

TESTIMONY

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

12 March 2012

Honorable Joshua Green M.D., Chair
Senate Health Committee
Confirmation Hearing, 3/13/2012, 1:30 p.m.
Health Planning Council, Hawai'i Sub-Area Council

Aloha Senator Green,

Mahalo for the opportunity to present myself. I am unable to attend this hearing because of my work obligations, please excuse my in person absence.

I am interested in participating in the Health Planning Council, Hawai'i Sub Area Council (HSAC). I worked for the Children and Adolescent Mental Health Division as a Quality Assurance Specialist which allowed me to participate in planning with other community members and families our vision for children's mental health. In my capacity as the Service Area Administrator for Adult Mental Health, I was responsible for developing the Comprehensive Integrated Service Area Plan, based on input from stakeholders and data about the health status of adults with Serious Persistent Mental Illness. Currently, I work as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker for the Bay Clinic in Hilo. We observe a model of integrated behavioral health because health care providers know that a key to improving an individual's health is helping that person to understand how their behavior affects their well being.

These experiences have provided me with a broad perspective of our community's needs and challenges in obtaining health care. I see informed, critical thinking and inclusive diplomacy and cultural sensitivity as important for such an entity as the HSAC. I believe I have such attributes.

I understand that under the Administrative Rules, I am required to recuse myself should there be a conflict of interest in determining the Certificate of Need. I am also aware of the rules of the Sunshine Law.

I am passionate about public service and have much aloha for all of our communities on the Big Island. Mahalo for your consideration of me as a candidate to serve on the HSAC.

Malama Pono,

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Senate Committee on Health

**GM 698, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Health Planning Council,
Hawaii County Subarea**

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

**Wednesday, March 14, 2012
1:30 p.m.**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation
2 of Anne Sturgis to the Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None

4 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation to the
5 Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council (HCSAC), Gubernatorial Nominee, Anne
6 Sturgis. Ms. Sturgis is a licensed Clinical Social Worker at Bay Clinic, Inc. Prior to this, she
7 served as Service Area Administrator, Adult Mental Health Division, State of Hawaii; Assistant
8 Clinical Director, Hookupono; and served in Specialist positions with the State of Hawaii.
9 While completing her formal education, she worked as a psychiatric aide at the Queen's
10 Medical Center; served as mental health specialist at Kahi Mohala Hospital; and community
11 educator at the Suicide and Crisis Center. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree (major in
12 psychology) and Masters of Social Work from the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

13 We ask for your support on the confirmation of Ms. Sturgis to the Hawaii County
14 Subarea Health Planning Council.

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Green4 - Mailene

From: tasia13@aol.com
ent: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 11:35 AM
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Subject: Confirmation Sturgis

RE: Health Planning Council Hawaii Sub-Area Board Confirmation of Anne Sturgis

I would like to give testimony in favor of the confirmation of Ms. Sturgis. I have worked closely with Ms. Surgis over the years in her capacity as the Big Island service area coordinator for AMHD. I have had nothing but positive interactions with Ms. Sturgis who has shown herself to be a person of great dedication and integrity, working tirelessly for the residents of Hawaii. Ms. Stugis possesses an intelligence and compassion that would well equip her to become a valued member of such a committee.

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