

TESTIMONY

GM685

**HTH
Committee Hearing
03-07-2012**

TO: Hawaii Senate Health Chair Green, Vice Chair Nishihara, and
Members of the Committee

FROM: Marion F. Poirier, M.A., R. N.

SUBJECT: Requested Information

1. I wish to be a member of the Hawaii Health Authority to actualize my "career- long" belief that necessary health treatment, care, and support should be universally available to all of our citizens. More basically, perhaps, we need to strive for a healthy citizenry via education, prevention, and "walking the talk".

2. I perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Hawaii Health Authority to be a conscientious member who is vocal in opinion, collaborative in decision making processes, and dedicated to the pursuit of healthcare access statewide.

Authority members also need to be educated but open minded to all information and perspectives presented. They also need to be conscious of both opportunity and fixed costs, resource limitations, inefficiencies, and duplications.

3. I believe that I am qualified for this position because I am a registered nurse with a graduate degree in management and health care administration. Having been a career, non-profit nurse executive director in Hawaii for approximately 30 years, I am familiar with most of the subject matter and processes which may fall under the purview of the Authority.

Currently, I am a member of Senator Chun Oakland's Mental Health Task Force. I am also actively involved in the American Nurses Association's leadership activities. I will be a Hawaii delegate to the 2012 Annual Meeting in the D.C. area.

4. During my term of service, I hope to accomplish with and through the Authority the creation and implementation of major aspects of Hawaii's Universal Health System

5. Three qualities that best describe me and would make me stand out are: 1) transparency; 2) personal educational and life experiences; and 3) focus on accomplishing the mission.

6. One previous experience that would make me stand out is my leadership in helping to achieve mental health parity in Hawaii. I was recognized by the American Psychological Association for this endeavor. I also chaired the Equal Insurance Coalition through which actionable legislation and implementing rules and regulations were promulgated. Lessons learned from both of these experiences may very well be transferable in carrying out Health Authority mandates.

7. I cannot foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during my service on the Hawaii Health Authority. I would of course declare any possible conflicts of interests.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to submit this information to your Committee, and I respectfully request that you look favorably upon my confirmation candidacy. I have included resume highlights as well, and would be happy to provide additional information as indicated by you.

RESUME HIGHLIGHTS

- R.N., Hawaii License Number 22196
- M.A., Health Care Administration
- Health Care Consultant
- Former Executive Director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness-Hawaii with 12 years of tenure
- Former Executive Director of the Hawaii Nurses Association with over five years of tenure
- Former Executive Director of the Hemophilia Foundation of Hawaii with ten years of tenure

- Former Legislative Branch Public Access Room Coordinator at the State Capitol during a time-limited State Session
- Service on numerous Boards of Directors to include The Hawaii Disability Rights Center; the Wahiawa General Hospital; the National Hemophilia Foundation; and the Aloha Society of Association Executive Directors
- Various recognition awards from the Hawaii State Legislature; NAMI HAWAII; the Hawaii Nurses Association as Nurse Administrator of the Year; and the American Psychological Association for work in Mental Health Parity
- Gubernatorial Appointments during the Abercrombie, Lingle, Cayetano, and Ariyoshi administrations.
- Delegate from Hawaii to the American Nurses Association Annual Meetings including 2012.

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STATE OF HAWAII
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February 27, 2012

Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair
The Committee on Health
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 222
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Green:

I write this letter in support of Ms. Marion Poirier, M.A., R.N., for her confirmation by the State Senate Committee on Health to be appointed to the Hawaii Health Authority.

Ms. Poirier has been a registered nurse since 1961; she earned her Bachelor Degree from Chaminade University and Master Degree studying Healthcare Management. Ms. Poirier has been extremely active in the health care community, the government sector, the private sector, and serves as a community leader within her own community.

Ms. Poirier has a wealth of experience within Hawaii's own health care community. Most recently, she led the Hawaii Affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI Hawaii) as its executive director from 1997 until 2009. Through her leadership, Ms. Poirier oversaw the management as well as its advocacy program to support those with serious mental illness in our state. Prior to her dedicated work with NAMI Hawaii, Ms. Poirier led the Hemophilia Foundation of Hawaii serving as its executive director for over ten years focusing on the advocacy for those with hemophilia. Ms. Poirier is also known for her leadership of the Hawaii Nurses Association as its executive director for over five years through her advocacy and commitment on behalf of nurses throughout the state.

Ms. Poirier is highly active in her community where she serves in many capacities as volunteer and community leader within Mililani. She is also a dedicated member of the board of directors to the Hawaii Disability Rights Center, an active member of the advisory board to the Central Oahu Caregiver's Association, and is a proud member of the American Nurses' Association.

With her in-depth knowledge and expertise in nursing, health care advocacy, and in the field of management; her dedicated interest and willingness to serve for the interest of those in need as well as for those who receive community-level health care, Ms. Poirier is well qualified to be appointed through confirmation of your Committee to the Hawaii Health Authority.

I fully support Ms. Marion Poirier in her endeavor to be confirmed by the Committee on Health under your leadership.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Yamane".

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March 5, 2012

To: The Honorable Josh Green, Chair
The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Health

From: Marilyn Lee, Representative 38th District

Marilyn B. Lee

Re: Testimony in support of GM 685

Dear Chair Green, Vice Chair Nishihara and members of the Committee, I am writing to express my strong support of GM 685, requesting your consideration and confirmation of Marion Poirier to the Hawai'i Health Authority with a term to expire on 6/30/2015.

