our community has become increasingly important and vital to the functioning of a safe and productive society. My personal attributes, education, experience, and expertise give me the skills to succeed. I ask for you to support my re-appointment to the Hawaii State Psychology Licensing Board. Mahalo.