I have known Ms. Poirier for nearly thirty one years as a neighbor, friend, and community member. She is a licensed registered nurse with a graduate degree in management and healthcare administration from Central Michigan University who has lived in Hawai'i since 1967. She has served Hawai'i well as Health and Human Services Nurse Executive, and recently spent 12 years as the Executive Director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness Hawai'i. She also served as Executive Director of the Hawai'i Nurses Association for over five years. Ms. Poirier is a recipient of several professional awards and government recognitions, and has been a consistent leader in mental health parity legislation and advocacy in Hawai'i.

Ms. Poirier has been serving as a member of the Hawai'i Health Authority since Governor Abercrombie appointed her this past spring. I humbly urge your support and confirmation of Ms. Poirier so she can continue working for the people of Hawai'i; she is a committed individual who will bring experience and strength to the State of Hawaii as a member of the Authority.

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Conference room: 229

Testifier position: Support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Arvid Tadao Youngquist

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Submitted on: 3/3/2012

Comments:

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Health Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, MARION POIRIER, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.
Report Title: Hawai'i Health Authority

Chair, Senate Health Committee, & Members of the Health Committee

The Mestizo Association supports the continued service of Mrs. Marion Poirier on this Commission/Board.

We have worked together with Marion in a prior life espousing Parity for Mental Health Insurance Coverage and was a member of the HFFS (Later Hawaii NAMI).

As a former member of the Hawaii State West Honolulu Health Planning Council, we are grateful that Marion steps forward yet again as a knowledgeable resource person. Her prior work with various Task Forces in related fields, makes Marion Poirier a very ideal person to fill this position of citizen service.

We urge that the Senate Health Committee report our this GM 685 with your strongest support. Mahalo nui loa.

Arvid Tadao Youngquist, Editor & Administrator
Founder, The Mestizo Association



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THE SENATE THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2012

Committee on Health Testimony in Support of G.M. 685 Nomination of Marion Poirier to the Hawaii Health Authority

Wednesday, March 7, 2012, 1:30 P.M.
Conference Room 229

Chair Green and Members of the Committee:

I am Louis Erteschik, Executive Director at the Hawaii Disability Rights Center, and am testifying in support of this nomination.

I have known Marion for many years in various public service capacities. She has been a member of our Board of Directors for a considerable period of time and has served with distinction both as President and Vice President. Marion was always one of the most active and knowledgeable members of the organization and extremely sensitive to the needs of clients with disabilities. I have also worked with her when she was the Executive Director at NAMI. She is very experienced in the area of health care needs and the nuances of the legislative process. She has excellent common sense and is a very good consensus builder. She works very well with others and always maintains a professional, cheery demeanor. She is truly delightful to work with and is always very balanced in her approach and perspective.

I believe Marion would be an exemplary addition and a true credit to the Hawaii Health Authority. I urge the Committee to recommend her confirmation and I look forward to having her share her vision with us once she is on the council.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this Governor's Message.



**To: Josh Green, M.D., Chair, and Members of the Senate Health
Committee**

**Favorable consideration of the gubernatorial nominee MARION
POIRIER, M.A., R.N., for a term on the Hawaii Health Authority**

By Randolph C. Hack, NAMI member in good standing and friend

March 7, 2012

**In strong favor of this nominee for expeditious action by the
Committee.**

I have known Marion for many years as a nonprofit executive and lately as a national Governor of the American Nurses Association Political Action Committee. This nominee also has faithfully served on the Democrat Party Central Committee, and has been a delegate to the other outstanding service includes but is not limited to Chair of the PAIMI Council for the Hawaii Disability Rights Center. Marion was the Director of the Public Access Room at the state capitol and is thoroughly knowledgeable of the legislative process.

When Marion was the Executive Director of the Hawaii chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, she unstintingly assisted many families and individuals touched by mental illness. This nominee offered volunteer and paid employment to a number of individuals who would otherwise have difficulty finding employment, as well as provided education to many members of the public, including legislators, regarding mental illnesses. Marion was a member of the Equal Insurance Coalition, which helped enact parity, that is, treating mental health conditions as any other health care need.

Marion is a nurse first and foremost. Nurses, an integral part of the health care time, often educate patients about their health care needs and conditions. Many an inexperienced MD owes much to nursing in delivering outstanding health care. Yet at the same time, this nominee is knowledgeable about health care policy and health care reform issues on the state and national level.

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For these reasons, and many more too numerous to cite in testimony, I strongly favor Marion Poirier for favorable action by the committee, and thank the Committee for its consideration.

Dear Honorable Josh Green and Members of the Committee on Health,

I have known the nominee, Marion Poirier, for many years, and highly recommend her to a position on the Hawaii Health Authority. She has dedicated her life and career to serving others, and is a strong advocate for the less fortunate. She is passionate about keeping her community a great place to live for residents of all ages. With her knowledge and understanding of political issues and processes and her life-long work in the medical field, Marion Poirier would be a valuable member of the Hawaii Health Authority.

Sincerely yours,

Pamela Young

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Testifier position: Support

Testifier will be present: No

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Submitted on: 3/6/2012

Comments:

It was my pleasure to work with Marion Poirier when she was Executive Director of NAMI, on whose Board I sit. I wholeheartedly endorse and support that she receive Senate Confirmation to the Hawaii Health Authority. Marion is extremely intelligent and capable and has the knowledge, determination and tenacity to accomplish the goals of the Hawaii Healthy Authority to benefit the people of Hawaii. Thank you.